K-9 Booklist - Full

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

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

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

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908523	Ella at Eden: The school spy Sieveking, Laura	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781761120787	5-6	There's a new girl in Ella's class and she is all kinds of mean. Even though Ella tries to give her a chance, she is making life difficult for all the Eden girls. To make matters worse, there's a stranger in the school who is clearly up to something. Is Ella's beloved Eden College in danger? And if it is, how can one girl save an entire school from disaster?
1399448	Ella at Eden: The shadow pony Sieveking, Laura	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781761204845	5-6	When the Eden College equestrian team need an extra member, Ella volunteers. She hasn't ridden much, but she loves horses and wants to support her best friend, Zoe. But when Ella joins the team at their equestrian camp, she keeps seeing a mysterious horse on the horizon. Some say he is not real. Others say he is a ghost. Can Ella help ride Eden College to victory and find out who the shadow pony belongs to?
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.
1171180	Parachute kids Tang, Betty C	Scholastic US	2023	9781338832686	7-9	Feng-Li can't wait to discover America with her family! But after an action-packed vacation, her parents deliver shocking news: They are returning to Taiwan and leaving Feng-Li and her older siblings in California on their own. Suddenly, the three kids must fend for themselves, look after each other and get along. Starting a new school, learning a new language and trying to make new friends while managing a household is hard enough, but Bro and Sis's constant bickering makes everything worse. Thankfully, there are some hilarious moments to balance the stress and loneliness. But as tensions escalate, all three kids get tangled in a web of bad choices. Can Feng-Li keep her family together?
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.

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1282868	Worst week ever: Tuesday Amores, Eva & Cosgrove, Matt	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781760979041	5-6	Have you ever had a bad week? Justin Chase sure has, and this is it! He barely made it through Monday, but now it's Tuesday. His cat is still missing, probably abducted by aliens. His dad is more embarrassing than ever. He's unexpectedly gone viral online in the worst possible way. And when school photo day collides with the Super Science Spectacular, it's destined to blow up into a hair-raising, teeth-shattering disaster of epic proportions!
750744	#famous Gagnon, Jilly	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2017	9780062430045	9plus	Rachel Ettinger and Kyle Bonham led fairly predictable lives until Rachel's jokey picture of Kyle working at the Burger Barn wound up going viral. Suddenly he is insta-famous and everyone on the planet knows about Rachel's silly crush on him... including Kyle. Just as they think their lives couldn't get any more complicated, an innocent photo becomes a whirlwind adventure full of fangirls, haters, and French-fry bouquets that forces them both to questions whether fame -- and love -- are worth the price. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
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.
3986	1,2, pirate stew Howarth, Kylie	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2017	9781760403201	K-2	1, 2 round up the crew! 3, 4 now grab an oar! Take one large cardboard box, two imaginative kids and a splash of pirate pets and you have a recipe for adventure.
28524	10 little hermit crabs Fox, Lee & McGowan, Shane (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2009	9781742379524	K-2	A playful, counting book about ten little hermit crabs that have a knack for getting into trouble.
825	10 little insects Cali, Davide & Pianina, V (ill)	Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd	2012	9780987109910	5-6	10 intelligent insects, each with something to hide, are invited to a secluded island for the weekend. One by one, unusual things start to happen and they begin tracking a murderer.
15023	10 little rubber ducks Carle, Eric	HarperCollins Australia	2005	9780007202423	K-2	Ten little rubber ducks are swept out to sea and one is left helpless. Mother duck comes along to save him.
917732	10 Minutes of Danger Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781760978792	5-6	20 stories. 20 dangerous situations. 20 brave kids. 10 minutes to escape. Dodi is in the blast radius of an asteroid on a collision course with Earth. Gary is stuck up a tree with a giant tsunami wave fast approaching. Tatum is climbing a caldera when an earthquake makes the volcano erupt.
9404	100 Australian poems for children Griffith, Kathryn & Scott-Mitchell, Claire (eds) & Rogers, Gregory (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9781740517751	3-4	From emus to magic puddings, this feast of Australian poems for children is fresh and familiar. Written by grown-ups and kids, with beautiful illustrations, it reveals what is special about growing up in Australia.

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774346	100 remarkable feats of Xander Maze, The Comber, Clayton Zane	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9781460759455	9plus	Xander Maze loves lists and his grandmother is #1 on his list of People I Love Most in the World. But now that nanna has stage 4 cancer, can a new list of 100 Remarkable Feats really save her life? Particularly when his list contains difficult things like #2 Make a Friend and #3 Make a Best Friend. A funny and moving book about defying the odds, not accepting the unacceptable and one boy's unconditional love for his nanna. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
21158	100 scientists who made history Mills, Andrea & Caldwell, Stella	Dorling Kindersley	2018	9780241304327	5-6	From brainy biologists and clever chemists to magnificent mathematicians and pioneering physicists, discover 100 remarkable scientists who shaped our world.
41505	100 things to know about food Baer, Sam & Firth, Rachel & Hall, Rose & James, Alice & Martin, Jerome	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2017	9781409598619	5-6	This informative book is filled with 100 fascinating facts about food: from how to grow a burger in a laboratory, to how many bees it takes to fill an orchard with apples. It contains bright, enticing illustrations, detailed facts on each page, an index and glossary, as well as internet links to specially selected websites which contain more information.
885983	100 things to know about music Usborne	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9781474996730	5-6	This book is for you if you like to explore unusual facts. Read this book to find out about a robot rover that sang its own birthday song, how NASA made music for aliens, the world's biggest bell that has never been rung, how rap could rescue endangered languages, if you want to sing opera you must first learn how to fight, synchronized swimmers hear music in their bones, how a deaf percussionist uses her foot as a huge ear and many more fun facts
751193	100 things to know about saving the planet Various	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2020	9781474981835	5-6	Could we generate all the power we need from the sun and the wind? How do woolly sweaters help penguins in peril? Would building a giant sunshade in space stop the world from overheating? Find the answers to these questions and more in this bold, graphic and exciting book, full of big, small and unexpected ways to save the planet.
5891	100 things to know about science Frith, Alex & Lacey, Minna & Martin, Jerome & Melmoth, Jonathan	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2015	9781409582182	5-6	Find out about familiar and less familiar topics, from the Earth's magnetic poles to spider venom and black holes. Lots of facts and colourful infographics cover one hundred science topics.

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774391	100 things to know about the oceans Various	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2021	9781474953160	5-6	From phantom islands to fish who sleep in pyjamas, if it lives in, travels on or affects the ocean, you will read it here. With 100 facts, finding out something new is guaranteed.
995900	100 things to know about the unknown Firth, Alex & Martin, Jerome & James, Alice et al.	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781803705286	5-6	A colorful information book filled with 100 fascinating and mind-blowing facts. Scientists and historians have discovered a lot about our past, our future and how the world works, but SO MUCH remains unknown.
660416	100 ways to fly Taylor, Michelle	University of Queensland Press	2019	9780702262500	3-4	In 100 Ways to Fly you'll find a poem for every mood - poems to make you laugh, feel silly or to twist your tongue, to make you courageous enough for a new adventure or to help you soar.
3094	100 women who made history: remarkable women who shaped our world Caldwell, Stella & Hibbert, Clare & Mills, Andrea & Skene, Rona	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2017	9780241257241	5-6	From queens to scientists to artists to sportspeople, this book provides fascinating facts about the women who have impacted history. Including the stories of women who were famous at the time, and ordinary people whose impact has become known as time progresses, 100 Women Who Made History is an engaging insight into their impact on the world.
40528	100% wolf Lyons, Jayne	Penguin	2020	9781761040207	5-6	Freddy Lupin is from a noble family of werewolves, but his first transformation ends in disaster when he turns into a yapping poodle instead of a fierce wolf. Now Freddie's Uncle want to turn him into minced meat! Just when he thinks things cant get any worse he goes into dog prison. Who is the sinister man following him and his doggy friend? Can Freddy prove that he is 100% wolf and save the werewolf pack from disaster?
5638	1000-year-old boy, The Welford, Ross	HarperCollins Children's Books	2018	9780008256944	7-9	Alfie Monk is like any other pre-teen, except he's 1000 years old and can remember when Vikings invaded his village and he and his family had to run for their lives. When he loses everything he loves in a tragic fire and the modern world finally catches up with him, Alfie embarks on a mission to change everything by finally trusting Aidan and Roxy enough to share his story, and enlisting their help to find a way to, eventually, make sure he will eventually die.
1477	1001 bugs to spot Doherty, G	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2005	9780794510008	K-2	Teeming with bugs to find, count and talk about.
91599	1001 pirate things to spot Lloyd Jones, Rob & Gower, Teri (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2007	9780746076941	K-2	Teeming with pirates, ships, sunken treasure to find, count and talk about.

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6114	101 collective nouns Cossins, Jennifer	Lothian Books	2018	9780734417978	K-2	A tribe of kiwis? A smack of jellyfish? A wisdom of wombats? Come along an illustrated journey through the animal kingdom with Tasmanian artist Jennifer Cossins. Featuring 101 full-colour animal illustrations, each with its very own collective noun, as well as a brief history of collective nouns, this book will delight children and adults alike.
87206	101 ways to save the earth Bellamy, David & Dann, Penny (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2008	9781845079246	5-6	This book deals with the fragility of our planet's ecosystem. Topics include household recycling, earth-friendly shopping tips, biodegradable products and links for further information.
1052142	11 Ruby road: 1900 Barka, Charlotte	Walker Books	2024	9781760657949	5-6	Dorothy and her family have moved from their farm to the city and life is very different. She struggles at school and dreams of writing and acting. With the help of her new Ruby Road friends and with the support of her family, Dorothy discovers that she can follow her dreams and also find an ingenious way to help the local suffragists in their fight for women's right to vote! Join Dorothy and her family at 11 Ruby Road in 1900, as Federation is dawning and a new century begins.
1209716	11 Ruby road: 1925 Barkla, Charlotte	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760657956	5-6	It is 1925 and Bert Mueller and his German-Australian family have moved from Ipswich to their new house at 11 Ruby Road. Bert's father has been deported to Germany after the Great War, and with Dad still absent, Bert is unsure about moving away. But the city means opportunity and jobs for his mother and older siblings. And for the grown-ups , it also means fun - dressing up, going out, and all that jazz. Bert loves jazz too, but he's too young for the clubs, and instead his time is spent at his new school where the kids play cricket, not music. But with the help of a Gramophone, Bert has a solution. He will start his own jazz club, and 11 Ruby Road has the perfect spot to host it. But as prejudice about Bert and his German family start to affect their new life, Bert has to find a way to save his jazz club and his family.

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941976	11 words for Love Abdel-Fattah, Randa	Lothian Books	2022	9780734421203	K-2	There are eleven words for love, and my family knows them all. A family flees their homeland to find safety in another country, carrying little more than a suitcase full of love. As their journey unfolds, they experience eleven of the different forms of love that are found in the Arabic language. The family shows, and are shown, kindness in their new home, and also remember the love they have for their homeland.
1209875	113th assistant librarian, The Wilson, Stuart	Penguin Books Australia	2024	9781761342257	5-6	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?
1433882	12 birds of Christmas, The McLeod, Jodie & Short, Eloise (ill)	Wollemi Press	2025	9780646717944	K-2	The 12 Birds of Christmas is a uniquely Australian Christmas carol. Introducing some of our wonderful birds, this book showcases our most Christmassy birds and flowers in this joyful celebration of Christmas in Australia.
22034	13 days of midnight Hunt, Leo	Orchard Books	2015	9781408337462	7-9	Luke Manchett is 16 years old with a place on the rugby team and the prettiest girl in Year 11 in his sights. Then his estranged father suddenly dies and he finds out that he is to inherit six million dollars! But if he wants the cash, he must accept the Host. A collection of malignant ghosts who his Necromancer father had trapped and enslaved! Now the Host is angry, the Host is strong, and the Host is out for revenge! Has Luke got what it takes to fight these horrifying spirits and save himself and his world?
570824	13th reality, The: Blade of shattered hope Dashner, James	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742998381	7-9	Tick and his friends are still trying to work out how to defeat Mistress Jane, but when there are 13 realities from which to draw trouble, the battle is 13 times as hard.

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569157	13th reality, The: Hunt for dark infinity Dashner, James	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742998190	7-9	Tick, Sophia and Paul have agreed to work with Master George as realitants, protecting the 12 realities from Reginald Chu and his desire for total domination of all the realities. But Mistress Jane, in her warped 13th reality, has other ideas. And when Chu decides he needs either Tick or Jane to fulfill his plans, the unlikely duo find themselves having to work together for the greater good. But what is it about Tick that has everyone, even Master George, determined to stop him?
24577	13th reality, The: Journal of curious letters Dashner, James	Scholastic Australia	2008	9781742994789	7-9	Early in the twentieth century, scientists interested in quantum physics made a momentous discovery. Now, 13 year old Tick has received a letter that invites him to solve twelve clues in order to stop reality from 'splitting at the seams'. Along the way, Tick has to face up to some of his biggest fears and suspend his disbelief. The obvious reward might be saving many lives, but the unexpected rewards include seeing how awesome his dad really is and making some real friends for the first time in his life.
	18,000 holes in the universe Wallace, Adam & Foley, Lisa & Hart, James (ill)				3-4	A brand-new and hilarious illustrated series for children aged 7+ from the creators of the bestselling Fartboy series
4983	1836 Do you dare: Fighting bones Laguna, Sofie	Penguin Books Australia	2014	9780143307556	5-6	In 1836, Irish brothers, Danny and Declan Sheehan, are inmates at Tasmania's Point Puer prison for convict boys. When tragedy strikes and the prison bully is on the rampage, escape is the brothers only chance to survive.
34251	1841 Do you dare: The bushranger's boys Lloyd, Alison	Penguin Books Australia	2014	9780143307563	5-6	When Captain Ross shoots Jem's dog, Jem dreams of retribution. So, when a bushranger takes the Captain's horse and clothes, Jem isn't a bit upset, although he is still stuck on the Captain's homestead, far from the only family he knows. But, Alfie, the cook's son, and his mate, Tommy, an Aboriginal boy, become Jem's staunch supporters, even when his decisions aren't so smart. Join the three boys as they hole up in a secret hideout, rescue a puppy and meet a real live bushranger.

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35728	1844 Do you dare: The last horse race Moloney, James	Penguin Books Australia	2014	9780143307822	5-6	Within the rough and ready frontier settlement of Moreton Bay, which later became the city of Brisbane, Toby and his mates roam free, and linger at the fringes of the grown-up world. They are particularly interested in horse racing. But, it's a dangerous world and when Toby decides to take part in a race through the streets, he doesn't realise it will be a matter of life and death.
7080	1854 Do you dare: Eureka boys Matthews, Penny	Puffin Australia	2015	9780143308454	5-6	Henry lives with his father and sister on the Victorian goldfields. Still mourning the loss of his mother and baby brother, Henry helps his father mine their claim, hoping to strike it rich. But they can't afford a mining licence so are at the mercy of corrupt police. When Henry meets a new friend, he enters a world of politics, riots and rebellion that will lead him to Eureka Stockade, one of the defining moments in Australian history.
650	19 girls and me Pattison, Darcy & Salerno, Steven (ill)	Philomel Books	2006	9780399243363	K-2	John Hercules Po arrives for his first day in Kindergarten and discovers, to his surprise, that the whole class is made up of 19 girls and John. His brother thinks the girls will turn John into a sissy but there is yet another surprise in store for John.
2943	1915 Do you dare: Jimmy's war Clark, Sherryl	Penguin Books Australia	2015	9780143308027	5-6	Jimmy's Dad died two years ago and older brother Arthur is in Egypt preparing enthusiastically for battle. Twelve year old Jimmy is now the man of the house. As Mum's health is fragile, Jimmy is forced to leave school and become the breadwinner, scraping together barely enough to cover minimal food and the rent. When Arthur returns, badly injured, Jimmy's life gets even harder, although there's still time for football.
18878	1931 Do you dare: Tough times Mitchell, Simon	Penguin Books Australia	2014	9780143308010	5-6	During the Great Depression, when his father loses his job, Tom Parker sets out to save his family from eviction. He confronts bullies, financial hardship and prejudice but his determination and never-say-die attitude is as strong as his loyalty to his family.
1	20,000 leagues under the sea Verne, Jules	Scholastic US	1990	9780590451796	5-6	The classic tale of an expedition to destroy a terrifying sea monster that becomes an undersea mission. It involves a visit to the sunken city of Atlantis in a giant submarine, the Nautilus, commanded by the mysterious Captain Nemo.
1106704	200 minutes of mystery Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781760660840	5-6	10 Stories, 10 mysterious situations, 10 brave kids, 20 minutes of clues. Kane's parachute fails during a skydive. Is someone trying to kill him? Fang is investigated by secret police. Can she prove she isn't a traitor? Omar is buried alive in a coffin. How will he escape?

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1433872	24 hours with the vikings Cook, Lan & Rodriguez, Pedro (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2026	9781835406816	5-6	It's Toki's last day in Norway before he and h is family set sail for a new land. Join him and his sister for one last sword fighting lesson, hear tales of fearsome sea monsters and learn about magic runes. Then, play games and feast late into the night before the voyage begins.
537	27th annual African hippopotamus race Lurie, Morris	Puffin Australia	1985	9780140309911	3-4	Go behind the scenes as eight year old Edward, the hippopotamus, trains for the greatest swimming marathon of all.
39425	3 wishes for Pugman Meschenmoser, Sebastian	Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd	2011	9780980607093	K-2	The day hasn't started well for Pugman. He's overslept, there's nothing for breakfast and the rain has made his newspaper soggy/ Can the day get any worse? The, out of nowhere, a magical and very cheerful fairy appears. She offers the grumpy Pugman three wishes. What will he wish for?
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?
17400	31 ways to change the world Taylor, Tanis	Walker Books	2010	9781406327809	5-6	An entertaining, colourful book containing scrapbook style images, illustrations and bits of information you would normally not even think about. We are reminded that change happens when we work together to make small changes. A great book to encourage children to get involved and make a difference.
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.
30985	365 penguins Fromental, Jean-Luc & Jolivet, Joelle (ill)	Abrams Books	2006	9780810944602	K-2	A family receives an anonymous package containing one penguin. Every day, another one is delivered until there are 365 penguins in the house. Feeding, cleaning and housing the penguins become a monumental task. They're noisy, smelly and always hog the bathroom. The family wonders just who on earth is sending these squawking birds.
18364	43 Bin Street Michael, Livi	Orchard Books	2005	9781843627258	5-6	Kiko and Nattie are flies whose job it is to clean up after humans. When their house is occupied by Mrs Spick who has dangerous amounts of fly spray, they become flies with a mission.

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379	45 & 47 Stella Street and everything that happened Honey, Elizabeth	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2000	9781865080901	5-6	The families and friends who live in Stella Street lead fascinating lives.
7562	47 degrees D'Ath, Justin	Penguin Books Australia	2019	9780143789079	7-9	Zeelie wonders if they're in danger. When temperatures soar to 47 degrees one hot summer day, 12-year-old Zeelie hopes the nearby bushfires everyones talking about aren't heading towards her family's new home. What will they do if the wind changes direction? What about their belongings and their beloved pets? And why hasn't her mum and brother returned from Melbourne? Nothing can prepare Zeelie for what's to come.
23006	48 hours: The Medusa curse Lord, Gabrielle	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781743629765	7-9	International antiquities fraud and Computer Crime come together in Sydney. Can Jazz and Phoenix save their friend's father and themselves from some very dangerous people?
44497	48 hours: The vanishing Lord, Gabrielle	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781743629758	7-9	Jazz always wanted to be a detective, and now she has no choice! Her best friend Anika has been kidnapped over a 20 year old mystery. Can the annoying school rebel help her link the clues, within the first 48 hours?
18410	4F for freaks Hobbs, Leigh	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2006	9781741140910	3-4	4F pride themselves on frightening teachers out of the classroom. It seems that they have met their match with Miss Corker who has a few tricks of her own up her sleeves.
9581	500 hats of Bartholomew Cubbins, The Seuss, Dr	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1989	9780394844848	3-4	Bartholomew is selling cranberries when the king passes by. A big cry is heard, 'Hats off to the King', which Bartholomew does but he still has a hat on his head. A very funny story about Batholomew's hats.
587902	52 Mondays Ciddor, Anna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760523480	5-6	For Anna, the quest to find the most beautiful doll she has ever seen is the most important thing in the world. But it's only one of the adventures to be had growing up in 1960s Australia. Was it really such a short time ago that there were no computers, no mobile phones... no seatbelts? That milk was delivered to your front door every morning, and animals lived in tiny concrete cages at the zoo. Anna and her family celebrate birthdays and Passover, navigate friendships, illness, surprises and mishaps - all the lessons that come with growing up. And through it all, Anna never loses sight of her dream: to find an antique doll to love and treasure.

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14780	60 classic Australian poems Cheng, Christopher (ed) & Rogers, Gregory (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741664140	7-9	Australian poets have a wonderful way with words and their poems bring to life the iconic Aussie characters and unforgettable landscapes that are part of our Australian heritage. This is a collection of ballads and poems by some familiar, and not so familiar, poets, accompanied by attractive pen and ink sketches. Includes an index of poets and first lines, as well as interesting notes about the writers.
15591	68 teeth Moloney, James	Penguin	2005	9780143301912	5-6	Jack is fishing when he attracts something much bigger than barramundi. A crocodile has entered the river on his family's property and it's hungry.
15952	88 Lime Street: The way in Kirby, Denise	Omnibus Books	2015	9781742991009	5-6	When Ellen arrives at her new house, an old mansion with actual towers, she senses something stirring. When the dried-up fountain in the overgrown garden suddenly spouts water and weird messages appear, Ellen is determined to get to the bottom of the mystery. But, first, she needs to find a way into the peculiar tower with no door.
33477	9/11 report, The: a graphic adaptation Jacobson, Sid & Colon, Ernie (ill)	Hill & Wang	2006	9780809057399	7-9	The United States was completely unprepared for the shocking act of terrorism when hijacked planes flew into New York's twin towers on 11 September 2001. This ia a graphic representation of The 9/11 Report, which gives the background to the attack and analyses the response of the federal agencies involved.
13137	999 tadpoles find a new home Kimura, Ken & Murakami, Yasunari (ill)	Gecko Press	2010	9781877467271	K-2	Mother and Father Frog find that their pond is getting too small for 999 growing tadpoles and the family decides to brave the dangerous world to find a bigger home.
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.

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540	A is for Aunty Russell, Elaine	ABC Books	2000	9780733307294	K-2	Memories of growing up on an Aboriginal mission are brought to life in this alphabet picture book with a difference. It features accounts of possums as pets and Aunty Goldie who used zinc ointment for just about every ailment.Test
1700	A is for Australia Lessac, Frane	Walker Books	2015	9781922179760	5-6	From Bondi Beach to Rottnest Island, travel around Australia and uncover many exciting facts.
35571	A is for Australian Animals Lessac, Frane	Walker Books	2017	9781925381009	3-4	Australia is full of the most amazing animals on the planet! What animal has 6 thumbs? What animal produces square poo? What animal is made of 95 per cent water and is highly venomous? Discover the answers to these questions and more in this factastic tour of Australian animals.
902479	A is for Australian reefs Lessac, Frane	Walker Books	2022	9781760652258	5-6	Along the shore of Australia, underwater reefs are bustling with the most amazing sea creatures living on the planet. What can blow bubble rings and swim through them? What has teeth on its eyeballs? What creature hides by moving? What poops out sand? Discover the answers to these questions plus many more incredible facts in this fantastic undersea exploration of Australian reefs.
	A murder most unladylike - Wells and Wong mystery series Various				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.
	A Tale of Fontania series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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1147083	A tempest of tea Faizal, Hafsah	First Second	2025	9781035069361	9plus	Arthie Casimir is a criminal mastermind and collector of secrets. Her prestigious tearoom transforms into an illegal bloodhouse by night, catering to the vampires feared by society. But when her establishment is threatened, Arthie is forced to strike an unlikely deal with an alluring adversary to save it - and she can't do the job alone. Calling on some of the city's most skilled outcasts, Arthie hatches a plan to infiltrate the dark and glittering vampire society known as the Athereum. But not everyone in her ragtag crew is on her side, and as the truth behind the heist unfolds, Arthie finds herself in the midst of a conspiracy that will threaten the world as she knows it.
821830	A-Z of Australian bush creatures, An Mollard, Myke	Woodslane Press	2022	9781925868685	3-4	This unique A-Z book truly captures the range and diversity of our unique and wondrous Australian wildlife. Exploring common names, aboriginal names, Latin names and from every corner of Australia, the book includes over 400 native animals, from sea creatures and insects, to amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. The book highlights the endangered, sometimes the extinct and the rare beauty of Australia and its islands and territories. Fully indexed, this book invites and engages kids (and kid-adults) of all ages to find, discover and learn all the animal names and compare their different types. Originally assisted by leading biologists, author Myke has ensured the illustrations are anatomically correct as well as vibrant and enchanting. As a bonus, you can find one human in the book doing what Myke loves best as a recreational pursuit.
7917	A-Z of convicts in Van Diemen's Land Barnard, Simon	Text Publishing Co	2014	9781922079343	7-9	In the first half of the nineteenth century, seventy-three thousand convicts were transported to the British penal colony of Van Diemen's Land. This is an enthralling journey through the personal histories and daily lives of the men, women and children who played a vital role in the building of the settlements, as well as the running of the newly established colony.

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	A-Z of Inventions and Inventors series Stoyles, Pennie & Pentland, Peter				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.
	A-Z of scientific discoveries series Stoyles, Pennie & Mulvany, Christine				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.
1019704	A-Z of who I could be, The Dalton, Chloe & Siew, Kim (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180422	5-6	"The A-Z of Who I Could Be" by Chloe Dalton and Kim Siew is an inspirational and beautifully illustrated picture book that showcases remarkable Australian athletes across 26 different sports. The book uses simple and engaging language to tell the stories of these elite athletes, and each story is accompanied by vibrant illustrations that bring the athletes' journeys to life, highlighting themes of perseverance, dedication, and success.
26545	ABC animal rhymes for you and me Andreae, Giles & Wojtowycz, David (ill)	Orchard Books	2010	9781408306802	K-2	Explore the animal alphabet from Angel Fish to Zebra.
14931	ABC book of Australian poetry, The Hathorn, Libby (comp) & Allen, Cassandra (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2010	9780733320194	5-6	A rich variety of poems from classic favourites by Banjo Paterson, Henry Lawson and C J Dennis, to contemporary works by Libby Hathorn, Max Fatchen and Steven Herrick.
5260	ABC book of feelings, The Martin, Helen & Simpson, Judith & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	ABC Books	2017	9780733338298	K-2	Everyone has feelings and lots of them you've had...
6130	ABC book of food, The Martin, Helen & Simpson, Judith & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	ABC Books	2016	9780733334269	K-2	Food helps us run and jump and play. Take a journey from the paddock, the orchard, the garden to your kitchen, and find out where food comes from and how it reaches us.
7350	ABC book of lullabies, The Various	ABC Books	2008	9780733323621	3-4	An enchanting collection of lullabies, chosen and illustrated by well-known Australian artists. They use collage, pen and ink, gouache, chalk, charcoal, pencil and watercolour to present a varied, visual experience of the lullabies.

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12056	ABC book of nursery rhymes Various	ABC Books	2002	9780733308932	K-2	Thirteen award-winning Australian illustrators each chose a well-known rhyme to interpret, resulting in a beautifully illustrated selection of nursery rhyme favourites. Features profiles on each artist.
660585	ABC book of places to go, The Martin, Helen & Simpson, Judith & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	ABC Books	2018	9780733334290	K-2	This charming picture book celebrates the fun and excitement of places we can visit, both close to home and far away. The simple, engaging text explores fascinating places such as the library, the zoo, the lighthouse and many more.
2397	ABC book of Seasons, The Martin, Helen & Simpson, Judith & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	ABC Books	2014	9780733331954	K-2	Seasons come and seasons go. Sun shines, wind blows, rain falls and plants grow.
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.
846250	ABC kids guide to loving the planet, The Crupi, Jaclyn & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	ABC Books	2022	9780733341045	3-4	Our planet is precious. It's where we live, learn, work and play. This charming picture book is a gentle introduction to caring for the world around us. The simple, engaging text and beautiful illustrations explore ideas like planting veggie gardens and recycling, to show the ways every person, no matter how big or small, can make a difference.
6010	ABC of Australian animals Morcombe, Irene	Working Title Press	2000	9781876288068	3-4	Organised alphabetically, the beautiful, full page photographs and short but excellent texts in this book provide a wealth of information about Australian animals.
9499	ABC of Australian birds Morcombe, Irene	Working Title Press	2000	9781876288129	3-4	Organised alphabetically, the beautiful, full page photographs and short but excellent texts in this book provide a wealth of information about Australian birds.
825520	ABC of cuddles, The Williams, Sophy & Scott, Gavin (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526115	K-2	A is for airport cuddle, when it's time to go away. B is for bear hug, when teddy goes astray. C is for crying cuddle, a scary ghost went boo! D is for daddy cuddle, when only dad will do. Work your way through the alphabet to see all the reasons you might give someone a cuddle.

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9520	Abel's moon Hughes, Shirley	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780099265351	3-4	Abel Grable's work takes him into remote jungles with only the moon to guide the way. His children love to hear about his moonlit adventures when he's back home. When he's away, the children use his desk as a moon machine for their own adventures.
10027	Abigail Rayner, Catherine	Tiger Tales	2015	9781848956469	K-2	Abigail loves to count. She begins to count the spots on the ladybird but it climbs under a leaf. She begins to count the stripes on the zebra but it moves away. And the cheetah is just too fast. So, Abigail begins to count the flowers in the vast plains of Africa but has to stop when the darkness comes. But, there are other things that can be counted in the night time.
863865	Able Alcott, Dylan	HarperCollins Australia	2019	9780733340550	9plus	Dylan Alcott has never let his disability get in the way of what he wanted to achieve. His family treated him no differently to any other kid, and it was the best thing they ever did. Growing up, Dylan always had a positive attitude to life. So when he discovered sport, he'd have a go at anything and could always be found at the centre of the action, giving his best and playing to win. Then he tried wheelchair basketball and tennis and was hooked. Fast forward ten years or so, and the now three-time Paralympic gold medallist, Order of Australia recipient, world No 1 tennis champion, Logie winner and philanthropist combines elite sport with a love for music. But Dylan's greatest passion is changing the way those with disabilities are perceived, and to inspire young people - whether they have disabilities or are able-bodied - to achieve their dreams. It's a passion that drives him every day of his life. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
9454	Aboriginal peoples of Australia Bartlett, Anne	Times Editions	2000	9789812320650	3-4	Indigenous and non-indigenous writers work in collaboration with indigenous people to present a vast amount of information about the Aboriginal peoples of Australia. Provides information on each author.
16047	About a girl Horniman, Joanne	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9781742371443	9plus	Anna is afraid she must be unlovable until she meets Flynn. Together, the girls swim, eat banana cake, laugh and love. Some days, Flynn is unreachable. On other days, she's at Anna's door. When Anna discovers Flynn's secret, she wonders if she knows her at all. Includes mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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	About animals series Davey, Owen				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.
15202	About this little devil and this little fella Barunga, Albert & Mueche, Stephen & Dowling, Julie (ill)	Magabala Books	1999	9781875641420	3-4	This greedy little fella just can't stop eating honey and won't go home with his mother. The grumpy little devil is nearby chopping wood to make a fire to cook his dinner. But first, he has to catch it.
8086	Abundance of Katherines, An Green, John	Penguin USA	2012	9780141346090	7-9	Colin has an IQ around 200 and no social skills and Hassan understands people and social etiquette stuff so their friendship is the perfect balance. When the nineteenth of Colin's girlfriends (all called Katherine) breaks up with him, the boys decide a road trip is in order. When they end up in Gutshot, Tennessee, they meet a mother and daughter who provide all of the necessary ingredients for some problem solving to occur.
11338	Accidental princess, The Storer, Jen & Masciullo, Lucia (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2011	9780670074969	3-4	Matilda's sister, Iris, has a precious possession, an old penny passed on to her by Great Grandfather Parnell. After a fight, Matilda hides the penny in a lilac hedge in the garden. When she goes to retrieve it, the penny is gone. Two sets of glittering emerald eyes are watching Matilda and when she reaches further into the hedge, she sets off a tale of the penny that is more than it seems.
903368	Accidentally Kelly Street Stewart, Briony	Affirm Press	2022	9781922848055	5-6	A new family arrive at a new house on a new street in a new neighbourhood. Being new can feel lonely, but on Kelly Street the neighbours are warm and welcoming, and small acts of kindness go a long way. Soon enough, strangers have become friends, and a new house becomes a home.
602864	Ace of Shades Foody, Amanda	Harlequin	2018	9781489256560	9plus	Enne Salta is a naive young lady with strengths yet to be revealed. Lost and alone in a new city which is rife with criminal gangs and corruption, Enne is in a desperate search for her lost mother. Along the way she finds out incredible truths about her mother and her family background, whilst discovering untold strengths. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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5398	Achoo we're not well Whybrow, Ian & Reynolds, Adrian	Puffin Australia	2008	9780141501826	K-2	When Harry catches a cold, Mum tucks him up in bed. But Harry is contagious and all his dinosaurs end up having to be treated in his dinosaur hospital.
18538	Across the dark sea Orr, Wendy	National Museum of Australia Press	2006	9781876944452	3-4	Trung and his father are separated from his mother and sister while escaping from Vietnam to Australia. The story traces their dangerous journey and the difficulties they face as refugees assimilating into Australian society. While they want desperately to be reunited, they did not want Trung's mother and sister to travel to Australia on a leaky boat.
15263	Across the line Garnsworthy, Penny	Dragonwick Publishing	2006	9780977522453	5-6	Casey doesn't know whether he has stumbled across an alternate reality during his rugby league match, or if he has lost his mind completely. A story about sport, science and families.
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.
15540	Across the wall Nix, Garth	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2005	9781741147018	7-9	A collection of thirteen short stories providing an eclectic mix of Garth Nix's writing spanning several years. Included are an Old Kingdom story, an Arthurian legend, a war story, a western, a traditional tale with a twist and a very funny, choose-your-own-adventure spoof.
1058	Act of faith Gardiner, Kelly	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2011	9780732292805	7-9	In 1960 England, Isabella is forced to flee her home when her father's strong opinions lead to take a stand against the army. She takes refuge in Amsterdam with an elderly printer, who is brave enough to print topics which stir religious intolerance. This results in a dangerous journey to help him escape certain death for his books.
18327	Action Jackson Greenberg, Jan & Jordan, Sandra & Parker, Robert Andrew (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2005	9781845073268	5-6	In 1950, Jackson Pollock started to paint 'Lavender mist'. Through information and quotations, we get an insight into the life of an artist who dared to be different, his inspiration and thought processes and how he created his paintings.

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47238	Action Tank Barry, Mike	Mike Barry Was Here	2017	9780648054900	3-4	Once upon a time there was a boy who opened his eyes...and noticed something. He was lost. So begins the first adventure of Action Tank. The boy soon discovers he is not the only one on this strange planet on which he has woken, and while some creatures are helpful and friendly, others are not. All the boy knows is he is late home for his carbonara dinner! Join the adventure as the boy braves the dreaded Snowgers Cave and a two million degree lake with his new friend, a talking horse man, as he attempts to find his way home for dinner.
763405	Action Tank book 2 Barry, Mike	Mike Barry Was Here	2020	9780648054924	3-4	A boy races across the Solar System, piloting a beat-up spaceship and accompanied by his fascinating new friends. Forced to crash land on Neptune, he's soon dodging lightning cannons, racing hovercrafts, and trying to outsmart a bunch of super aggressive guys with buckets on their heads, all in the hope of making it back to Earth in time for his Mum's spaghetti carbonara.
2803	Ada Twist scientist Beaty, Andrea & Roberts, David (ill)	Abrams Books	2016	9781419721373	K-2	Ada has a boundless imagination and is very, very curious. When her house fills with an horrific, toe-curling smell, Ada sets out to find the source. Not afraid of failure, she embarks on a fact-finding mission and conducts scientific experiments, all in the name of discovery. But, this time, Ada's experiments lead to even more stink and trouble.
29707	Ada's violin: The story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay Hood, Susan & Wern Comport, Sally (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2016	9781481430951	3-4	Ada Rios grew up in Cateura, a small town in Paraguay built on a landfill. Her family were recyclers of trash. With little money, Ada's dream to play the violin was never possible. When music teacher, Favio Chavez, arrived, he wanted to give the children something special. He made instruments out of materials found in the trash, a crazy idea that would leave Ada and her town forever changed. Now, The Recycled Orchestra plays around the world, spreading their message of hope and innovation. Based on a true story.

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11356	Adam Spencer's world of numbers Spencer, Adam	Xoum Publishing	2015	9781921134869	7-9	If you love numbers and like to laugh, then you'll enjoy finding out the crucial role that numbers play in our understanding of sport, space, computers, cooking, and a whole lot in between. This book decodes barcodes, explains why we say 'as sixes and sevens' when we're discombobulated, shows how many people you need in a room before there'll be a birthday in common, and why the number seventy is weird and what can be done about it. A whole lot more weird and wonderful stuff.
2175	Addis Berner Bear forgets Stewart, Joel	Random House Children's Books	2008	9780552554343	K-2	When Addis Berner Bear arrives in the big, confusing, loud and fast city, he forgets why he has come. Something amazing helps him remember.
5947	Adelaide's secret world Hurst, Elise	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781743313350	3-4	In the midst of the city, Adelaide leads a quiet life. At night, she listens to the song of the stars. During the day, she watches over the others that are like her - the still ones, the quiet ones, and those who dance and dream alone. Little does Adelaide know that her secret world will soon be transformed into something unexpected and full of joy.
614603	Admin use only #2 2024 PRC team		2019	9780143505747	5-6	A replacement title for a PRC title removed from the booklist while the Challenge is open.
579246	Admin use only #3 2024 PRC Team		2018	9780143505730	5-6	A replacement title for a PRC title removed from the booklist while the Challenge is open.
36204	Admin use only #4 2024 PRC Team		2016	9780143505723	5-6	A replacement title for a PRC title removed from the booklist while the Challenge is open.
20324	Admin use only #5 2024 PRC Team		2015	9780143308171	5-6	A replacement title for a PRC title removed from the booklist while the Challenge is open.
4652	Admin use only #6 2024 PRC Team		2017	9780143306535	5-6	A replacement title for a PRC title removed from the booklist while the Challenge is open.
22017	Admin use only #8 2024 PRC Team		2010	9780143304852	5-6	A replacement title for a PRC title removed from the booklist while the Challenge is open.
886454	Admin use only #9 2024 PRC Team		2022	9781760897161	5-6	A replacement title for a PRC title removed from the booklist while the Challenge is open.

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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.
552	Advance Australia fair McCormick, Peter Dodds & Flowers, Tony (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2002	9780207185991	3-4	Australian's all, let us rejoice... Our national anthem, beautifully illustrated. All editions of this text can be added as a PRC title.
24410	Adventures of a late-night swearer, The Hilton, Nette & Jellet, Tom (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2008	9780702236525	3-4	Speedy Simpson is the absolute best at everything. But, Bebe La Mouche has a special talent with words that is going to take some beating. When Speedy stumbles upon a secret word, he is sure it will impress Bebe and his classmates. But, he soon discovers that there is more than one way to be the best.
2771	Adventures of Alfie Onion, The French, Vivian & Kissi, Marta (ill)	Walker Books	2016	9781406363104	3-4	Alfie Onion has just set off on a great adventure but only to carry his brother's luggage. It's his older brother, Magnifico Onion, who's destined to make his family's fortune. But, when it turns out that Magnifico isn't half the hero he's cracked up to be, it falls to Alfie to save the day, with a little help from his loyal dog, a talking horse and a couple of meddling magpies.
4104	Adventures of Beekle the unimaginary friend, The Santat, Dan	Little, Brown & Co	2014	9780316199988	K-2	On an island far away, an imaginary friend is born. He waits patiently for his turn to be chosen by a real child but, when he is overlooked time and again, he sets off on an incredible journey to the bustling city. There, he finally meets his perfect match and is given his special name, Beekle.
9617	Adventures of Bert, The Ahlberg, Allan & Briggs, Raymond (ill)	Puffin UK	2002	9780140567540	K-2	Bert has all sorts of ridiculous adventures. He rescues a barking cardboard box from the river and is chased down the street by a giant sausage. Turn the page quietly so as not to wake Bert's baby.

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5525	Adventures of Catvinkle, The Perlman, Elliot & Stitzel, Laura (ill)	Penguin	2017	9780143786368	5-6	A cat and dog can't be friends. When a pampered cat is forced to share her home with a lost dog, sparks are set to fly. But if Ula the dalmatian can just keep Catvinkle talking, maybe she can stick around long enough for the sparks to fizzle. A heartwarming story about finding a best friend.
112883	Adventures of Edgar Remington the third, The Moreton, John & Denton, Terry (ill)	Working Title Press	2005	9781876288631	K-2	Edgar Remington the Third has always wanted to sail to the other side of the world. He is now hopelessly lost because, in his eagerness to leave, he forgot his map and his compass.
31567	Adventures of Egg Box Dragon, The Adams, Richard & Smith, Alex T. (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2017	9781444938401	K-2	Emma is delighted when her home-made dragon magically comes to life! He is great at roaring. He is great at breathing fire. And best of all, he excellent at finding lost treasures. So when the Queen loses a diamond from her crown, there's only one dragon to call!
1370107	Adventures of Henny, The: Looking for waterholes Chapman, Ryan & Whitelaw, Emma (ill)	Teaching Solutions	2024	9781779621825	K-2	Imagine setting out to explore the Outback's most remote and isolated terrain, where every day holds the promise of new discoveries. Join Henny, the spirited Border Collie x Cattle Dog, and his determined dad as they embark on an adventure like no other! Their quest? To uncover hidden waterholes amidst the arid landscapes, following the winding path of a freshly filled riverbeds graced by the wet season. Each twist and turn of their journey unveil new wonders, from secluded waterfalls cascading into crystal-clear pools to lush oases teeming with life. Against the backdrop of the Outback's rugged beauty, Henny and his dad forge ahead, their spirits undeterred by the challenges that lie ahead. Looking for Waterholes captures the essence of adventure, as Henny's infectious enthusiasm propels the narrative forward. Vivid descriptions and vibrant visualisations transport readers into a world of wonder, where every moment is filled with excitement and discovery.
2277	Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, The Twain, Mark	Oxford University Press	1999	9780192824417	7-9	A classic story of slavery and a runaway boy's exploits. Huckleberry Finn had a tough life with his drunken father until an adventure with Tom Sawyer changed everything. When Huck's dad returns and kidnaps him, he must escape down the Mississippi River with a runaway slave, Jim. They face trouble at every turn, from floods and gunfights to armed bandits and the long arm of the law. Through it all, the friends stick together.

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569241	Adventures of Jellybean, The Condon, Bill & Bates, Dianne	University of Queensland Press	2018	9780702260001	3-4	Rory and Trang are best friends who share many interests, including the desire to get a pet goat. When their parents agree and Jellybean moves into Rory's backyard, mayhem ensues. This sweet story includes a community of very special people who all want the boys to be successful in raising their unusual pet. And Jellybean has a big surprise in store for them all.
4446	Adventures of Miss Petitfour, The Michaels, Anne & Block, Emma (ill)	Bloomsbury	2015	9781408868041	3-4	Miss Petitfour enjoys having adventures that are just the right size. She's an expert at baking and eating fancy iced cakes, and her favourite mode of travel is par avion. On windy days, she takes her sixteen cats out for an airing. Join Miss Petitfour and her equally eccentric felines on five magical outings.
8922	Adventures of Pete paddock-basher, The Heffernan, John	Scholastic Australia	1999	9781876289263	3-4	Once Pete was a brand new car with flash tyres, sparkling chrome and more shine than the sun. Now he is a worn-out old farm car, a paddock-basher. Life on the farm can still be fun, but Pete dreams of greater things.
1423952	Adventures of Pongo and Stink, The Nicol, Lisa & Blair, Karen (ill)	Puffin Australia	2025	9781761355691	3-4	A roll-in-the-mud adventure story about two piggies who love food, but bite off more than they can chew.
	Adventures of Riley series Lumry, Amanda & Hurwitz, Laura (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.
71389	Adventures of Robin Hood, The Green, Roger Lancelyn & Hall, Arthur (ill)	Puffin UK	2010	9780141329383	5-6	Robin Hood, the legendary outlaw hero, and his band of Merry Men hide in Sherwood Forest and steal from the rich to save the poor. Robin must outwit his evil enemies, Guy of Gisbourne and the treacherous Sheriff of Nottingham.
14242	Adventures of Robin Hood, The Williams, Marcia	Walker Books	2007	9781406311372	5-6	Presented in comic strip and storyboard format, the eleven segments cover the origins of Robin Hood, the outlaws who became his Merry Men and his benefactors.
6682	Adventures of Scarygirl, The Jurevicius, Nathan	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781742372938	5-6	Abandoned on a remote peninsula, Scarygirl is rescued by Blister, a large friendly octopus. Blister and Scarygirl become best friends. But no one knows where Scarygirl came from, or who she really is, and her dreams are full of strange and disturbing visions.

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55890	Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, The Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2008	9780141034355	7-9	Out of his smoke-filled rooms in Baker Street stalks a figure who causes criminals to quake in their boots and rush from their dens of iniquity. This collection of twelve mysteries reveals the clever mind of the brilliant consulting detective, Sherlock Holmes, as he works with his sidekick, Dr Watson.
2444	Adventures of Sir Roderick the not-very brave, The O'Loghlin, James	Pan MacMillan	2014	9781742614038	7-9	Roderick doesn't want to be a knight. When Queen Emily sends her knights on a grand quest, Sir Roderick wants to stay behind. Reluctantly, he ventures forth beyond the Forest of Gilderang (filled with fearsome creatures) to the Circle of Mountains, home to giant cockroaches. En route, he meets an invisible girl, a talking bear and the most famous sorcerer in the land.
41094	Adventures of Stunt Boy and his amazing wonder dog Blindfold Barr, Lollie	Pan MacMillan	2014	9781742613673	5-6	Everyone said his dad's motorbike crash was an accident but he doesn't believe them, not even for a second, and Stunt Boy is going to prove it. With his amazing wonder dog Blindfold and his best friend Benny, Stunt Boy has to find out who is trying to sabotage their Stoked Stunt Circus and stop them.
5822	Adventures of Swashbuckle Lil: A pirate's life Woollard, Elli & Anderson, Laura Ellen (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2018	9781509881529	K-2	Swashbuckle Lil is no ordinary girl. She is in fact a pirate. Join Lil and her trusty parrot Carrot as they look for adventure in four different stories.
562	Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The Twain, Mark & Peck, Richard (intr)	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2008	9780141321103	7-9	On the banks of the Mississippi, Tom Sawyer and his friends seek out adventure at every turn. One fateful night, they witness a murder and the boys swear never to reveal their secret. They run away to be pirates and search for hidden treasure. But, Tom gets trapped in a cave with the murderer.
4447	Adventures of Zack Proton and the red giant, The Anderson, Brian & Holgate, Doug (ill)	Aladdin Publishing	2006	9781416913641	3-4	Intergalactic hero, Zack Proton, and Omega Chimp risk life and limb to save the universe from the evil Big Large. Find out how banana skins come in handy.

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660695	Adventures on trains: The highland falcon thief Leonard, MG & Sedgman, Sam & Paganelli, Elisa (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2020	9781529013061	5-6	Mystery abounds and friendship blooms as 12 year old Hal travels with his Uncle Nat on the final journey of the historic royal coal-fired steam locomotive, the Highland Falcon. What Hal didn't expect was discovering there was a stowaway. The twists and turns of adventure aboard a train full of notable aristocrats and society highlights such as actress Sierra Knight, Prince and Princess of Scotland,, Lady Elizabeth Lansbury, Countess of Arundel, Baron Wolfgang Essenbach and son Milo, take a dramatic turn when Lady Lansbury's pearl earings and Lydia Pickle's diamond brooch go missing and the realisation that there is a thief on board! Can Hal, his new friend and Uncle Nat put the clues together before Inspector Clyde and Sergeant Prattle or will the thief get away under the very nose of Hadrian the royal guard. A journey of a lifetime from London to Scotland return is the only time to solve this mystery.
11738	Adventures with grandpa Mastnak, Rosemary	Hardie Grant Egmont	2010	9781921690761	K-2	On opening the door of his grandpa's shed, a young boy is transported into another world. And even better, his grandpa has the time to build and play with all the interesting stuff inside.
15201	Aesop's fables Watson, Carol (reteller)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2003	9780746054086	3-4	Some of Aesop's best-loved stories are retold simply in this easy-to-read, language-rich and delightfully illustrated book. The hare, tortoise, crow, ant, dove, fox, stork, mouse, dog and lion, all have lessons to teach us.
1383267	Afloat Saunders, Kirli & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Little Hare Books	2024	9781760505899	3-4	Roam the water with me. We are here to learn. Here to spin wisdom, to grow. From award-winning Gunai author Kirli Saunders and seven-time CBCA-winner Freya Blackwood comes Afloat, a story told in a time of climate crisis. Against a backdrop of a changed environment, an Elder leads a child along the waterways, sharing her People's knowledge and gathering community along the way. Afloat is an uplifting and inspiring picture book that uses the practice of weaving as a powerful metaphor for the honouring and teaching of First Nations wisdom, and the coming together of all people to survive, thrive and create a more hopeful future.
660401	Africa, amazing Africa: Country by country Atinuke & Feddag, Mouni (ill)	Walker Books	2019	9781406376586	3-4	'Discover the amazing diversity of the African continent in this celebration of all 55 countries on the African continent! The beautifully-written text captures Africa's unique mix of the modern and the traditional, as she explores its geography, its peoples, its animals, its history, its resources and its cultural diversity.

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565	African critters Haas, Robert B	National Geographic Society	2008	9781426303173	5-6	Stunning photographs and engaging stories provide a rare glimpse into the struggles for survival in the African wilderness. The book includes large critters such as the big cats, elephants and rhinoceros, and small critters such as the dung beetle.
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.
55251	After Lawson, Sue	Black Dog Books	2009	9781742031125	7-9	CJ was one of the popular, cool kids at his old school. Now, everything has changed. He is known as Callum, banished to the country to live with grandparents he has never met and who don't seem to want him there. Things are no better at school but worse still is the secret that Callum carries with him night and day.
8076	After January Earls, Nick	University of Queensland Press	2009	9780702237652	7-9	School is over for Alex Delaney and he's waiting for his tertiary offer which is only seventeen days away. The waiting is killing him. He's not expecting much from January, just bodysurfing and TV, but mainly waiting. So, he's not ready for the girl who cuts past him on a wave. January is about to change.

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571050	After the lights go out Wilkinson, Lili	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760297299	9plus	What happens when the lights go off after what might truly be an end-of-the-world event? How do you stay alive? Who do you trust? How much do you have to sacrifice? Seventeen-year-old Pru Palmer lives with her twin sisters, Grace and Blythe, and their father, Rick, on the outskirts of an isolated mining community. The Palmers are doomsday preppers. They have a bunker filled with non-perishable food and a year's worth of water. One day while Rick is at the mine, the power goes out. At the Palmers' house, and in the town. All communication is cut. No one knows why. It doesn't take long for everything to unravel. In town, supplies run out and people get desperate. The sisters decide to keep their bunker a secret. The world is different; the rules are different. Survival is everything, and family comes first. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
4809	Afterlight Lim, Rebecca	Text Publishing Co	2015	9781925240498	9plus	Since her parents died, Sophie Teague's life has fallen apart. She's just enrolled at a new high school, hoping for a fresh start. But, Eve, a beautiful ghost, starts making terrifying nightly appearances, wanting Sophie to be her hands, eyes and go-to girl to tie up loose ends. Dealing with the dead might just involve the greatest sacrifice of all. Dark, thrilling and unrelentingly eerie. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
4908	Aftershock Ashley, Bernard	Frances Lincoln	2011	9781847800558	5-6	Makis and his mother, Sofia, escape a devastating Greek earthquake, which took his father's life. London is a very different place and students tease him about his language and culture. Makis quickly earns a place in the school football team. Sofia, isolated by her grief and lack of English, sinks into depression. Makis has a brilliant idea to help her but competing loyalties mean that something has to give.
12278	Afterworlds Westerfeld, Scott	Penguin	2014	9780143572046	9plus	Darcy, a budding author, arrives in New York City, to live her dream life as a published author of a novel, 'Afterworlds'. Told in alternating chapters is Darcy's novel, a suspenseful thriller about Lizzie, a teen who slips into the 'Afterworld', a place between the living and the dead, to survive a terrorist attack. The stories intertwine and one reality becomes the other. A challenging read; usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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40567	Again Gravett, Emily	MacMillan	2011	9780230745360	K-2	It's nearly Cedric the dragon's bedtime. There's just time for his mum to read him his favourite book. Unfortunately for her, Cedric likes the story so much that he wants to hear it again and again and again, with incendiary consequences.
903076	Against all odds young readers edition Challen, Craig & Harris, Richard & Ellis, Henican	Puffin Australia	2022	9780143778202	7-9	In June 2018 the Thai soccer team the Wild Boars went on a walk into a cave after practice. After unexpected rains, they became trapped deep in the cave system, unable to escape, with no communication to the outside world, no food and no fresh water. For 17 days they remained in the caves as an international cave diving team, including the authors, Australians Richard Harris and Craig Challen worked on a plan to rescue the team. With the lives of the soccer team and the rescuers in danger, they built trust and showed incredible resilience to rescue each member of the team.
49311	Against the odds Hof, Marjolijn & Prins, Johanna H (trans)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742375083	3-4	Kiki's father is a doctor who travels to faraway war zones. She always worries about him and, to calm her, Kiki's mother explains her father's likelihood of return in terms of odds. When her father goes missing, Kiki decides she has to try and improve the odds of her father coming home, the only way she can.
4249	Against the tide Savvides, Irini	ABC Books	2008	9780733322907	9plus	Katie and Matt are champion ocean swimmers who love a challenge that will test their training and skills to the limit. Effi and Christie live in a different world which is intense, funny, often overheated and far removed from the beach. When these two worlds meet, in a blend of love and loss, violence and prejudice, only the strongest will succeed in swimming against the tide. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
13779	Agatha and the dark Pignataro, Anna	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760402075	K-2	Agatha is scared of the dark and George is just making things worse. When Agatha is accidently locked in a dark room at kindergarten, her body trembles like jelly.
	Agatha Christie graphic novel series Various				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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6280	Agatha Oddly: The secret key Jones, Lena	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780008211837	5-6	Agatha Oddly is a girl who has embraced her namesake and aches to be a detective just like Agatha Christie. And she's well-equipped to do just that, having read hundreds of mystery novels and collected disguises and all the tools of the trade. When a few events all line up to suggest that she has the key to solve a mystery that has the whole of London's attention, she springs into action. Living in the groundskeeper's cottage in Hyde Park, Agatha's adventures are set in the beautiful and the dark parts of London.
871639	Agathas, The Glasgow, Kathleen & Lawson, Liz	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9781460762455	9plus	Welcome to Castle Cove - a town cursed with missing girls, bad boyfriends, family secrets and some very steep cliffs. Last summer, Alice Ogilvie's basketball-star boyfriends Steve dumped her. Then she disappeared fro five days. Where she went and what happened to her is the biggest mystery in Castle Cove. Or at least it was. Because now, another one of Steve's girlfriends has vanished: Brooke Donovan, Alice's ex-best friend. And it doesn't look like Brooke will be coming back... Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
4263	Agent nomad: Deadly magic Melki-Wegner, Skye	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9780143780403	5-6	After their mission in London, Nomad, Riff, Phoenix and Orbit are back at HELIX, training to master their magic. But things have changed. Nomad's secret is out. Her peers know she is a Witness; a sorcerer with the rare ability to read others' magic. This causes ripples at HQ, especially when it means that Steel, the most popular cadet in her class, is no longer the centre of attention. But there are greater threats than new rivals. When the cadets are sent to New Zealand to investigate a top-secret case, they find themselves in more danger than they bargained for. With no one to trust and time running out, it's a race to stop the Inductors before they have enough power to destroy HELIX for good.

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12879	Agent Nomad: The eleventh hour Melki-Wegner, Skye	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2017	9780143780151	5-6	Spies. Secrets. Sorcery. Natalie Palladino was a normal fifteen-year-old, at a normal school, about to face a normal maths test. Now her codename is Nomad, and she's training to become a secret agent for HELIX. No one can know that sorcery exists. No one can know that HELIX protects humanity from the Inductors. And no one can know that Nomad is a Witness, with a dangerous magical gift. The Inductors are hunting her. If they find her, they will kill her. But there's a traitor inside HELIX, and only a Witness can identify them. The problem is, Nomad hasn't mastered her powers. She can't levitate, fight or wield magic like her fellow recruits. If she's the only hope to stop a sorcerous bomb being detonated, the world is in trouble. The eleventh hour is coming . . .
660697	Agents of the wild: Operation Honeyhunt Bell, Jennifer & Lickens, Alice	Walker Books	2020	9781406388459	5-6	Agnes Gamble never knew there was a secret agency for protecting rare and endangered animals. When a talking shrew takes her to the headquarters, she is is keen to impress Commander Phil with her trial role in Operation Honeyant. Hopefully Agnes will become a permanent SPEARS agent.
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?

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1356331	AI for beginners Hall, Rose & Firth, Rachel & Warburton, Hylton (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2025	9781805074366	5-6	Artificial Intelligence is all about humans asking computers and other machines to think and even behave like humans, and to take on jobs that people find too difficult or too boring. But how do you actually define the term? What exactly can machines with AI already do, and what might they be able to do in the future? AI For Beginners answers all the questions - where answers exist - and raises debating points at every turn about what it all means. Should we be asking machines to do creative tasks, such as writing and illustrating books? Do we need to worry if intelligent machines need to be treated like people? Is there a chance that machines might take over the world, either by accident or on purpose? Is there any point going to school and doing homework if computers can do it all for us, and better?
	Airborn series Oppel, Kenneth				7-9	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.
49473	Airman Colfer, Eoin	Puffin UK	2008	9780141383354	7-9	Conor Broekhart was born to fly. In an age when many dreamed of flying, it became his destiny. When a cruel and cunning betrayal destroys his family, Conor must win the race for flight to save his family and right a terrible wrong.
5216	Akarnae Noni, Lynette	Pantera Press	2015	9781921997501	7-9	Sixteen-year-old Alexandra Jennings is thrust into the fantasy world of Medora after walking through a mysterious doorway on her first day at a new school. Stranded and desperate to return home, she learns only the missing Professor Marselle can help. While waiting, Alex enrols at Akarnae Academy, a school for gifted teens, where she begins to adapt and make friends. But dark forces stir, and Alex finds herself at the centre of a dangerous mystery. As the fate of the Medorans rests on her shoulders, she must decide: will she risk everything, including her way home to save a world she's just begun to love?

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15510	Al Capone does my shirts Choldenko, Gennifer	Bloomsbury	2004	9780747568988	9plus	Moose Flanagan lives with his family on Alcatraz, a high security prison housing the notorious Al Capone, in the 1930s. His friend's plan to make money out of this backfires with serious consequences. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
58907	Al Capone shines my shoes Choldenko, Gennifer	Bloomsbury	2009	9781408801550	7-9	Matthew (Moose) Flanagan lives on the island of Alcatraz. His father is one of the guards. His older sister, Natalie, is autistic and, in an effort to protect her, Moose now owes prisoner 85, Al Capone, who has managed to secure her a place at a special school. The price Moose might have to pay reveals itself quite spectacularly.
9314	Aladdin and other tales from the Arabian nights Kerven, Rosalind & Mistry, Nilesh (ill)	Dorling Kindersley	1998	9780789453891	5-6	A retelling of the classic tales of the Arabian Nights, with beautiful illustrations and detailed historical information.
9411	Alan the alien Hall, Penny	Koala Books	2002	9780864614179	3-4	A boy arrives on Clark's doorstep and says he is an exchange student but there is something not quite right. Alan Alyian is weird and he's full of surprises.
1409475	Alan, king of the universe McLaughlin, Tom	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2025	9781444976823	5-6	An orange cat blessed with opposable thumbs, Alan is convinced he was born to rule and spends his days scheming up brilliant plans to fulfil his destiny - from creating a brand-new country, Alanland, to cloning himself in an attempt raise an entire army of Alans. And his hapless dog sidekick Fido is just happy to be along for the ride.
3154	Alaska Saliba, Sue	Penguin Books Australia	2011	9780143206118	9plus	When Mia follows her sister halfway across the world to Alaska, she discovers that love can be found in the most unexpected and beautiful of places. Mia must find the courage to follow her heart in Alaska. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
660692	Albatross, The Pickworth, Bruce & Robertson, Lorraine (ill)	Bullawai Books	2020	9780994611840	3-4	On Macquarie Island, in the Southern Ocean far below Tasmania, the sea-birds throng; petrels, penguins, shearwaters, skuas. But rarest of all, the Wandering Albatross, wondrous master of the sky and sea. Yet there is blood and death in the water, and for one priceless breeding pair, the dangers gather.
18319	Albert Yamamoto, Lani	Frances Lincoln	2005	9781845071110	K-2	One rainy day, Albert contemplates life, the universe and everything. The author's creative use of language and simple line drawings capture the nature of change.
4584	Albert and little Henry Alborough, Jez	Walker Books	2015	9781406357509	K-2	Albert is not a little puppy any more, he's now a big dog. But, when his baby brother, Henry, comes along, something very strange happens. Albert begins to feel small.

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9610	Albert Ironstain Condon, Bill	Koala Books	2003	9780864615022	3-4	Albert Ironstain invents a great robot, Elvis, to be his identical twin but this invention turns out to be a very mixed blessing. Elvis is inclined to misunderstand commands with hilarious results and starts to develop a will of his own.
	Alby and the cat series Various				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.
47239	Alex & Eliza de la Cruz, Melissa	Pan MacMillan	2017	9781509869978	7-9	As battle cries of the American Revolution echo in the distance, servants flutter about preparing for one of New York society's biggest events: the Schuylers' grand ball. Eliza can barely contain her excitement when she hears of the arrival of one Alexander Hamilton, a mysterious young colonel and General George Washington's right-hand man. When Alex and Eliza meet that fateful night, so begins an epic love story that would forever change the course of American history. A fictionalised version of what might have been, featuring figures from the Tony winning Broadway musical.
871548	Alex and the alpacas ride again Lefroy, Kathryn	Fremantle Press	2022	9781760991739	5-6	Alex thought she'd saved the world last summer, but it turns out she only completed half the job. This time around she is battling not one, but two evil spirits, determined to destroy life as we know it. Alex will need all the help of the alpacas and more to meet the challenge.
6491	Alex and the alpacas save the world Lefroy, Kathryn	Fremantle Press	2018	9781925815412	5-6	Alex is expecting a pretty boring summer. But when Mum takes her to visit her cranky old grandfather on his farm in Tasmania, weird things start to happen. The weirdest of all? Her grandfather's alpacas can talk! Then things go from strange to scary, and Alex must use all her brilliance and bravery to survive the sinister forces threatening life as she knows it.
5417	Alex and the watermelon boat McKimmie, Chris	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781743310076	K-2	It's been raining and raining. The river has burst its banks and the dam is overflowing. Mum told Alex not to go outside. But, just then, Rabbit hopped out the open window.

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	Alex Rider graphic novels series Various				7-9	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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1017873	Alex: Through my eyes Hawke, Rosanne & White, Lyn (ed)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760877002	5-6	Thirteen-year-old Alex lives on a drought-affected property in South Australia with his mum, his dad, his kelpie dog Tangi and colt Jago. For years it hasn't rained enough for them to put a crop in. And while all the farmers in the area are suffering, Alex's dad is struggling more than most. As the drought stretches on, Alex helps his mum with the farm work while longing for the father he once knew. When Bonnie moves in on the neighbouring property with her camel-training family, even feral dogs and a missing classmate cannot stop the newfound friends' passion to make a difference to the environment and their community. Will Alex's dad recover - and will the rains ever return?
785	Alexander Altmann A10567 Zail, Suzy	Black Dog Books	2014	9781922179999	9plus	Alexander is a Jewish boy during World War II and is being held in a camp. To survive, he toughens up and vows to make friends with nobody. He is given the job of caring for the soldiers' horses, where he is ordered to break in the commander's new horse, who is scared and damaged. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
580	Alexander and the terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day Viorst, Judith & Cruz, Ray (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	1986	9780207153174	3-4	Alexander woke up with chewing gum in his hair. When he got out of bed, he tripped on his skateboard and then dropped his jumper in the sink while the water was running. He knew it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.

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7274	Alexander the great: reckless conqueror Wilkinson, Carole	Black Dog Books	2004	9781876372330	5-6	Believing he was descended from Achilles and Hercules, Alexander set out to better their heroic deeds. For eight years, he led the Macedonians, mostly on foot, defeating huge armies and proving to be either a brilliant warrior or a ruthless invader.
12725	Alexander who used to be rich last Sunday Viorst, Judith & Cruz, Ray (ill)	Aladdin Publishing	2005	9780689711992	3-4	Alexander's grandparents give him a dollar. He contemplates his new found wealth and how he will spend it.
9621	Alexander's outing Allen, Pamela	Penguin	1998	9780140554786	K-2	'Stay close, take care', quacked Alexander's mother. But, Alexander is a wayward duckling. He straggles behind and disappears down a deep, dark hole.
22389	Alfie and the birthday surprise Hughes, Shirley	Red Fox	2009	9781862307872	K-2	Alfie's neighbour, Mr McNally, needs cheering up because his beloved cat has died. Birthday parties always make people happy so Alfie thinks a party just might help. And, there's an extra-special surprise for Mr McNally.
855837	Alfie the brave Harris, Richard & Howe, Simon (ill)	Puffin Australia	2022	9781761041358	K-2	Alfie was a fine-looking dog. His coat was sleek and shiny like an otter. His muscles stood out under his skin. He was the son of champions. But Alfie didn't feel like a champion. Alfie was scared of ... everything! Could Alfie ever be bold and brave like other dogs?
15062	Alfie wins a prize Hughes, Shirley	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2004	9780370328249	3-4	With all the nostalgia of a country fair, Alfie comes up with a winning painting and helps the losers to cope with their disappointment.
71921	Alfie's search for destiny Hardy, David	Magabala Books	2013	9781922142115	3-4	Confused about his destiny, Alfie sets off across the country to ask the animals for their advice, before returning home to discover the answer.
20616	Alfred's war Bin Salleh, Rachel & Fry, Samantha (ill)	Magabala Books	2018	9781925360608	5-6	Alfred was just a young man when he was injured and shipped home from France. Neither honoured as a returned soldier or offered government support afforded to non-Indigenous servicemen, Alfred took up a solitary life walking the back roads - billy tied to his swag, finding work where he could.
995977	Alias Anna Hood, Susan & Dawson, Greg	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780063083905	5-6	The inspiring true story of two jewish girls Zhanna and Frina who are from Ukraine during World War 2. A story about courage, talent and persistence to escape war and the power of music to help overcome the challenges through difficult times.
7510	Alice & Anatole Childs, Sam	Simon & Schuster	2007	9781416904847	K-2	Shy, lonely Alice meets a real friend, an anteater named Anatole. After some trials and tribulations, the friendship grows and endures.

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846231	Alice in wonderland graphic novel Punter, Russell & Bursi, Simona	MacMillan	2020	9781474952446	5-6	When Alice follows a white rabbit into his burrow, she enters a fantastic world of weird and wonderful characters. Lewis Carroll's classic fantasy story is faithfully retold in this gorgeously illustrated comic book adaptation.
1329959	Alice with a why: Return to Wonderland James, Anna & Land, Matthew (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9780008611507	5-6	England, 1919. Alyce, with a Y, lives with her grandmother, the original Alice, having lost her father during the Great War. When a mysterious invitation to a tea party hits her square in the face, Alyce realises her grandmothers strange stories of a place called Wonderland might have some truth to them after all. But the land Alyce finds herself in feels different from the Wonderland of her grandmothers stories, for it is trapped in its own war. The Sun King and the Queen of the Moon are fighting over a stolen hour, and soon Alyce is tasked with setting it right. With the help of the Hatter, the Cheshire Cat and a Sailor Fox, Alyce will have to solve Wonderlands problems and, eventually, find her way back home.
4	Alice's adventures in Wonderland Carroll, Lewis	Penguin	2003	9781904351832	5-6	On an ordinary summer's afternoon, Alice tumbles down a hole and an extraordinary adventure begins. In a strange, fantasy world, with even stranger characters, Alice finds herself growing more and more curious by the minute.
9727	Alice's food A-Z Zaslavsky, Alice	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9781922179388	5-6	Dip in and taste, in this edible adventure. Packed to the brim with funny food facts and clever cooking tips, as well as kid-friendly recipes, this book is ideal for the fact-hungry, the food-obsessed or those who just like to mess about in the kitchen.
587129	Alice's magic garden Herz, Henry & Hoopes, Natalie (ill)	Familius	2018	9781641700320	K-2	From the relentless clocks to the beastly students, Alice's world is void of colour and cheer--until she finds a secret garden and begins tending its wilting inhabitants. When Alice's love touches an ordinary caterpillar, a lorry bird, and a white rabbit, magical things will happen--and that, as you know, is just the beginning of the story. Filled with literary allusions and clever nods to its classic roots, Alice's Magic Garden is a delightful prequel that begs an escape to the whimsy of Wonderland.

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995863	Alice's Shoe Thorndyke, Julie & Harrison, Jennifer (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2023	9781922858139	3-4	A country child, Alice ran barefoot. On smooth waxed floorboards, over dusty clay in the yard, through icy water in the creek... she refused to wear shoes. After losing her sight and hearing through illness, Alice slowly made her way back to life and became the first deafblind person in Australia to be educated. Her hated shoe was Alice's first connection with the world of language as she learnt to sign.
	Alice-Miranda 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.
24903	Alien Zoo...and you! The Beck, Adrian & McKenzie, Heath	Affirm Press	2018	9781925475630	3-4	Twins Ben and Jen inherit a secret alien zoo from their late grandfather. But, on their first day as alien zoo keepers they discover the zoo is in need of repairs, creatures are out of their cages, there's a VIP group on their way for a visit and the supercomputer is mucking up.
1669	Aliens are coming, The McNaughton, Colin	Walker Books	2008	9781406306453	3-4	They come from planets near and far, some big, some small, some quite bizarre. Moving at the speed of light and looking for a fight, the aliens are coming to Earth to conquer the human race.
5	Aliens in the family Mahy, Margaret	Scholastic US	1994	9780590448987	7-9	Jake helps her new step-sister and step-brother to protect an alien from another dimension.
7573	Aliens, ghosts and vanishings: strange and possibly true Australian stories Tarakson, Stella & Morden, Richard (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925324969	7-9	Have you heard these most bizarre tales from around Australia? Did a UFO drag a family's car off the road in the middle of the outback? How did rocks rain from the sky in WA? And what became of the prime minister who went into the surf and was never seen again? Explore the strangest tales, most incredible encounters and creepiest urban legends in Australia's history. Read about the investigations and weigh up the facts, do you believe the official explanations for these weird and wonderful events?

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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.
7028	Alive in the death zone Hall, Lincoln	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9781741663372	5-6	Mountaineer Lincoln Hall's miraculous story of climbing the world's highest mountain, being left for dead near the summit and then returning to life and safety. The world, including his family, had been told he was dead. Frostbite claimed Lincoln's fingers and toes and he lost nearly twenty kilograms. A story of courage and sheer determination.
9515	All aboard the toy train Bradman, Tony (comp) & Cunliffe, Ian (ill)	Hodder & Stoughton	2001	9780750233170	3-4	Poetry, playfully illustrated by Ian Cunliffe, that explores the joys and disappointments of toys - what children want as gifts, what they receive, what they grow tired of and what they break.
1426218	All aboard! Discovering Sydney's Central Station French, Jackie & Heiduczek, Martina (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2025	9781923145382	5-6	ALL ABOARD! Journey through time and discover when Sydney Central station was first created right up until the opening of the modern Sydney Metro. From buildings to passengers, steam to electric, World War Two, overland to underground, this book will bring history and the station to life.
1424074	All about animals Collins	Collins	2025	9780008737535	3-4	All About Animals is great for inquisitive kids who love learning about wildlife. Find out about different types of animals - mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, and reptiles, their behaviour, diets, and habitats, how ecosystems work, endangered species and wildlife conservation and lots more.
6	All about Anna and Harriet and Christopher and me Hathorn, Libby	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1999	9780733611483	5-6	Disasters seem to happen when Anna goes to visit her cousins every Saturday.
	All about Australia series Various				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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846169	All about dragons Quinn, Izzy & Kister, Kristina (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2021	9781760509576	3-4	Dig deep into the world of dragons and discover all there is to know about these formidable fire-breathing beasts. Why are dragons so hard to find? What do they eat? When do they sleep? How far can they fly? And is it safe to get close to them? In this follow-up to the bestselling All About Mermaids and All About Fairies, you'll learn everything you ever wanted to know about these captivating creatures.
785428	All about fairies Quinn, Izzy & Magisson, Helene (ill)	Little Hare Books	2020	9781760506971	3-4	Flit through the fascinating world of fairies and discover everything there is to know about these fabulous creatures.
15514	All about Jada Mundine, Anthony & Luxton, Peter & Mundine, Danielle (ill)	Indij Readers	2004	9780975686003	5-6	This is a photo diary of the life of young Jada, daughter of boxer Anthony Mundine, the author of this book. Jada's special connection to her famous father inspired a tattoo.
5631	All about Korea: Stories, songs, crafts and games for kids Bowler, Ann Martin & Barg, Soosoonam (ill)	Tuttle Publishing	2011	9780804849388	3-4	All About Korea is a great book for teaching children the finer aspects of Korean culture, their way of life and etiquette. This book includes favourite games, special holiday times and after school activities that are unique to Korea.
660117	All about mermaids Quinn, Izzy & Stankovic, Vlad (ill)	Little Hare Books	2019	9781760504151	3-4	Dive into the world of mermaids and discover everything there is to know about the ocean's most mysterious creatures. From where they are found to how they sleep, from what they eat to how they raise their young, All About Mermaids is overflowing with fascinating facts that are sure to enchant and enlighten readers.
1424077	All about space Collins	Collins	2025	9780008737559	3-4	All About Space is good for inquisitive kids who love learning about the universe. Find out about planets in the solar system, stars and constellations, asteroids, comets, and meteors, spacecraft and space exploration.
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.

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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.
7016	All cats have asperger syndrome Hoopmann, Kathy	Jessica Kingsley Publishers	2006	9781843104810	5-6	The similarities between cat behaviour and human personality are explored. Using photographs, a sensitive comparison is drawn between the humorous behaviour of cats and the behaviour of children which may be indicative of Asperger's syndrome.
7	All creatures great and small Herriot, James	St Martin's	1998	9780330250498	7-9	The life of an English country vet is revealed in the funny and sad situations that James Herriot finds on his rounds.
15292	All dressed up Campbell, Margaret & Pignataro, Anna (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734407825	3-4	Gilly does not want to wear a frilly pink dress and be the flower girl at her cousin's wedding. Things just go from bad to worse, but, when your heart's in the right place and you give things your best shot, you can be a star in the most surprising ways.
113863	All fall down Geason, Susan	Little Hare Books	2005	9781877003868	7-9	Christobel, fourteen and heiress to a fortune, is bored and lonely until she decides to dress as a boy and rescue her servant's son who has been kidnapped. It becomes a dangerous game set in the crime and disease-ridden slums of The Rocks.
871762	All four quarters of the moon Marr, Shirley	Penguin	2022	9781760899554	5-6	Peijing and Biju find themselves in a new and very different country with their mum, dad and grandmother. While all family members must come to terms with the new and strange place, the girls find friends and a community at school, something the adults do not have to help them adjust. The family are faced with many kinds of change and each member will respond in their own way to these changes.
5343	All I ever wanted Wakefield, Vikki	Text Publishing Co	2011	9781921758300	9plus	RULE NUMBER ONE: I will not turn out like my mother. Mim wants to be anywhere but home -- in a dead suburb and with a mother who won't get off the couch. She's set herself rules to live by, but she's starting to break them. In nine days she'll turn seventeen. What she doesn't know is that her life is about to change forever. And when it does, the same things will look entirely different. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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24809	All I want for Christmas is rain Brooke, Cori & Forward, Megan (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2016	9781925059717	K-2	Christmas celebrations are threatened as drought takes hold. A little girl has only one Christmas wish.
903349	All in a day Takeuchi, Chihiro	Berbay Publishing	2022	9781922610539	K-2	Learning to read time has never been so much fun! Follow the comings and goings of everyone who lives and works in the same building and enjoy the interactive search-and-find as we see what they are up to throughout different times of the day.
8	All in the blue unclouded weather Klein, Robin	Penguin	1992	9780140349825	9plus	A collection of interlinked stories set in the late 1940s in an Australian country town which focus on the four young Melling sisters. Each story links the girls and their friends together in a variety of domestic events and problems. The stories present a nostalgic feel for the post-war years. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
21221	All new must have orange 430, The Speechley, Michael	Penguin	2018	9780143788973	3-4	Harvey owned a heap of stuff, but could always use more. The Orange 430 was the latest and the greatest. Harvey wasn't sure what it did, but he had to have it!
660591	All of the factors of why I love tractors Bell, Davina & Lovlie, Jenny (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2019	9781760501457	K-2	Frankie McGee is visiting the library and that means more books about tractors. Mum does not think she can read any more books about tractors. She tries her best to convince Frankie that there are plenty of other things to read about, however Frankie has a much longer list covering all the ways he loves tractors.
660390	All of us: A history of Southeast Asia French, Jackie & Hooker, Virginia & WIlson, Mark (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2019	9781460750025	5-6	Read a story that began 200,000,000 years ago of fascinating lands, including our very own Australia, that are linked together by seas and monsoon winds. Journey along with two children across eons of time and the changing lands of Southeast Asia. Discover with them a world filled with traders, adventurers, conquerors and ordinary people struggling for independence. This is a story of the hopes and challenges of a history that includes us all!
774242	All our hidden gifts ODonoghue, Caroline	Walker Books	2021	9781406393095	7-9	Maeve Chambers does not have any special gifts. That is, until she finds a dusty old pack of tarot cards. She finds herself able to give readings with uncanny accuracy. When she reads for an ex-friend, a strange card appears and begins a series of events that ensure Maeve faces her inner demons and a power much older and more powerful than even the cards have proven to be.

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22436	All set for the big wet Foot, Mandy	Hachette Children's Books	2011	9780734411969	3-4	The ants come scurrying one by one. Quickly, they're followed by swooping barn owls, trundling wombats, jumping kangaroos, striding brolgas and other favourite Australian animals, all in their race to get to the ark before the flood.
	All stars netball 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.
587849	All that impossible space Morgan, Anna	Lothian Books	2019	9780734419637	9plus	Lara Laylor is 15 and is struggling to find her sense of self. She's always been seen as Ashley's best friend or Hannah's sister. When hher History teacher Mr Grant gives her the assignment of researching the mystery of Adelaide's Somerton Man, she is instantly transported into another world. Lara becomes a detective as she tries to find out who this mysterious man was and why he died, anonymously, on a beach. As Lara researches, she is able to ignore some of the toxic friendships and crushes happening around her. However, she needs to grow up eventually and solve her own mysteries too. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
846269	All that's left in the world Brown, Erik J	Hachette Australia	2022	9781444960167	9plus	James is living his post-apocalyptic life in a well stocked cabin in the woods. He is more prepared than most, but, like many, has not come to terms with the loss of loved ones. Andrew shows up badly injured at his door after getting caught in a bear trap, and James feels obliged to help him. Their two stories become entwined as they must leave the comfortable cabin to go on a dangerous journey south, encountering pockets of people rebuilding society in ways which sometimes proves deadly. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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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... LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Katrina Nannestad read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#all-the-beautiful-things-katrina-nannestad
895457	All the best liars Kahaney, Amelia	Flatiron Books	2022	9781250312723	9plus	A psychological thriller. Three best friends grew up on the wrong side of the tracks in the stifling California desert desperately seeking a way out. Two weeks before the end of school a fatal fire means nothing will ever be the same. They all will end up escaping. One by dying one by lying and the third by taking the fall. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
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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13887	All the light we cannot see Doerr, Anthony	HarperCollins Australia	2015	9780007548699	9plus	For Marie-Laure, blind since the age of six, the world is full of mazes. The miniature of a Paris neighbourhood, made by her father to teach her the way home. The microscopic layers within the invaluable diamond that her father guards in the Museum of Natural History. The walled city by the sea, where father and daughter take refuge when the Nazis invade Paris. And a future which draws her ever closer to Werner, a German orphan, destined to labour in the mines until a broken radio fills his life with possibility and brings him to the notice of the Hitler Youth. In this magnificent, deeply moving novel, the stories of Marie-Laure and Werner illuminate the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
9321	All the questions you ever wanted to ask Adam Goodes Williams, Jane & others	Indij Readers	2003	9780975064061	5-6	Three children interview great Aussie Rules footballer and role model for indigenous kids, Adam Goodes, who plays for the Sydney Swans.
660721	All the stars and teeth Grace, Adalyn	St Martin's	2020	9781250307781	9plus	In the Kingdom of Visidia, each island has its own unique form of magic. As princess of Visidia, Amora Montara has spent her whole life learning to control the ruling family's dangerous soul magic. Amora is determined to rule fairly and justly, and grows frustrated as her father, the King of Visidia, continues to exclude her from the politics of her future kingdom. She has also spent her entire life preparing for the performance of soul magic that will prove her suitability to rule. But on the night of her performance, Amora loses control of her soul magic and is forced to flee. She strikes a deal with a mysterious pirate, who promises to help her in exchange for Amora's assistance reclaiming his stolen magic. As Amora travels the seas, she learns things in her kingdom are not quite what they seem to be, and it's not just her crown that is in danger, but her entire kingdom. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
20811	All the way to WA: Our search for Uncle Kev Harvey, Roland	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781741758856	3-4	Uncle Kev is lost. He's looking for the rare Bearded Night Parrot and we're trying to find him. Join us on a trip across the Nullabor and all over Western Australia.
590943	All the ways to be smart Bell, Davina & Colpoys, Allison (ill)	Scribe Publications	2018	9781925713435	K-2	Smart is not just ticks and crosses, smart is building boats from boxes, painting patterns, wheeling wagons, being mermaids, riding dragons. And nobody will ever do the very same smart things as you.

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877883	All the words I need to know Godwin, Jane & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	Penguin	2022	9781760897277	K-2	This book promises all the words you need to know, but it shows you that that language building is a life long and fun challenge. Explore the exciting and playful illustrations and enjoy reading some of the first words you already know or learn along the way.
1046752	All this twisted glory Mafi, Tahereh	Electric Monkey (London)	2024	9780008625757	9plus	As the long-lost heir to the Jinn throne, Alizeh has finally found her people -- and perhaps her crown. Cyrus, the mercurial ruler of Tulan, has offered her his kingdom in a twisted exchange: one that would begin with their marriage and end with his murder. Cyrus's dark reputation precedes him. killing him should be easy. But despite their best efforts to despise each other, Alizeh and Cyrus are drawn together over and over with an all-consuming thirst that threatens to destroy them both. And then Prince Kamran arrives in Tulan, ready to exact revenge Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
54640	All through the year Godwin, Jane & Walker, Anna (ill)	Viking Children's	2010	9780670073993	K-2	Month by month, we are taken on a journey through the Australian seasons as well as this girl's loves and family traditions. It's everything that's fun about being a child, all year round.
4203	All too much Cotterill, Jo	Bloomsbury	2017	9781472934079	9plus	Samira wants to do well, her parents want her to do well, her teachers want her to do well, but the pressure is starting to tell. Can her friends rescue her when it all gets too much? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
9	All we know French, Simon	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	1987	9780207153594	7-9	All Arkie knows is that things are changing, the vacant block of land is being built on and everyone is talking about going to high school.

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1424093	All your wishes Sieveking, Laura	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761646867	7-9	Fall in love with Two Hearts-romantic fiction for young hearts. Piper is the daughter of two famous Hollywood actors and is sick of being followed by the paparazzi everywhere they go. So when she gets the opportunity to spend six months attending a regular high school, something she's never done before, she grabs it with both hands. Piper moves in with her childhood friends, twins Chloe and Cooper, and they all agree to keep Piper's true identity a secret. Piper finds herself in a confusing new world. The cutest boy at school, Cruz, takes an interest in her, and the coolest girl suddenly wants to become friends. But why? Despite Chloe and Cooper's warnings, Piper is drawn to Cruz and his friends, who she's adamant are not as shallow as they may appear.
618089	All's faire in middle school Jamieson, Victoria	Penguin USA	2017	9780525429999	5-6	Eleven-year-old Imogene (Impy) has grown up with two parents working at the Renaissance Faire, and she's eager to begin her own training as a squire. First, though, she'll need to prove her bravery. Luckily Impy has just the quest in mind- she'll go to public school after a life of being homeschooled! But it's not easy to act like a noble knight-in-training in middle school. Impy falls in with a group of girls who seem really nice (until they don't) and starts to be embarrassed of her thrift shop apparel, her family's unusual lifestyle, and their small, messy apartment. Impy has always thought of herself as a heroic knight, but when she does something really mean in order to fit in, she begins to wonder whether she might be more of a dragon after all.
125602	Allegro: a magical journey through 11 musical masterpieces Miles, David & Barghigiani, Anita (ill)	Familius	2018	9781641700382	K-2	Classical music comes to life like never before in this magical journey through 11 timeless compositions. Meet Allegro, an ordinary boy who can't stand practicing the piano. Those black dots on the page drive him crazy - until the music itself whisks him away on a breathtaking journey.

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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.
924190	Allergic Lloyd, Megan Wagner & Nutter, Michelle Mee (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781761128523	5-6	At home Maggie is the odd one out. Her parents are preoccupied with the new baby they're expecting and her younger brothers are twins and always in their own world. Maggie thinks a new puppy is the answer but when she goes to select one on her birthday she breaks out in hives and rashes. She's severely allergic to anything with fur! Can Maggie outsmart her allergies and find the perfect pet?
660324	Allergic alpaca Thomas, Kiah & Brecon, Connah (ill)	Little Hare Books	2019	9781760503437	K-2	The start of the alphabet is a wonderful place to live... unless you're allergic to apples. After an accidental tumble through the alphabet, Alpaca must find her way back home to her friends, Ape, Alligator, Albatross, Anteater and Aardvark. But the longer Alpaca is away from home, the better she feels her spots disappear, her nose stops running and she has a clear head for the first time ever. Perhaps the start of the alphabet, with all its apples, isn't the best place for an alpaca after all.
67084	Allie Finkle's rules for girls: moving day Cabot, Meg	MacMillan	2008	9780330453752	3-4	Allie Finkle doesn't want to leave her pretty, pink bedroom in her lovely modern home and all her school friends to go and live a long way away in a creepy old house with a zombie in the attic. Fortunately, the rules she makes to live by, as well as being practical and very funny, also help her to make the best of things.

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5699	Alma and how she got her name Martinez-Neal, Juana	Candlewick Press	2018	9780763693558	K-2	What is in a name? For one little girl, her very long name tells the vibrant story of where she came from and who she may one day be. If you ask her, Alma Sofia Esperanza Jose Pura Candela has way too many names. How did such a small person wind up with such a large name? Alma turns to Daddy for an answer and learns of Sofia, the grandmother who loved books and flowers. Esperanza, the great grandmother who longed to travel. Jose, the grandfather who was an artist and other namesakes, too. As she hears the story of her name, Alma starts to think it might be a perfect fit after all and realises that she will one day have her own story to tell.
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!
903256	Along came Henry Larson, Bev & Gundrum, MaryBeth & Lodge, Annette (ill)	InHouse Publishing	2013	9780992333607	K-2	The story of how Bev regained the song in her heart when she met her guide dog Henry.
2281	Along the road to Gundagai O'Hagan, Jack & McLean, Andrew (ill)	Omnibus Books	2014	9781862919792	5-6	The words of this familiar song Australian song have inspired the illustrations to tell the story of young soldiers away fighting in World War I.
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!
43540	Alpha monsters Kennett, Chris	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781741697612	K-2	Journey through an amazing world of alphabet monsters to help A find his lost teddy.
15293	Alpha quest Parish, Steve	Steve Parish Publishing Pty Ltd	2003	9781740214216	K-2	An alphabet book about animals, to be shared. Beautifully illustrated with photographic collages.
35489	Alpha quest Whatley, Bruce & Smith, Rosie (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2007	9781741690590	3-4	Join the Alpha quest, a journey in search of treasure. Everyone is desperate to find the riches - Eagle and Emu, the Goldfish in Gliders, the Knight, the Pirate Pig, even the Violent Viking. But, only you can find the hidden pieces of the key to unlock the treasure.

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7447	Alphabet Town Evans, Bryan & Moon, Kimberly	New Frontier Publishing	2012	9781921928277	K-2	Poor Zero. Nobody took any notice of her because she didn't amount to anything. Then she net Spot the Dot. Together they discover Alphabet Town and learned that curiosity and imagination could change everything for the better.
18331	Alphabet wings Kresner, Ilana M	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734407603	K-2	A trip around the world finds an interesting landmark representing every letter of the alphabet.
13118	Alphabetical Sydney Bell, Hilary & Presenti, Antonia (ill)	NewSouth Publishing	2013	9781742233703	K-2	This is Sydney, the brightest and best of it, from the north to the south to the east and the west of it. Bats and cicadas, lawn bowls and the zoo. Let us share it with you.
114106	Always Pignataro, Anna	Scholastic Australia	2006	9781865044200	K-2	Oli's mamma explains how much she loves him in a way that he will understand. Her love is as magic as a starry night and more.
660782	Always and forever, Lara Jean Han, Jenny	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781481430487	7-9	Lara Jean is having the best senior year. And there's still so much to look forward to: a class trip to New York City, prom with her boyfriend Peter, Beach Week after graduation, and her dad's wedding to Ms. Rothschild. Then she'll be off to college with Peter, at a school close enough for her to come home and bake chocolate chip cookies on the weekends. Life couldn't be more perfect! At least, that's what Lara Jean thinks... until she gets some unexpected news. Now the girl who dreads change must rethink all her plans -- but when your heart and your head are saying two different things, which one should you listen to?
1495521	Always Angel Whittam, Kimberly	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2026	9781803708072	7-9	Angel finds school hard. She talks back to teachers, she storms out of lessons, and she's had more detentions than any other Year 8 student...ever. But really, Angel wants to be good. She wants to fit in, she wants to make friends, and she even wants to win the school baking contest. But it's hard to be good when everyone expects the worst. And with her mum not well enough to look after her, and Angel making more and more bad choices, she's starting to run out of chances...
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.

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567922	Amal unbound Saeed, Aisha	Text Publishing Co	2018	9781925773026	5-6	Twelve-year-old Amal loves learning and dreams of becoming a teacher. Then something unimaginable happens. After an accidental run-in with the son of her village's corrupt landlord, she is forced to work as his family's servant to pay off her own family's debt. At the opulent and corrupt Khan estate, Amal realises she will have to find a way to work with others in order to bring about change, and to achieve her dreams.
1019875	Amanda Commander: The blues day Tuesday Vass, Coral & Cooper Smith, Heidi (ill)	Wombat Books	2024	9781761111266	3-4	When Amanda returns to school after having a sick day, she finds fitting back into the friendship group tricker than she imagined. Amanda makes a plan, with the help of the Dolphin Squad, to go out of their way and include anyone. But when Eve is sick and has a few days off school, how will Amanda ensure Eve doesn't have a blues-day back at school just like she did?
1425864	Amanda Commander: The great orange bake-off Vass, Coral & Cooper Smith, Heidi (ill)	Wombat Books	2026	9781761112195	3-4	As Amanda and her friends prepare for the school bake-off, their plans are derailed when Amanda is separated and paired up with Eve instead. So, the Dolphin Squad concoct a plan to get back on the same team, but is working with Eve really so bad?
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?
880712	Amanda Commander: The pinky promise Vass, Coral & Cooper Smith, Heidi (ill)	Wombat Books	2022	9781761110788	3-4	When every girl in Year Three gets an invitation to Eve's birthday party except Amanda, Amanda makes a plan, with the help of the Dolphin Squad, to win herself an invitation before the week is through. It's operation invitation! Amanda tries everything to make Eve like her and get an invitation to the party, until she finally learns it's more important to be kind, not for what you can get but because of who you are.

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903303	Amanda Commander: The purple invitation Vass, Coral & Cooper Smith, Heidi (ill)	Wombat Books	2022	9781761110771	3-4	When every girl in Year Three gets an invitation to Eve's birthday party except Amanda, Amanda makes a plan, with the help of the Dolphin Squad, to win herself an invitation before the week is through. It's OPERATION INVITATION! Amanda tries everything to make Eve like her and get an invitation to the party, until she finally learns it's more important to be kind, not for what you can get but because of who you are.
903305	Amanda Commander: The yellow dress Vass, Coral & Cooper Smith, Heidi (ill)	Wombat Books	2022	9781761110795	3-4	When the Dolphin Squad finds out Eve has the exact same yellow dress as Amanda and is planning to wear it to the School Disco, Amanda and her friends need to find a way to change Eve's mind.
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.
42	Amazing and bizarre - ten wonderfully weird stories Matthews, Penny (comp)	Yearling	1992	9780440407058	7-9	A collection of ten, strange stories, including one about a person who swam so much, he grew fins.
903289	Amazing animal journeys Cossins, Jennifer	Lothian Books	2022	9780734421432	5-6	Come along on these amazing animal journeys. Did you know Arctic terns fly from the Arctic to the Antarctic and back every year? Or that the wildebeest migration in East Africa is so vast it can be seen from outer space?

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4911	Amazing animals of Australia's national parks Newton, Gina. M.	National Library of Australia	2017	9780642278883	5-6	The animals of Australia are amazing. Find out what some of them look like and where you might see them. Whether you're on a trip to a national park or relaxing in a comfortable spot, you'll love dipping into this book. It includes 55 national parks and reserves and is full of up-to-date fascinating facts for more than 120 animal species, large and small.
15131	Amazing Australian mammals Silkstone, Barry	Heinemann	2004	9781740701358	3-4	One of the Amazing Australian series. An information book with interesting, simply presented facts and detailed photos of various Australian mammals. Maps, fact files and a glossary of words enhance the text.
782043	Amazing Australian road trip, An Hosking, Jackie & Vamos, Lesley (ill)	Walker Books	2021	9781760650766	3-4	Come on an amazing Aussie road trip with our family as we go on a quest to find a scenic spot to have a picnic and wish aunty a happy 60th birthday. We will discover many amazing sites as we travel around Australia. Will Aunty choose your favourite spot and have the best birthday ever?
570736	Amazing Australian women Freeman, Pamela & Beer, Sophie (ill)	Lothian Books	2018	9780734418456	3-4	In this book you'll meet twelve amazing Australian women who have changed the world, in small ways and large. Some of them are world famous, like Annette Kellerman and Nellie Melba. Some of them are famous in Australia, like Mary Reibey and Edith Cowan. And all of them deserve to be famous, and admired. They represent the warriors, artists, business owners, scientists, singers, politicians, actors, athletes, adventurers, activists and innovators of Australia.
4269	Amazing Australians in their flying machines Mason, Prue & Mason, Kerry & Jellet, Tom (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781922244635	3-4	Amazing Australians in Their Flying Machines tells the stories of ten brave Australians who changed the face of aviation forever. These include Charles Kingsford Smith, John Flynn and Nancy Bird- the youngest licensed woman pilot. Up until these pioneers changed aviation in Australia, it could take days, weeks, or months, for everyday Australians to get to their destination in the early 20th Century.
82967	Amazing bike ride, The Nicholson, Lori & Emerson, David	Wombat Books	2010	9781921633126	5-6	This is the real life account of the seemingly impossible ride from Tamworth to Port Macquarie which Lorin undertook as a sixteen year old school student. With his father as backup, Lorin rode his trusty, old mountain bike 275km across the Great Dividing Range in just three days and with less than ten per cent vision.

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804789	Amazing case of Dr Ward, The Kerin, Jackie & Suwannakit, Tull (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2021	9781925804706	3-4	When you peel a banana, or bite into a pear, when you smell a rose, pop a fuchsia bud or scrape your knee climbing an old pine tree, do you ever wonder how those plants came to this country? Read the amazing case of Dr Ward to be awed by the science and troubles of the past.
995888	Amazing Dad Brown, Alison	Farshore	2023	9780008555474	K-2	A cute and fun story about dads. Told from the child's perspective about their dad, this book uses each page to show a different type of dad. The book culminates in: no matter what kind of dad you have, there's always a perfect dad - which one is it? Can you guess who it is?
700418	Amazing discoveries of 100 brilliant scientists, The Wheatley, Abigail & Dupond, Leonard (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2020	9781474950800	3-4	From atoms to Xrays and from the Big Bang to the Internet, brilliant breakthroughs by successful scientists have changed the world again and again. Dip inside this intriguing book to read the stories of 100 scientists and their amazing discoveries!
825483	Amazing Edie Eckhart, The Jones, Rosie & Smillie, Natalie (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2022	9781444958348	7-9	Edie is a little bit different. She has a disability called cerebral palsy, so she talks slowly and falls over a lot. Edie is Excited with a capital E to star secondary school with best friend Oscar who is the fish to her chips or the banana to her custard. So, when they are put in different classes and Oscar makes new friends, Edie is devastated. But her shaky world is about to change. Edie gets an unusual part in the school play which sets off a series of events that change her life forever. Following her dreams to become an actress will result in a year that is Amazing with a capital A.
	Amazing facts series Parish, Steve & Cox, Karin				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.
21519	Amazing Fleadini, The Miesen, Christina	Puffin Australia	2011	9780143305866	3-4	The Flea Circus is the best show that Matt has ever seen. He is really excited when the circus superstar, the Amazing Fleadini, wants to stay at his place. But, his guest isn't quite the fun that Matt expects him to be.

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705699	Amazing islands Weiss, Sabrina & Hyndman, Kerry (ill)	What on Earth Books	2020	9781912920150	5-6	Discover 100 of the planet's most magical islands - their wildlife, trees, diversity, people, treasures, and more - in this beautifully illustrated book. From islands that have been taken over by animals to disappearing islands, islands made of shells, artificial islands, and even islands that were once prison colonies, Amazing Islands is a whirlwind tour of some of the smallest landmasses in the world and celebrates island life in all its extraordinary diversity.
114273	Amazing Maurice and his educated rodents, The Pratchett, Terry	Corgi Books	2004	9780552552028	7-9	Maurice the cat and his friends, a motley group of rats, have gained super intelligence overnight and quickly start scamming human villages with a Pied Piper of Hamelin ruse.
855857	Amazing meals of Martha Maloney, The Wild, Margaret & Wild, Dan & Rawlins, Donna (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2021	9781921529238	3-4	Martha Maloney loves food, especially interesting food. Come with Martha as she wanders through the museum on a school excursion and dines with many different historical characters - King Henry VIII, Marie Antoinette, Empereor Claudias, the last Chinese Emperor...
78434	Amazing mind of Alice Makin, The Shea, Alan	Chicken House	2008	9781904442325	7-9	Twelve year old Alice Makin is living in a tiny flat in post-war London where many people's homes have been destroyed. Reggie and the man he calls his grandfather come to live upstairs. Alice and Reggie become friends and realise that they share a special talent for making things that they think happen. This is not their only connection and as the story unfolds Alice learns about who she really is.
4796	Amazing monster detectoscope, The Base, Graeme	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9780670079308	K-2	When our young canine hero buys his very own Amazing Monster Detectoscope he discovers his house is infested with more monsters than he bargained for - until he finds the courage to confront them.
923440	Amazing mum Brown, Alison	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780008555467	K-2	Amazing mums are all around. Some mums juggle, some mums snuggle. Some mums fuss and some drive a bus! But there's just one mum who gives the best hugs. Can you guess who it is?
1767	Amazing Spencer Gray, The Fitzpatrick, Deb	Fremantle Press	2013	9781922089328	5-6	Spencer Gray is twelve - finally old enough to join Dad in his glider. His mates are going to be so jealous. Going up is awesome, but when disaster strikes, Spencer will need to be nothing short of amazing.
15670	Amazing story of Adolphus Tips, The Morpurgo, Michael & Foreman, Michael (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2005	9780439796613	5-6	Set in wartime Devon, this is the diary of plucky young Lily Tregenza whose town is invaded by escaping evacuees and American soldiers. When Lily enlists the help of two young, black American soldiers to find her missing cat, there are surprising results.

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9508	Ambulance officer Warbrick, Sarah	Harcourt Education Australia	1999	9781863916424	3-4	An exploration of the role of ambulance officers in our community. Bright, photographic illustrations and simple clear text show the ambulance officer performing a range of typical work tasks.
4481	Ambulance, ambulance Sutton, Sally & Lovelock, Brian (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781925126303	K-2	Bleep, bleep. Emergency! News just through: crash, crash, there's been a crash. Let's go, crew!
1439368	Amelia Cheeseheart investigates: Mummy mayhem! Weldon, Cat & Lonergan, Nene (ill)	Oxford University Press	2025	9781916558359	K-2	Every evening after the museum closes, Amelia Cheeseheart and her best friend Webster go exploring. But what's this? Special objects are being stolen from the museum's Ancient Egyptian Room! Cleo the Cat Mummy is up to something... It's time for Amelia Cheeseheart to investigate!
4214	Amelia Dee and the peacock lamp Hirsch, Odo	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2007	9781741753011	5-6	The large old house where Amelia, a young and talented writer lives, holds a secret that is linked to the origins of a rare brass lamp, decorated with animals and peacocks.
12040	Amelia Ellicott's garden Stafford, Liliana & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Margaret Hamilton	2000	9781876289331	K-2	Amelia Ellicott lives with her cat, Mustafah, in a fine, old house next to a block of flats. She is proud of her garden and her chickens. She has no one to share them with until one day a storm destroys it all and she finds the meaning of friendship.
6512	Amelia Westlake Gough, Erin	Hardie Grant Egmont	2018	9781760127152	9plus	Harriet and Wilhelmina couldn't be more dissimilar. Harriet has the perfect life - she's dating the perfect girl, has been elected prefect, is the apple of her teachers' eye, and is an overachiever. Will, on the other hand, has gained the ire of her teachers and lands more detentions than she does accolades. But when both girls witness a teacher harass a fellow student, the two form an unlikely partnership to shed light on the many problems of the exclusive Rosemead Grammar. To protect their identities, they create Amelia Westlake, and as they work together they begin to question their distance from each other...Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
22778	American born Chinese Yang, Gene Luen	First Second	2006	9781596431522	9plus	When Jin Wang starts at a new school, he's the only Chinese-American student. He just wants to be an all-American boy. Danny is popular and great at basketball but his obnoxious Chinese cousin's annual visits are a disaster, ruining his reputation at school. The Monkey King is the most powerful monkey on earth and his story is one of the greatest Chinese fables.These three apparently unrelated characters come together with an unexpected twist. Graphic novel. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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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?
7074	Amina's voice Khan, Hena	Simon & Schuster	2017	9781481492072	5-6	Amina and her best friend are starting year six and changes are happening around Amina which worry her. Her best friend now wants to change her Korean name to an English name and wants to hang out with one of the popular girls. Amina feels like she is losing her closest friend and wonders if she must also change to keep her friend. Events happening around her cause her to see both the challenges and rewards of being Pakistan American.
903341	Amira's magpie Gordon, Kate & Brennan, Krista (ill)	Wombat Books	2021	9781925563986	5-6	Amira has a magpie. He is the most beautiful, strangest of creatures. Amira imagines her magpie flying across the world, to visit the family she left behind when she escaped her homeland. And as she flies, she flies with him and she is free. Amira's Magpie is a story of friendship, family and escape; of bravery and resilience in the face of hardship. It is the story of hope we find in small happinesses, even when it seems like all hope is lost.
774439	Amira's Suitcase Conley, Vikki & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2021	9781922326133	K-2	Amira finds a friend, a sapling -- something to care for and watch grow. She looks after it by providing it water and sunlight. In caring for her new friend, she finds other friends along the way. Others that will help and share in her kindness, hope and friendship.
21242	Ammuchi Puchi, The Manivannan, Sharanya & Canzi, Nerina (ill)	Lantana Publishing	2016	9781911373025	3-4	Aditya and Anjali love listening to their grandmother's stories, especially the scary one about a ghost in the tree. The night their grandmother dies her stories lose their meaning until something happens that is more mysterious and magical than any story. Could their grandmother still be with them?
9267	Among ants, between bees McFarlane, Peter	Pan MacMillan	1998	9780732948412	7-9	An anthology covering a wide range of human experiences.
4601	Among believers: Pictorial journey, A Osborne, Christine	World religions photo library	2016	9780992324018	7-9	Among Believers explores the richness and diversity of the world's mainstream religions: Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism and Sikhism. More than 350 remarkable photographs document worship and the rites of passage rooted in a country's culture, religious festivals, feasts and fasts, meditation, education, sacred foods and places of pilgrimage.

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	Amulet 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.
616969	Amundsen's way: The race to the South Pole Grochowicz, Joanna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760637668	7-9	Bold, secretive and utterly uncompromising, renowned Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen will stop at nothing to execute his latest plan - to be the first to reach the southernmost point on the globe. Haunted by the prospect of his rival Captain Scott scooping the prize, Amundsen pushes himself and his men beyond the bounds of human experience and ever deeper into the Antarctic unknown. Can Amundsen count on the loyalty of his men to the very end? How will history view Roald Amundsen?
514	Amy and Louis Gleeson, Libby & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2006	9781865049359	K-2	Amy and Louis are best friends who call Cooee across the play area to each other. When Amy's family moves across the world, Louis wonders whether she will still hear his call.
11902	Amy and the Wilpena flood Bouma, Claudia	Wombat Books	2013	9781921632358	3-4	Amy and her friends take an exciting time travel adventure with the help of a rainbow necklace. After finding a map of South Australia with a mysterious location, the necklace takes them to Wilpena Pound in the early 1900s. Here they meet Jessie Hill, whose family is threatened by a disastrous flood. The girls learn about courage and the value of true friendship.
5126	Anastasia on her own Lowry, Lois	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1998	9780440402916	5-6	When Anastasia and her father are left on their own, they find out just how hard housekeeping really is.
8316	Ancestry: Stories of multicultural ANZACS Siers, Robyn & Walker, Carlie	Dept of Veterans' Affairs & Australian War Memorial	2015	9780992583927	7-9	Australians from a wide range of cultural backgrounds served together during the First World War. They wore the same uniform and experienced the same conditions and hardships. For many, wartime service gave them the equality that was not available in Australian society, either before or after the war. These stories about multicultural ANZACS draw on the Australian War Memorial's diverse collection, and include private records, photographs, works of art and relics.

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923446	Anchored Tidball, Debra & Li, Arielle (ill)	EK Books	2023	9781922539496	K-2	Ship heads out to sea leaving Tug behind in port. Despite being oceans apart, they remain connected by love. This warm hug of a story will offer comfort to anyone who's ever felt a little lonely or uncertain.
	Ancient and Medieval people series Park, Louise & Love, Timothy				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.
14223	Ancient Egypt: tales of gods and pharaohs Williams, Marcia	Walker Books	2011	9781406326680	5-6	Full of mystery and adventure, the stories of the Egyptian pharaohs and their ancient gods are steeped in thousands of years of history. includes nine stories of Ancient Egypt, retold in comic strip style.
36587	Ancient Greek adventure Royston, Angela	A & C Black	2010	9781408126950	3-4	Through the eyes of a young Egyptian slave, discover what life was like in Ancient Greece during the Great Dionysian Festival.
10	Ancient Rome: a guide to the glory of imperial Rome Stroud, Jonathan	Larouse Kingfisher Chambers	2000	9780753452356	5-6	An illustrated guide to the wonders of the civilisation of Ancient Rome.
57774	And Tango makes three Richardson, Justin & Parnell, Peter	Simon & Schuster	2005	9780689878459	3-4	At New York City's Central Park Zoo, two male penguins fall in love and start a family by taking turns to sit on an abandoned egg until it hatches.
3018	And the band played Waltzing Matilda Bogle, Eric & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781743317051	7-9	Eric Bogle's famous but depressing anti-war song about the Battle of Gallipoli was written in 1971, inspired by the Vietnam War and the lukewarm response of the Australian public to the returning soldiers. It explores the futility of war with haunting power. The accompanying illustrations are graphic and certainly do not glorify war. A timely story for every generation.
581488	And the ocean was our sky Ness, Patrick & Cai, Rovina (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781406383560	7-9	"Call me Bathsheba." The whales of Bathsheba's pod live for the hunt. Led by the formidable Captain Alexandra, they fight a never-ending war against men. Then the whales attack a man ship, and instead of easy prey they find the trail of a myth, a monster, perhaps the devil himself... With their relentless Captain leading the chase, they embark on the final hunt, one that will forever change the worlds of whales and men.

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14592	And then Alborozo	Child's Play International Ltd	2016	9781846436956	K-2	It's hard being an older sister when everybody is admiring your newly born, younger brother. It's particularly hard when it's happening on your birthday, especially when that younger brother is noisy, smelly and slimy, just like a tiny squid.
	Anders series Mackay, Gregory				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.
1019831	Andromache between worlds Bergmoser, Gabriel	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2024	9781460759103	5-6	Andromache Peters wants a normal life but this is almost impossible when your parents were famous adventurers who saved the world and nobody will let you forget it. Add to this the fact that her father has been missing for twelve of her fourteen years, her mother has retreated into her grief and Andromache has been expelled from yet another school. But when a mysterious stranger reveals to her that her father is not only still alive but trapped in a parallel world, Andromache is thrown into a daring journey across other universes to find and save the father she never knew. It's a journey so strange and dangerous that it will forever transform Andromache's life into anything but normal.
1346583	Andromache in the dark Bergmoser, Gabriel	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2025	9781460767160	5-6	Andromache Peters thought saving her dad from a parallel universe would be the end of her adventures but when arch villain Vincent Black escapes, she knows she must re-engage with the enemy. As her quest takes her to stange and dangerous new worlds filled with robot police, giant insects and suspicious soldiers, Andromache soon learns that the enemy is not always obnvious, and sometimes the deadliest threats come from the last place you'd expect.

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	Andy Roid series Arena, Felice				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.
14326	Andy Shane and the very bossy Dolores Starbuckle Richard Jacobson, Jennifer & Carter, Abby (ill)	Candlewick Press	2006	9780763630447	3-4	Andy Shane doesn't like school or Dolores Starbuckle in particular. She is the class know-it-all who bosses him around. Luckily Andy has a very wise and understanding grandmother who teaches Dolores a lesson.
27818	Andy Web: Artist Coote, Maree	Melbournestyle	2017	9780992491758	3-4	Andy Web studied Art at the National Gallery. It was his dream to exhibit there one day. How will he ever achieve his dream? Join Andy, the original artist-in-residence, as he gets up close and personal with the great masters to learn all he can about art.
795641	Anemone is not the enemy McGregor, Anna	Scribe Publications	2020	9781922310118	3-4	Anemone lives alone in the rock pool. The tide comes in and the tide goes out. All Anemone wants is a friend, but friends are hard to make when you accidentally sting everyone who comes near you. Perhaps Clownfish has a solution to the problem ...
70363	Angel creek Rippin, Sally	Text Publishing Co	2011	9781921758058	5-6	There are only two things that Jelly likes about the new house on Rosemary Street, the old apricot tree and the creek over the back fence. One night, Jelly and her cousins spot something in the creek's dark waters. At first, they think it's a bird but it's a baby angel with a broken wing. Jelly decides to keep it. But, she soon discovers that you can't just take something from where it belongs and expect that it won't be missed.
2855	Angel fish Wilkinson, Lili	Black Dog Books	2009	9781742030463	5-6	Historical novel based on the medieval Children's Crusades. Stefan, a charismatic, religious leader, has convinced Gabriel that only children will be able to liberate the Holy Land from the Infidel. Together, they raise an army and make the arduous journey over the Alps. The power of Stefan's promises dim as they suffer many misadventures.

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660122	Angel mage Nix, Garth	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760630904	9plus	The icon-maker and angel-summoner Liliath, long believed dead, has woken from her century long sleep to pick up the threads of a plan that has already destroyed one kingdom and may yet destroy another. To succeed, Liliath must bring together Agnez the musketeer, Simeon the doctor, Dorotea the mage, and Henri, one of the Cardinal's clerks...and take them into utmost danger. Set in an alternative seventeenth century where angels can be summoned to do the bidding of those with a talent for magic, Angel Mage is an action-packed story of angels, heroes, gunpowder and high magic. Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 and above.
53254	Angel of Kokoda Wilson, Mark	Hachette Children's Books	2010	9780734411280	7-9	Kari knows a lot about his jungle home but he doesn't know why there is fighting in the village of Kokoda. When Kari finds a wounded Australian soldier, he knows he cannot leave him. They must retreat along the Kokoda Track with the enemy following.
751164	Angel of Waterloo, The French, Jackie	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9781460757918	9plus	The soldiers she saved called her the Angel of Waterloo. The husband she loved and lost called her Hen. The patients she treated in secret called her Auntie Love. She was Henrietta Bartlett, a surgeon's daughter, a survivor of the Napoleonic Wars. But now the battlefield is just a blood-soaked memory, and Hen dreams of peace, a home, and a society that allows women to practise medicine. On the other side of the world, the newly founded colony of New South Wales seems a paradise. But Europe's wars cast long shadows .. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
12	Angel with a mouth-organ, The Mattingley, Christobel & Lacis, Astra (ill)	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1985	9780340384442	5-6	Two children listen to their mother's memories of wartime.
13	Angela and Diabola Banks, Lynne Reid	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1998	9780006753001	7-9	Angela is the angelic twin and Diabola is the opposite, a pair of twins who can drive their normal parents, the Cuthbertson-Joneses, to distraction. Angela is perfect but, that Diabola, she could just be wicked or she may be a genius.
15295	Angelina at the fair Holabird, Katharine & Craig, Helen (ill)	Puffin UK	2001	9780140568639	K-2	Angelina wants to go to the fair but she has to take her little cousin, Henry. The day is filled with adventures and surprises.
15296	Angelina ballerina Holabird, Katharine & Craig, Helen (ill)	ABC Books	2003	9780733312618	K-2	Angelina wants to be a dancer. Her parents buy her a tutu and a pair of ballet slippers and she works very hard to become the best dancer she can be.

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12266	Angelina ballerina's invitation to the ballet Holabird, Katharine	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2003	9780670913329	K-2	Imagine Angelina's delight when she wins two tickets to the gala performance of Cindermouse. Her excitement turns to disappointment as friend after friend has received an invitation to something else that day. Envelopes open to reveal letters.
15297	Angelina's ballet class Holabird, Katharine & Kanner, Catherine (ill)	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2001	9780140569117	K-2	Angelina loves to dance. Every week, she goes to Miss Lily's ballet class to learn some new steps.
507	Angelina's halloween Holabird, Katharine & Craig, Helen (ill)	Puffin UK	2002	9780140568707	K-2	Angelina and Alice are into Halloween and make firefly costumes. They have an adventurous time.
15298	Angelina, star of the show Holabird, Katharine & Craig, Helen (ill)	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2004	9780140569759	K-2	Angelina is thrilled to be travelling to the Mouseland Dance Festival on her grandparent's canal boat. She wants to practise her new dance all the way there so that she can be the star of the show but her grandparents need all hands on deck.
17550	Angelmonster Bennett, Veronica	Walker Books	2005	9780744559866	9plus	Mary and her sister, Jane, always longed to be carried off by a handsome poet. The reality of life with Percy Shelley and Lord Byron is a combination of romance and tragedy. Adult themes around their liberated behaviour may offend some readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
627	Angelo Macaulay, David	Andersen Press Ltd	2008	9781842708422	3-4	High above the rooftops of Rome, Angelo begins his work restoring the facade of a once glorious church. When he finds an injured pigeon, Angelo nurses it back to health and they become good friends. Angelo is worried about what will happen to the pigeon when he dies and comes up with a plan to make sure the pigeon is safe.
581502	Anger of angels, The Jordan, Sherryl	Walker Books	2018	9781760650605	7-9	Giovanna's father is the Jester in Duke Ubertini's palace. When, at the Duke's insistence, Giovanna's dad performs a new play, a play in which he mocks the Prince of the neighbouring land, he sets in motion a series of events that puts the lives of Giovanna and her new friend, Raffaele, in grave danger. In this alternate reality Renaissance Italy, we learn that words have a powerful and long-lasting impact.
12220	Angry Arthur Oram, Hiawyn & Kitamura, Satoshi	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1993	9780099196617	K-2	A boy called Arthur wanted to stay up and watch television but his mother wouldn't let him. Arthur decided to get angry, very, very angry. All the stages of a tantrum are captured in this picture book as Arthur wreaks havoc, causing lightning to strike and wind to blow.

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580945	Angry cookie Dockrill, Laura & Karipidou, Maria (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781406383089	K-2	Cookie has woken up on the wrong side of the bed and is very angry. You want to know why? Well, you'd have to keep reading to find out, but now Cookie's calling you annoying and telling you to mind your own business. If by chance you do stick around, you might hear about a certain roommate's terrible musical skills, why you should never let your barber try out a "new look," how it's impossible to find a hat that fits a cookie, and why an ice-cream parlor that's out of your favorite treat can be a source of desolation. Then there's the matter of a hungry bird who tries to snack on you... Propelled by quirky humor and woes that every young child can relate to, Angry Cookie suggests that sometimes the best way to cheer up a grumpy lump is simply by being there -- and lending your ears.
5234	Anila's journey Finn, Mary	Walker Books	2008	9781406306590	7-9	Menace and mystery lie in wait for Anila Tandy who secures a job drawing birds for an English naturalist, travelling on a river boat up the Ganges River. Anila will use this journey to search for her father, missing for years and presumed dead. Anila must test herself in the man's world of India, in the late 1700s.
1019788	Animal a day, An Smith, Miranda	Farshore	2023	9780008534295	3-4	Travel through the incredible ecosystems and habitats of our beautiful planet, and meet some of the most fascinating animals that call them home. Dive into the oceans to find whales and giant squid, journey across the icy poles with penguins and polar bears, race across the African savanna with lions and wildebeest - and so much more.
11265	Animal architects Nicholson, John	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2003	9781865089553	5-6	An illustrated, factual book about shells, nests, mounds, bowers, galleries, dens and lodges. These are homes that animals around the world build to shelter themselves and their young.
6049	Animal ark: The purrfect sleepover Daniels, Lucy	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9781408354001	5-6	Amelia and Sam love helping out at Animal Ark vets, especially when they get to look after adorable kittens! But when Amelia cat-sits troublesome kitten Luna, the little cat causes a big problem ...With the naughty kitten, Amelia's new cat Star AND a cat event at Animal Ark, everything's going cat crazy!

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51909	Animal babies Mack, Lorrie & Smith, Penny	Dorling Kindersley	2010	9781405352666	3-4	Wherever they live, baby animals do many of the same things that human babies do. They play, eat, sleep and find adventure. From the biggest baby animals to the smallest, you'll find out how long different animals stay with their parents, how they find food and the sorts of things they do.
	Animal babies series Various				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.
4757	Animal eco-warriors Gill, Nic	CSIRO	2017	9781486306213	5-6	Meet the super dogs, hero rats and cyborg bees keeping our environment safe. Come on an action-packed adventure with an amazing mob of animal eco-warriors as they use their special talents to help solve our planet's environmental problems! From the nosy noses of biosecurity beagles at airports to rats learning to sniff out landmines in war-torn landscapes, animals are using their unique abilities to help make the world a better and safer place. With fantastic colour photos of animal eco-warriors at work, this book is full of fun facts on how animals are helping humanity work towards a more sustainable future. There are also plenty of tips on how you can make a difference to the planet. Join the animals eco-warrior team today!
916641	Animal facts: By the numbers Jenkins, Steve	Clarion Books	2022	9780358470168	7-9	In the by the Numbers series, we dive deep into the world of animals and insects. From the smallest known species of snake to the sleepiest mammals, Animal Facts By the Numbers provides readers of all ages with the ultimate animal trivia knowledge.
14	Animal farm Orwell, George	Penguin	2004	9780141187389	9plus	A classic allegory in which the animals take over Manor Farm from their drunken master and all seems to be perfect as everyone is equal under the Seven Commandments. Circumstances change as the pigs become more equal than the others. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
5318	Animal heroes Hill, Anthony	Penguin	2005	9780143003809	7-9	Short stories about animals involved in Australian armed conflicts, from WWI to more recent times. The animals display bravery under fire, mateship and loyalty, the same attributes shown by the ANZACs.

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587876	Animal life cycles Midthun, Joseph & Hiti, Samuel (ill)	World Book	2014	9780716628200	5-6	Discover why some duck eggs are brown, or why amphibians, fish and reptiles have so many babies. From the macabre caterpillar wasp to the caring kangaroo, the complexities of animal kingdom life cycles are explored in a colourful, humorous graphic novel.
	Animal Rescue series French, Jackie				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.
	Animal stars series French, Jackie				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.
	Animal stars series French, Jackie				7-9	Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen.
923384	Animal toolkit, The Jenkins, Steve & Page, Robin (il)	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780358244448	5-6	What do apes, birds and crabs have in common? They all use tools in clever ways. Find out why dolphins use sponges or how the corolla spider uses seven small quartz rocks to detect prey. Can you guess what a raptor does with a burning stick, or how a bear makes use of a rock? The Animal Toolkit is filled with fascinating facts about these and other clever creatures.

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3734	AniMalcolm Baddiel, David	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2016	9780008185152	5-6	Malcolm doesn't like animals. Which is a problem because his family loves them. Their house is full of pets. What the house is not full of is stuff Malcolm likes. Such as the laptop he wanted for his birthday. The only bright spot on the horizon is the Year 6 school trip, to...oh no! A farm! Over the next few days, Malcolm changes. He learns what it's really like to be an animal. A whole series of animals, in fact. It does make him think differently. And speak differently. And, um, smell differently. But will he end up the same as before?
640	Animalia Base, Graeme	Puffin Australia	1990	9780140541120	3-4	This stunning book of illustrations from A to Z has hidden puzzles and ideas that fascinate all ages.
7000	Animalium Broom, Jenny & Scott, Katie (ill)	Templar Publishing	2014	9781783700608	5-6	Welcome to the virtual museum. Wander the six galleries, which present the animal kingdom - Invertebrates, Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds and Mammals. Each chapter features a different branch of the tree of life, from the simple sponge to the enormous elephant.
588194	Animalphabet Donaldson, Julia & King-Chai, Sharon (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2018	9781509801633	K-2	With eye-catching artwork and an exotic array of animals to marvel over, this is a gorgeous book to treasure - can you guess who has more legs than a butterfly? And who is wrinklier than a hedgehog?
8730	Animals at war George, Isabel & Jones, Rob Lloyd	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2007	9780746077016	5-6	A collection of true stories about animals that have been involved in war. The book looks at how horses, dogs, birds and other animals have contributed to war efforts. Moving stories and great photos to match.
15193	Animals of Farmer Jones, The Scarry, Richard	Golden Books Publishing	2004	9780375827181	K-2	It's suppertime on the farm and all the animals are hungry. But, Farmer Jones is nowhere to be found.
7690	Animals Robert Scott saw: an adventure in Antarctica Markle, Sandra	Chronicle Books	2008	9780811849180	7-9	In 1901, Robert Scott made his first trip to Antarctica. This is the incredible story of Scott's adventures and the animals he saw along the way.
9533	Animals scare me stiff Cole, Babette	Red Fox	2003	9780099404972	3-4	Tom is very scared of animals. He imagines being eaten by a dog, squeezed to death by a snake, spiders crawling up his nose and birds pecking off his ears. But, Tom has the scariest secret weapon of all.
8791	Animals: on the world's rare and endangered species Fleming, Garry	Brolly Books	2006	9781877035753	3-4	Many of the world's beautiful animals are now in danger of extinction. In this book Garry Fleming captures the unique beauty of some of these animals and provides information about the animals and their plight.

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1011	Animasaurus: Incredible animals that roamed the Earth Turner, Tracey & Russell, Harriet (ill)	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408884850	5-6	From gigantic sharks to giant sloths, meet the beasts of the past. Find out about the fascinating prehistoric creatures that once walked, swam and hunted our planet. Compare these with living animals, to discover creatures from throughout Earth's history.
	Animorphs series Applegate, K A				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.
1369650	Animorphs: Capture, The (graphic novel) Applegate, K A & Grant, Michael & Grine, Chris (ill)	Graphix	2025	9781338796261	5-6	'We can't tell you who we are. It's too risky, and everyone is in danger. Yeah. Even you.' It was bad enough when Jake found out that his older brother was one of them. It was even worse when Tobias stayed in his morph too long. But nothing compares to the horror the Animorphs are about to face. Nothing. The Animorphs have discovered the location of a Yeerk base, and they have a plan to hit those alien slugs where it hurts. But they were never prepared for Jake to fall into a Yeerk pool - for Jake to become a Controller. The enemy. It's a race against the clock as the Animorphs face their biggest challenge yet. Save Jake before the Yeerks can expose them all.
756047	Anisa's alphabet Dumbleton, Mike & Simmerville, Hannah (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2020	9781925227574	5-6	For many refugees the alphabet represents the start of a new language and a new future, but Anisa's Alphabet is different. A poignant and highly imaginative telling of one girl's story which will appeal to children and adults alike. Come with Anisa, and see things through her eyes. In this picture book, Anisa takes the reader though the alphabet, describing her journey from an unnamed war-torn country to a refugee camp, then on to an overcrowded boat towards supposed freedom and security.

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11352	Anna and the swallow man Savit, Gavriel	Corgi Books	2016	9780552575270	9plus	On 6 November 1939, Anna's father had to go away for a few hours. He left shortly after eleven o'clock and did not come back again. Seven year old Anna is locked out of the apartment and alone. She is hungry and scared, and unsure who she can trust or who she can turn to. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
667362	Anna at war Peters, Helen	Nosy Crow Ltd	2019	9781788004718	7-9	As life for German Jews becomes ever more dangerous, Anna's parents make the desperate decision to send her to England. But the war follows her to Kent, and soon Anna finds herself caught up in a web of secrecy and betrayal. How can she prove whose side she's on when she can't tell anyone the truth? But actions speak louder than words, and Anna has a risky plan.
15	Anna the goanna and other poems McDougall, Jill & Taylor, Jenny (ill)	Aboriginal Studies Press	2000	9780855753443	7-9	A colourful, engaging picture book containing a collection of poems about living in an Aboriginal community.
1423816	Anna's war Taylor, D.J	Riveted Press	2025	9781763526075	5-6	Holland, 1943: In the last eighteen months of World War II, 14-year-old Anna's life becomes a perilous world of secrets and danger. Her town in German-occupied southern Holland is transformed into a war zone , where trust is rare, and courage and resistance are everything. When the Nazis begin arresting local men and deporting them to work in German factories, Anna's father hides in a cramped, secret cellar beneath their home. Even the youngest of his children don't know he is there. Then Anna meets Karl, a young German translator, and his piercing gaze and unexpected kindness leave her conflicted. Against her better judgement, she is drawn to Karl and begins to believe he can be trusted - especially when he keeps her father's hiding place a secret from Horst, the ruthless Nazi officer he translates for. But as her feelings deepen, so do the risks. One misstep could unravel everything Anna and her family have fought to protect. Anna's War is a gripping tale of resilience, forbidden connection, family loyalties and the growing bravery of a young girl thrust into the deep shadows of war. Can Anna protect her family or will the cost of trust prove too great in a world torn apart?
37720	Annabel's dance Jackson Hill, Diane & Bury, Lois (ill)	Wombat Books	2016	9781925139358	K-2	Annabel is no ordinary sheep. She's wiggly and jiggly, loud noises hurt her ears and, no matter how hard she tries, she just can't fit in with the mob. And, she definitely does not want to be shorn. Until one day, her super sensitive style brings her unexpected attention.

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90623	Anne Frank Poole, J & Barrett, A (ill)	Red Fox	2007	9780099409762	7-9	Anne Frank is a young Jewish girl in Germany when Adolf Hitler rose to power and began his program to eradicate Jewish people. Anne and her family are forced to take refuge in a small annexe for two years.
	Anne of Green Gables series Montgomery, L M				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.
1424035	Annie and Maeve are definitely not friends Muscat, Olivia	Fremantle Press	2026	9781760996680	5-6	The first day of term has got off to a bad start for Maeve. Late to school, stuck sitting next to the most annoying boy in her class, and now she's been forced to buddy up with the new girl! Annie and Maeve have almost nothing in common, and they definitely do not want to be friends. But from braving the high swing at camp to battling it out in the talent contest, maybe, just maybe, this fiasco could grow into friendship.
14992	Annie Rose is my little sister Hughes, Shirley	Red Fox	2003	9780099408567	K-2	Annie Rose is a typical baby sister. Her big brother, Alfie, tells us all about Annie Rose. His love shines through even when Annie Rose is very annoying.
5641	Annie to the rescue Niland, Deborah	Penguin	2007	9780670070817	K-2	Annie is very brave so when Callisto becomes stuck in a tree Annie attempts to rescue her but ends up needing to be rescued herself.
18320	Annie's chair Niland, Deborah	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2005	9780670042494	K-2	Annie doesn't allow anyone else to sit in her chair. When Benny curls up on the chair and refuses to move, Annie faces a dilemma.
6804	Annie's snails Wolfer, Dianne	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2014	9781921720635	3-4	Annie loves her pet snails. They have adventures together and she makes them a special home in an ice-cream container, where they should be very happy.
7293	Anno's counting book Anno, Mitsumasa	HarperTrophy	1977	9780064431231	K-2	Counting through the seasons with beautiful, double-page illustrations. A perfect book to share.
7119	Anno's magic seeds Anno, Mitsumasa	PaperStar books (Penguin Putnam)	1999	9780698116184	K-2	A gift from a wizard makes Jack's fortune grow and grow by ones, twos, threes and more. An enchanting counting book with a moral.

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623309	Another book about bears Bunting, Laura & Philip, Bunting (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742991931	K-2	Bears are tired. Sick and tired. And just when they are in the middle of something really good like sleeping, snoozing or napping, too many storybooks mean they have to stop what they are doing, that is, sleeping, and get up and be part of a story. Every story. Well, the bears have had enough. They are going on strike. This hilarious book looks at some alternatives for all the parts bears play in stories. But what sort of animal could be... just right?
6439	Another important book Wise Brown, Margaret & Raschka, Chris	HarperCollins Australia	1999	9780064437851	K-2	All the things that children can do, as they grow and learn between the ages of one to six, are celebrated in poetry.
19375	Another night in Mullet Town Herrick, Steven	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702253959	7-9	Life for Jonah and Manx means fishing for mullet at the lake, watching their school mates party on Friday night and wishing they had the courage to talk to Ella and Rachel. But, their lakeside town is being sold off and, now, life doesn't seem so simple. Manx holds a grudge against the wealthy blow-ins from the city and Jonah just wants his parents to stop arguing. One memorable night at the lake will change everything. A verse novel.
1936	Ant and the big bad bully goat, The Fusek Peters, Andrew & Wadham, Anna (ill)	Child's Play International Ltd	2007	9781846430794	K-2	When Bully Goat takes over Badger's house, Badger needs help to move him out. He asks his biggest and bravest friends for help but they all make excuses. Finally, help arrives from an unexpected quarter and Badger realises that size isn't everything.
1810	Ant colony, The Valentine, Jenny	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2009	9780007283590	9plus	A strange assortment of misfits and losers live at number 33. Runaway Sam has disappeared there, Bohemia's mum is between boyfriends again and Old Isabel acts like she owns the place. The owner, Sleezy Steve, is always trying to squeeze in one more tenant. Maybe their concern for Bohemia, the most caring of them all, can teach these people to care. Strong language used in context and adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
112264	Antarctic close-up Edwards, Hazel & Parkee, Meegan (ill)	National Museum of Australia Press	2007	9781876944544	3-4	John finds himself caught up in an Antarctic adventure that happened in 1911 when he travels back in time using one of his inventions. A chance to discover the Antarctic through the writing of someone who has been there.
17	Antarctica McDonald, Kellie	Reed Library	1996	9781863910491	5-6	This book contains a vast amount of information about the environment and life in Antarctica.

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82528	Antarctica book, The: Living in the freezer Norman, Mark Dr	Black Dog Books	2007	9781921167867	5-6	Antarctica is at the bottom of our planet and the coldest place on earth. Find out about the animals that live there and how these clever creatures survive. Includes detailed information, beautiful colour photos and a scale to measure each animal against humans.
	Antarctica series Reid, Greg				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.
14507	Antarctica: the heart of the world Tulloch, Coral	ABC Books	2006	9780733312304	5-6	Take a journey to Antarctica with this comprehensive and highly illustrated guide. Learn about Antarctica's unique geography, its rare beauty, the captivating animal and plant life, human exploration and scientific research. Discover what it's like to live in an Antarctic station and how to survive on the ice.
9561	Anthology for the earth Allen, Judy (ed)	Candlewick Press	1998	9780763603014	5-6	A collection of writings by people of many cultures and countries, including Sir David Attenborough, a Kapayo Indian chief, and an eleven year old boy. All talk of the need to treat the earth with care to preserve it for future generations.
115582	Anthony Browne's King Kong Browne, Anthony	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2005	9780552553841	5-6	This the traditional story of King Kong, brought to life with Browne's wonderful and unique illustrations of the apes. It is a very moving and exciting retelling of the story.
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.
29426	Anton can do magic Konnecke, Ole	Gecko Press	2010	9781877467639	3-4	Anton has a magic hat. A real one. He wants to do some magic and make things disappear. Anton tries to make a tree vanish but it's too big. But, when he is successful in making someone disappear, Anton desperately wants him to come back.
15037	Anton rocks on Metzenthen, David	Penguin	2004	9780143301400	5-6	Anton might only be little in stature but he has a great talent. By the time he reaches high school, Anton has heard all the size jokes. His resourcefulness and music save the day and the Rock Eisteddfod.

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18	Antonio S and the mystery of Theodore Guzman Hirsch, Odo	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1997	9781864484090	7-9	Antonio lives with his parents in the tower of an old house. In the same area lives a recluse actor called Theodore Guzman. Antonio draws him out by presenting a play. In turn, Guzman leads Antonio into the magical world of theatre.
18850	Any questions Gay, Marie-Louise	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781760113179	3-4	An author and some very curious children, with lots of questions, collaborate to write and illustrate a story. The kids become part of the story and let their imaginations run wild, becoming inspired to create tales of their own. Find out how brilliant ideas creep up on you when you least expect it and how words sometimes float out of nowhere, asking to be written.
848780	Anything but fine Madden, Tobias	Penguin	2021	9781761042027	9plus	Luca Mason knows exactly who he is and what he wants: In six months, he's going to be accepted into the Australian Ballet School, leave his fancy private high school, and live his life as a star of the stage - at least that's the plan until he falls down a flight of stairs and breaks his foot in a way he can never recover from. With his dancing dreams dead on their feet, Luca loses his performing arts scholarship and transfers to the local public school, leaving behind all his ballet friends and his whole future on stage. The only bright side is that he strikes up unlikely friendships with the nicest (and nerdiest) girl at his new school, Amina, and the gorgeous and popular school captain, Jordan Tanaka-Jones. As their unlikely bonds grow stronger, Luca starts to wonder: who is he without ballet? And is he setting himself up for another heartbreak? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
601786	Anzac billy, The Saxby, Claire & Jackson, Mark & Potter, Heather (ill)	Walker Books	2019	9781925126815	K-2	I'm filling our Anzac billy. It's full of Dad's favourite things. A billy cannot be posted, delivered on a bike or sent in a car, truck or train. It has to be loaded on a ship with all those Anzac billies for all the soldiers.
59878	Anzac biscuits Cummings, Phil & Swan, Owen (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2013	9781742833460	K-2	A young father is away at war, his wife and daughter waiting at home, sometimes making Anzac biscuits. Life at war is grey and cold, but opening the tin of biscuits from home brings comfort.

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660747	Anzac girl: The war diaries of Alice Ross-King Simpson, Kate & Racklyeft, Jess (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760637019	5-6	This is the true story of a young nurse, Sister Alice Ross-King, who provided invaluable medical help to countless soldiers during the First World War. This story of heroism, love, and bravery is told with direct references and samples from her diary, letters, and photographs. She went on to become the most decorated woman in Australia.
26566	ANZAC heroes Gill, Maria & Ivancic, Marco (ill)	Scholastic New Zealand	2016	9781775433637	5-6	From nurse and pilot to soldier and spy, find out about thirty ANZAC heroes, who risked everything, left everything and lost everything as they participated in World Wars I and II.
7706	Anzac puppy, The Millett, Peter & Bowles, Trish	Scholastic New Zealand	2014	9781775430971	3-4	Freda was the loyal, good-luck mascot of a brave young soldier, battling explosions on the Western Front.
46921	ANZAC sons: Five brothers on the Western Front Marlow Paterson, Allison	Big Sky Publishing	2015	9781925275148	5-6	The Great War was a senseless tragedy that brought sorrow to families all over the world. This is the story five brothers who served, compiled from over five hundred letters and postcards, written from the battle front. From the training grounds of Victoria, Egypt and England, to the Western Front battlefields, this compelling, true story was compiled by the granddaughter of a surviving brother. This is a story of mateship, bravery and sacrifice, and a heartbreaking account of a family torn apart by war.
46892	Anzac tale, An Starke, Ruth & Holfeld, Greg (ill)	Working Title Press	2013	9781921504532	7-9	What the friends first thought would be an adventure soon turns to disaster. The day after landing at Anzac Cove on 25 April 1915, more than 2000 Anzacs are dead. As the campaign drags on, life for Wally and Roy becomes a battle of endurance against a plucky enemy, a hostile landscape, flies, fleas, cold and disease.
4158	Anzac tree, The Booth, Christina	Omnibus Books	2017	9781760154226	3-4	In 1916, two brothers planted two trees on their farm. They then headed far away to France to fight in the Great War. The Anzac tree tells the story of a century of Australian generations who went to war, and the story of those who were left behind.
20	Anzacs at Gallipoli, The: a story for Anzac Day Pugsley, Chris & Lockyer, John	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2000	9780734400703	9plus	A simply written, moving account of Australian and New Zealand soldiers' dramatic experiences at Gallipoli, which includes extracts from their letters and diaries, along with graphic photographs. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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88054	Apache: girl warrior Landman, Tanya	Walker Books	2007	9781406303315	9plus	Siki rises to the rare position of girl-warrior in an Apache tribe. She witnesses the horrors of the Indian wars against the Mexicans and the invading White Eyes. A sometimes violent and very honest story of courage, integrity, betrayal, love, hope and despair as Siki struggles to belong and learns the truth of her own story. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
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.
17116	Aphrodite Alexandra Bouras, Gillian & Pignataro, Anna (ill)		2007	9780734409966	3-4	Aphrodite Alexandra is named after both her grandmothers who grew up in different countries and don't want anything to do with each other at all. Aphrodite Alexandra visits both grandmothers often and loves the stories they tell her about their childhoods. She realises they both have more in common than they think.
22012	Apollo Winch, Gordon & Pym, Stephen (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2012	9781921928284	K-2	Apollo the Powerful Owl decides to change his diet, but when he does his tummy growls and grumbles and rumbles and tumbles, and he feels sick and weak. Wilfred the Wise Old Owl gives him some sensible advice.
21	Apostle bird, The Disher, Garry	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1997	9780733605253	9plus	Set in the Western Australian goldfields in the 1930s, Neil describes the sometimes violent life on the diggings. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
13872	Apple tart of hope, The Fitzgerald, Sarah Moore	Orion	2014	9781444011159	7-9	Oscar Dunleavy, who used to make the world's most perfect apple tarts, is missing, presumed dead. No one seems too surprised, except for Meg, his best friend, and his little brother Stevie. Surrounded by grief and confusion, Meg and Stevie are determined to find out what happened to Oscar, and together they learn about loyalty and friendship and the power of never giving up hope.

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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
5114	Applesauce and the Christmas miracle Millard, Glenda & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	ABC Books	2008	9780733322495	K-2	Applesauce, the pig, learns the true meaning of Christmas coming from the heart. The Shepherd family from up the road and all the aunts bearing gifts arrive at the shed dwelling of Joe and Marigold, who have lost their home in a bushfire. This story parallels the biblical story of the first Christmas.
4016	Applesauce weather Frost, Helen & Bates, Amy June (ill)	Candlewick Press	2016	9780763675769	5-6	When the first apple falls from the tree, siblings Faith and Peter know that it is applesauce weather. And that means that Uncle Arthur should be here. It seems like he needs a little more time to grieve. This is the first year without Aunt Lucy after all. This is a heartfelt tale about the strength and love of family and the power of a good story.
15481	Apprentice witch, The Nicol, James	Chicken House	2016	9781910655153	5-6	Arianwyn fails her witch's assessment. To the delight of her arch-rival, Gimma, Arianwyn is awarded the dull bronze disc of an apprentice and, in disgrace, sent to protect the remote, dreary town of Lull. But, Arianwyn's new life is far from boring. Dark spirits and strange creatures creep out of the wood. And just as Arianwynn starts to get her feet under her, shadows start to creep into her own magic.

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1080658	Apprentice witnesser, The MacDibble, Bren	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180781	5-6	Lodyma Darsey is the Witnesser of Miracles who investigates miraculous events and spins them into stories she tells at the night markets. Orphan Bastienne Scull is her ... apprentice? Foster child? Basti isn't sure but is making herself real useful standing in for Lodyma's lost family. Because ten years ago, after her husband and elder son died of a sickness that continues to sweep the land, Lodyma sent her younger son to live with the isolated mountain men, and he hasn't been heard of since. Basti and Lodyma might not be a proper family, but neither of them have anybody else until, one day, news of a miracle reaches them and, when Lodyma and Basti investigate, what they discover will change their lives.
61213	April Underhill, tooth fairy Graham, Bob	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2010	9781406321555	3-4	April and Esme Underhill have never collected a tooth before. Mum and Dad have always done it but, tonight, it's their turn. So, equipped with a bag, a coin and a mobile phone, the sisters head for Daniel Dangerfield's house, and a very unusual first tooth visit.
9571	Arabella Orr, Wendy & Gamble, Kim (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2000	9780207199042	3-4	Matthew and his grandfather sail to his grandfather's island. They discover the love that can exist between a child and his grandfather, the beauty and ferocity of the sea and the joy and exhilaration of sailing, even in a wheelchair.
653190	Arabella and the magic pencil Ward, Stephanie & Hyde, Shaney (ill)	EK Books	2019	9781925820010	K-2	Arabella is a beloved only child who has everything a little girl could want. That is, until her brother, Avery, the master of mayhem, comes along. While she certainly loves him, she finds that it's sometimes very hard to like him. So she spends her days creating marvellous, magnificent things with her magic pencil, and trying to ignore him. But when he spoils her perfectly proper tea party, she decides drastic action is required and she erases him from her life. Oops! But things aren't the same without him... can she get him back?
846257	Arabella's alphabet adventure Zail, Suzy & Nielsen, Christopher (ill)	Walker Books	2022	9781760652425	K-2	Not so long ago, in a town not far away, on a shelf marked ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN, sat a book waiting to be read. Arabella's Alphabet Adventure was the most borrowed book in the library but Arabella dreamt of a more exciting life... A timeless story about an alphabet, a daring adventure and a book who learns she is perfect, just the way she is.

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12840	Aranea Wagner, Jenny & Brooks, Ron (ill)	Puffin UK	1979	9780140502749	K-2	Aranea is a patient little spider who leads a determined struggle to reach safety and survive. She continually searches for a haven where she can rebuild her web.
	Arc of a scythe series Shusterman, Neal				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
29828	Archie and the Bear Louise, Zanni & Mackintosh, David (ill)	Little Hare Books	2017	9781760127510	K-2	Archie has something to say, but no one is listening. So Archie leaves home... and discovers someone else with something to say. And because they both know how that feels, they both listen.This is a quirky story about being who you are (even when you're not).
21638	Archie Cupid and Lizzie Imp England, Kathryn & Sheehan, Peter (ill)	Puffin Australia	2006	9780143302049	5-6	Archie Cupid is a perfect angel. Lizzie Imp is just perfectly naughty. They don't like each other until Archie's arrow and Lizzie's spitball miss their targets and everything changes.
7536	Archie Greene and the magician's secret Everest, D D	Faber & Faber	2014	9780571309054	5-6	On his twelfth birthday, Archie Greene receives a mysterious present, an old book, written in a language he doesn't recognise. It comes with a Summoning - Archie must travel to Oxford to return the book to the Secret Library. But, the magical book under Archie's protection is dangerous, and dark spirits hunt it out. In this magical world, bookshelves are enchanted, librarians are sorcerers and spells come to life.
7083	Archie's letter: an Anzac Day story Flanagan, Martin & Walters, Ainsley (ill)	One Day Hill Pty Ltd	2011	9780980794878	5-6	The story of an ordinary man who went to fight in World War II. It tells how he dealt with his wartime experiences, how, at the age of ninety one, he agreed to meet a group of elderly Japanese women interested in world peace, and how he could never forget the young men who were with him during the war and who didn't come back.
10056	Archie's war Williams, Marcia	Walker Books	2007	9781406304275	7-9	Archie's first hand experience of being in London during the Great War of 1914-1918 is told through his scrapbook.

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687907	Arctic Zoo Muchamore, Robert	Hot Key Books	2019	9781471408328	9plus	Georgia and Julius meet in an adolescent mental health unit and in a flashback format we gradually find out about the events that led them to both be there. This novel explores highly believable political events in London and Nigeria and explores how Georgia and Julius both ended up in way deeper than they liked. This story is focused on social media and how its impact influences us all. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
660631	Are these Hen's eggs? Booth, Christina	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760523497	K-2	A charming story of friendship and hope. When a careful hen is counting the days until her eggs hatch. A wild storm comes and Hen must look for her eggs. Her friends help but are these Hen's eggs?
3794	Are these your glasses? McCormack, Gavin & Cooper, Jennifer (ill)	Padmelon Press	2016	9781876138462	K-2	Sergio is a penguin who lives with his father in a small house by the ocean. At school, he doesn't have many friends, because he is different to the other children. With his father as a guide, he learns some valuable lessons as he grows up. These lessons help him to show great determination and strength as he tries to find true friendship.
45647	Are trees alive Miller, Debbie S	A & C Black	2012	9781408173893	5-6	Although trees are plants and humans are animals, we have many similar characteristics. This book describes those characteristics, and celebrates some of the magnificent trees that grow on our planet, along with the diversity of life that surrounds them.
15132	Are we there yet Lester, Alison	Penguin	2004	9780670880676	3-4	Join Grace and her family on their adventurous and, sometimes, funny expedition around Australia. A warm, heartfelt story based on an actual journey undertaken by the award-winning author and illustrator, Alison Lester.
20582	Are we there yet Santat, Dan	Lothian Books	2016	9780316199995	K-2	Let's face it, everyone knows that car rides can be boring. And, when things get boring, time slows down. On a trip to his grandma's house, a young boy feels time slowing down so much that it starts going backwards, into the time of pirates, princesses and dinosaurs.
9951	Are you an art sleuth DiGiovanni Evans, Brooke	Quarto Group	2016	9781631591310	3-4	Have a close look at twenty-one famous paintings and discover how each artist uses colour, techniques and secrets to delight you. Be an art sleuth and find items and details in each painting that, at first glance, might not be so obvious.

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568095	Are you my bottom? Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760631642	K-2	Something is missing. I'm not sure what. Oh dear; I know it. I've lost my BOT! When I went to sleep, it was definitely here. But today, I wake up and I have NO REAR! Small Panda has lost his bottom. It was there when he went to sleep but now it has disappeared. He searches high and low, and finds stripy bums, pink butts, feathery derrieres. 'Are you my bottom?' he asks, but none of these bottoms are his. Finally, he spots a furry bum which just has to be his - but the answer is surprising!
12193	Are you my mother Eastman, P D	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1982	9780001713222	K-2	A very simple story about a baby bird's search for his mother. He asks everyone and everything he meets the same question.
2511	Are you seeing me Groth, Darren	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2014	9780857984739	7-9	Nineteen-year-old twins, Justine and Perry, embark on a holiday to North America. Perry has a brain condition that can cause him to become distressed and behave in inappropriate ways, and after the death of their father, Justine has become his sole carer. This trip will mark a shift in their relationship, towards independence, and an opportunity for their absent mother to atone for past mistakes.
1209927	Are you small? Willems, Mo	Walker Books	2025	9781760659899	K-2	Are you small? A hamster is small. A baby tooth is small. A cookie crumb is small. Are you small? Zoom in on the smallest things in the universe to explore one of life's most elemental questions.
1473422	Are you the Easter bunny? Janeen, Brian & Gifford, Lucinda (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2026	9781460765494	K-2	Out in the scrub full of Australian flowers seeds and grub is a little creature who says he helps the land by burrows that he dug. Is it the Easter Bunny?

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804346	Are you there, Buddha? Harry, Pip	Lothian Books	2021	9780734420305	7-9	Bee Ballentine is starting her first year of high school at beachside Crescent Bay. Still reeling from the departure of her mother who left for an ashram in India, Bee talks to Buddha and begs for her first period not to arrive. She's not ready to become a woman yet, whatever that means. Although Bee has yet to find her group at school, her best friend forever is Leon Mckay, the hottest boy in Year 8. As long as Leon has her back Bee can survive the mean girls, her meddling step-mum Kath, her swimming nemesis, The Piranha. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Pip Harry read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/7-9-book-list#are-you-there-buddha-pip-harry
820475	Are you there, God? It's me, Margaret Blume, Judy	Pan MacMillan	1970	9781447286813	7-9	Margaret Simon, almost twelve, likes long hair, tuna fish, the smell of rain, and things that are pink. She's just moved from New York City to Farbook, New Jersey, and is anxious to fit in with her new friends -- Nancy, Gretchen, and Janie. When they form a secret club to talk about private subjects like boys, bras, and getting their first periods, Margaret is happy to belong. But none of them can believe Margaret doesn't have religion, and that she isn't going to the Y or the Jewish Community Center. What they don't know is Margaret has her own very special relationship with God. She can talk to God about everything -- family, friends, even Moose Freed, her secret crush. Margaret is funny and real, and her thoughts and feelings are oh-so-relatable -- you'll feel like she's talking right to you, sharing her secrets with a friend.

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660770	Are you watching? Ralph, VIncent	Penguin	2020	9780241367421	7-9	Jessica has been accepted to star in a YouTube reality program where one day a week, she is filmed from wake up until midnight. She and four other applicants are chosen and allocated their days, Monday-Friday. Jess is the Monday star. Her 'hook' is that her mother was the first of 13 women murdered by a serial killer dubbed the The Magpie Man and Jess has vowed to catch him. This show is just the exposure she needs.
644943	Argh! There's a skeleton inside you Ben-Barak, Idan & Frost, Julian (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760631635	K-2	Quog and Oort are on their way to Kevin's birthday party. Unfortunately, their spaceship has crashed. Pick up this book to lend them a hand!
75901	Argus Knudsen, Michelle & Wesson, Andrea (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781406331370	K-2	Sally's class is doing a science project. When Mrs Henshaw hands out the eggs for hatching, Sally knows that hers looks different. When the egg cracks, something green and scaly with big yellow eyes emerges. Argus isn't like the other chicks.
1423337	Ariana Treasure: The lost frog Rose-Ahern, Jacqueline de & Erasmus, Karen (ill)	Wombat Books	2025	9781761111860	K-2	When a mischevious frog apears in the Treasure Chest, it begins causing havoc. Ariana enlists the advice of her classmate, Hugo, until they find its owner. Can Ariana, her friends and the treasures from the thrift shop help them get the lost frog home?
1423336	Ariana Treasure: The lucky shoes Rose-Ahern, Jacqueline de & Erasmus, Karen (ill)	Wombat Books	2025	9781761111846	K-2	Ariana is excited about the talent show at school. She can't wait to see her friends perform, especially Maya. But Maya doesn't believe she has special talent. Can Ariana and the treasures from the thrift shop help her friend discover her unique talent before show day?
1333139	Ariana Treasure: The missing book Rose-Ahern, Jacqueline de & Erasmus, Karen (ill)	Wombat Books	2025	9781761111808	K-2	Ariana is excited to hear there is a new kid in town. She can't wait to show him around the Treasure Chest. Can Ariana use the treasures from the thrift shop to help make a new friend and find her missing book?
1423334	Ariana Treasure: The secret ingredient Rose-Ahern, Jacqueline de & Erasmus, Karen (ill)	Wombat Books	2025	9781761111822	K-2	Ariana is excited about the food truck competition. Her friends Hunter and Jake are confident their family will win the big prize. All they need is a standout dish. Can they find some inspiration at the Treasure Chest?
22	Ariel, Zed and the secret of life Fienberg, Anna & Gamble, Kim (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2000	9781865082639	7-9	Ariel's writer mother sends misbehaving characters to an island school for Rebellious Characters. This summer, she sends Ariel and Zed. A cast of eccentric characters includes an insomniac Sleeping Beauty. A tale of action and self-discovery.

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29844	Ariki and the giant shark Davies, Nicola & Kinnear, Nicola (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781406369793	5-6	Ariki is not like the other children on Turtle Island. She belongs heart and soul to the sea, where she plays all day with the dolphins and turtles. One day, a giant shark appears and the fishermen are too afraid to go out. Without fish the people will starve - and only Ariki can save the day!
15727	Aristotle King-Smith, Dick & Graham, Bob (ill)	Walker Books	2004	9780744566802	3-4	Delightful story of a young kitten who becomes a witch's cat and goes through most of his nine lives being rescued by his kind witch, Bella Donna.
19063	Aristotle and Dante discover the secrets of the universe Saenz, Benjamin Alire	Simon & Schuster	2014	9781442408937	9plus	Aristotle is angry and self-doubting, with a brother in prison. Dante is self-assured, with an unusual way of viewing the world. They would seem to have nothing in common. But, as the loners spend time together, a special bond develops. Through their connection, Ari and Dante learn the most important truths about themselves and the kind of people they want to be. Adult themes and language. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
670	Ark in the park Orr, Wendy & Millard, Kerry (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	1994	9780207176333	3-4	The delightful story of Sophie, a lonely girl living in a big city, and her three secret wishes. Two of the wishes seem impossible but the third is, perhaps, not so impossible.
671	Ark of dreams, The Whitmore, Andrew	Black Dog Books	2001	9781876372033	3-4	After falling from a boat, Tom and Alice, find themselves on board the Golden Ship, an ark carrying mythical creatures such as unicorns, griffins and basilisks. The ship is sailed by friendly but suspicious elves and a dwarf until it is sabotaged.
803547	Arlo & Pips: King of the birds Gravel, Alise	HarperCollins Children's Books	2020	9780062982223	3-4	Arlo has a big brain and a collection of shiny things. Pip is his new pal. Moving to the city sure can be hectic for a crow. Even one as smart as Arlo! Everywhere you turn-noisy humans, lots of litter and lots of competition for French fries! Fortunately, Arlo meets Pip-who joins him on his awesome adventures (and reminds him when he is bragging too much).
13953	Arnie Avery Walker, Sue	Walker Books	2010	9781921529726	7-9	Lately, nothing is going right for thirteen year old Arnie. Ever since it happened, his family, especially his mother, has been behaving strangely. At school, he is accused of cheating and now Jacko has challenged him to a fight. He has to get his life sorted out and deal with what happened.

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9564	Arno the garbo Crew, Gary & Smith, Craig	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2001	9780734401748	3-4	An off-the-wall picture book about Arno who lives in the middle of his family's junkyard making him unpopular, mostly because of the smell. But, when Arno brings an exciting invention to school made from recycled garbage, the situation changes.
751174	Around Australia in 30 places Manners, Rochelle & Various (ill)	Wombat Books	2020	9781925563757	3-4	Starting in Brisbane, Wombat travels Australia, telling readers what makes the location special. Wombat slops on some sunscreen to visit the beaches of the Gold Coast. He spots a roo at Taronga Zoo and gets out his cricket bat to play at Adelaide Oval.
833193	Around the globe with Gramps Eldridge-Alfonzetti, Carolyn & Lawrence, Teresa (ill)	Celapene Press	2018	9781925572155	3-4	Lucy is about to start high-school. She has a cool new friend, Briony, and feels she's outgrown the school holiday 'Overseas Adventure Days' she shares with her grandfather, a retired geography teacher. When Lucy asks to spend those days with Briony, instead of doing geography research and international craft and cookery with Gramps, her mother refuses and reveals a poignant reason. However, when an emergency threatens more than just Lucy's Fridays with Gramps, she reflects on all they've shared, and what is most important in her life.
2613	Around the house the fox chased the mouse Walton, Rick & Bradshaw, Jim (ill)	Gibbs Smith, Publisher	2006	9781423600060	K-2	The fox is after the mouse. The mouse is running for its life - around and through and under and all over the place. Suspenseful story with a happy ending.
673	Around the world in 80 days Verne, Jules	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2008	9780141035871	7-9	One evening, while relaxing at his gentleman's club, Phileas Fogg rashly bets that he can travel the entire globe in 80 days. The unflappable Englishman is determined not to lose this extraordinary wager as he sets off for Dover with his not so cool-headed, French manservant, Passepartout.
8120	Arrival, The Tan, Shaun	Hachette Children's Books	2006	9780734406941	7-9	The Arrival gives us great insight into the process of leaving your homeland and trying to find a new place in the world. The journey can be frightening, inspiring and emotional for all displaced persons. Many stories are told through Tan's illustrations.
96002	Art & Max Wiesner, David	Koala Books	2010	9780864619297	3-4	Max and Arthur are friends who share an interest in painting. Arthur is an accomplished painter while Max is a beginner. Max's first attempt at using a paintbrush sends the two friends on a whirlwind trip through various artistic media, which turn out to have unexpected pitfalls. Although Max is inexperienced, his energy and enthusiasm bring the adventure to its triumphant conclusion.

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116036	Art fraud detective Nilsen, Anna	Kingfisher	2000	9780753411957	5-6	The security guard at the Town Hall Gallery has a big problem. Some of the priceless masterpieces have been stolen and replaced with cunning forgeries. The guard needs your sharp eyes and patience to identify the fake paintings.
5533	Art Garden, The Harrison, Penny & Pratley, Penelope	EK Books	2017	9781925335590	K-2	Sadie wants to be a painter, just like her best friend Tom. She loves playing with colour and finding patterns in unusual places. But whenever Sadie picks up a paint brush she makes a big mess. It is not until Sadie takes a look at the things from a different perspective that she makes a big discovery about herself and her own creativity.
593283	Art of taxidermy, The Kernot, Sharon	Text Publishing Co	2018	9781925603743	9plus	Lottie collects dead creatures and lovingly cares for them, hoping to preserve them, to save them from disintegration. Her father understands - Lottie has a scientific mind, he thinks. Her aunt wants it to stop, and she goes to cruel lengths to make sure it does. And her mother? Lottie's mother died long ago. And Lottie is searching for a way to be close to her. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
815335	Art of words, The Vescio, Robert & Bartel, Joanna (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2021	9781925820843	K-2	Words are everywhere! Come on this lively adventure to learn more about how they can be shortened, extended, and even switched around. Meet ugly words, colourful words, and words that just need a friend.
15731	Art, history, place Nicholls, Christine	Working Title Press	2003	9781876288433	5-6	A recognised art expert looks at the astonishing diversity of visual work done by Indigenous Australians today, while exploring the traditions and influences that shaped their work. Although much Indigenous art is part of an artistic movement over forty thousand years old, Indigenous artists also have a remarkable capacity to use new media, styles and subject matter in their work.
	Artemis Fowl series Various				7-9	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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1019865	Artezans: The forgotten magic Lapinski, L.D.	Orion	2024	9781510113015	5-6	Edward Crane has always feared he won't have any magic at all. Sure, he's part of a powerful magic Artezan family, but he's adopted. His twin sister, Elodie, isn't so worried, but then everything always seems to work out perfectly for her. So when Ed discovers he does have an Artezan power after all, he's relieved. And it's more than he ever could have imagined - in fact, it's a dream come true. But the problem with dreams is that sometimes they twist themselves into nightmares. And with Ed's new abilities growing by the day, there's a chance that this nightmare will become all too real.
13160	Arthur Graham, Amanda	Era Publications	1984	9780947212124	3-4	Arthur is a lone dog in Mrs Humber's pet shop and, each day, he attempts to copy the attributes and antics of the popular pets like the rabbits, snakes, fish, cats and frogs so that he will be purchased. Meanwhile, Melanie and her grandfather have been attracted to the shaggy dog who knows lots of tricks.
4283	Arthur and the curiosity Gifford, Lucinda	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760068387	K-2	Arthur and his friends are on a class visit to the local museum. While his friends dash about, Arthur takes time to inspect all the interesting things around him. One of those interesting things is a glass case housing a strange looking creature known as The Curiosity. As Arthur walks around the Museum, he is being followed.
15733	Arthur and the true Francine Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1996	9780316109499	K-2	Francine and Muffy are good friends until Muffy lets Francine take the blame for cheating on a test.
12257	Arthur babysits Brown, Marc	Scholastic Australia	1998	9781863888783	K-2	Arthur is tricked by his sister into babysitting for the notorious Tibble twins. After a shaky beginning, Arthur uses one of his sister's check-up calls to turn the tables and take charge. Cartoon illustrations full of amusing details.
15734	Arthur goes to camp Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1984	9780316110587	K-2	With a cabin full of frogs, Arthur can't wait to leave summer camp. He runs away during the big scavenger hunt. But his friend's need Arthur's help to win against a rival camp. Where did Arthur go?
12256	Arthur lost and found Brown, Marc	Scholastic Australia	2001	9780316108249	K-2	Arthur and Buster take the bus for the first time to go to Arthur's swimming lesson. During the ride, they are so busy talking, reading and sleeping that they miss their stop and find themselves on the other side of town.
116209	Arthur meets the president Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1991	9780439227643	K-2	Arthur's essay wins a contest and he has to read it to the President in a special ceremony at the White House.

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587736	Arthur tells a story Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	2005	9780316733960	K-2	D.W. is bored and wants Arthur to entertain her, but Arthur would rather do something else. He gives her excuses that lead to the top of a volcano, through the jungle, across the ocean, and to the White House, making it Arthur's best story ever!
587737	Arthur turns green Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	2011	9780316129244	K-2	Arthur comes home from school and begins sneaking around the house, taking notes and talking about a Big Green Machine. D.W. is suspicious of her brother's weird behavior, but when Arthur shows up late for dinner with green hands, she really gets the creeps! But it turns house Arthur is making a poster listing all the ways to save energy at home--and go green!
12009	Arthur writes a story Brown, Marc	Scholastic Australia	2000	9781863888837	K-2	Arthur wonders what he will write when Mr Ratburn gives a creative writing assignment to the class. He decides he needs to have some new angles. With each new angle, Arthur's story takes one more hilarious step away from his original idea.
47013	Arthur's April Fool Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1982	9780316111812	K-2	This is a read along and fun filled package. Millions of fans agree: Arthur's hilarious adventures speak right to the heart of children everywhere.
11331	Arthur's baby Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1990	9780316110075	K-2	He's been on the scene in your stores and selling in big numbers for almost twenty-five years: Arthur, the bestselling aardvark. Now his Emmy award-winning, number-one rated children's TV show, Arthur, has catapulted his book sales to new heights. Arthur has sold in the past, continues to sell in record numbers in the present, and Now Little, Brown offers a fantastic promotion to make sure Arthur and D.W. will be star performers this fall and always. The promotion features an eye-catching display, extensive print and television advertising, and lots of prizes for booksellers and customers, too.
116220	Arthur's birthday Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1991	9780316110747	K-2	Arthur can't wait to hand out his birthday party invitations. But it turns out Muffy is having her party on the exact same day! All of his friends are split between the two parties, so Arthur and Francine hatch a clever scheme to make sure Arthur and Muffy have the best birthdays yet!

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587733	Arthur's Chicken Pox: an Arthur adventure Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1996	9780316110501	K-2	Just when Arthur is looking forward to going to the circus, he comes down with the chicken pox. D.W. teases him about his spots, but she is actually jealous of all the extra attention Arthur is getting. Finally, on the day of the circus, Arthur is well enough to go, but D.W. wakes up with the spots she so badly wanted.
119962	Arthur's Christmas Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1984	9780316111805	K-2	Christmas is only days away and Arthur can't find the perfect gift to give Santa! Finally, he has an idea and with a little help from his sister, Christmas will be a success!
75831	Arthur's computer disaster Brown, Marc	Little, Brown & Co	1997	9780316110167	K-2	Arthur is determined to win on his computer game, Deep, Dark Sea. When Mum asks Arthur not to touch the computer because she needs it for work, the temptation of the game proves too much for him. When the keyboard crashes to the ground and the screen goes dark, Arthur knows he is in deep and dark trouble.
778	Arthur's dream boat Dunbar, Polly	Walker Books	2012	9781406344622	3-4	Arthur has an amazing dream about a pink and green boat with a striped mast. He can't wait to tell his family about it. But when he tries, no one (not even the dog) is interested in listening. In fact, they don't even notice when the very same boat gradually appears on his head, growing larger and larger by the minute.
10085	Arthur's eyes Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1979	9780316110693	K-2	None of Arthur's friends wear glasses and his classmates tease him! But when he stops wearing them, he gets in all kinds of trouble. Maybe four eyes really are better than two.
116229	Arthur's family vacation Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1993	9780316113120	K-2	Arthur is unhappy about going on vacation with his family, but he shows them how to make the best of a bad situation when they end up stuck in a motel because of rain.
8628	Arthur's first sleepover Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1994	9780316059565	K-2	D.W. provides excitement to Arthur's campout with his friends by appearing as an alien
116232	Arthur's new puppy Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1993	9780316109215	K-2	Arthur is overjoyed when he brings home his new puppy, Pal. But when Arthur forgets to close Pal's gate, the puppy goes wild! It's a good thing Arthur has some training tricks up his sleeve!
116234	Arthur's nose Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1986	9780316110709	K-2	Unhappy with his nose, Arthur visits the rhinologist to get a new one.

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11879	Arthur's pet business Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1990	9780316112628	K-2	Arthur's determination to prove he is responsible enough to have a puppy brings him a menagerie of animals to care for.
9670	Arthur's teacher trouble Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1989	9780316111867	K-2	On the first day of school Arthur discovers he's got the toughest teacher in the third grade! The pressure is on to study hard for the all-school Spellathon. Can Arthur beat last year's champion speller? Or will he let Mr. Ratburn d-o-w-n?
587735	Arthur's Thanksgiving Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1984	9780316112321	K-2	Arthur has been picked to direct his school's Thanksgiving play -- and cast the roles. But all his friends want to be star, and no one wants to play the Turkey! What will Arthur do?
15751	Arthur's tooth Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1985	9780316112468	K-2	Arthur's whole class has started losing their teeth-but not Arthur. His loose tooth wiggles but won't come out. Everyone seems to think they have the best solution. But none of their ideas work! Will he be stuck with his tooth forever?
100666	Arthur's TV trouble Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	2009	9780316110471	K-2	When Arthur sees the advertisement for the amazing doggy Treat Timer, he knows it's the perfect gift for Pal. He sets out to earn the money to buy it, daydreaming of riches and of Pal's reaction when he sees the Treat Timer for the first time. Everything seems to be working out, too -- until a big gust of wind nearly blows Arthur's dreams of luxury away!
13584	Arthur's underwear Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1999	9780316106191	K-2	Arthur is having nightmares about showing up to school in his underwear! So he tries all sorts of tricks to stay awake. If he stops sleeping, the bad dreams will stop too... right?
587734	Arthur's valentine Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	1980	9780316111874	K-2	It's almost Valentine's Day, and Arthur can't crack the case on who his secret admirer is. Could it be Fern, or maybe even Sue Ellen? Or is it just Buster playing pranks? Will Arthur solve the mystery, or will he be left holding a broken heart?

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587738	Arthur, it's only rock'n'roll Brown, Marc	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	2002	9780316118545	K-2	Based on the primetime PBS television special coming this fall, this tie-in book finds Arthur yearning to join a rock band started by Francine. But Arthur doesn't make it through the auditions and Francine chooses Molly, Binky, Fern, and Mrs. MacGrady instead. Then the Backstreet Boys come to Elwood City and change "everything!." Full color.
10192	Artie and the grime wave Roxburgh, Richard	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760292140	5-6	Artie and his best friend, Bumshoe, have stumbled upon a Cave-of-Possibly-Stolen-Stuff, and a gang of shady characters, including scary Mary, fang-toothed Funnel-web and the devious Mayor Grime. Artie and Bumshoe's attempt to solve the mystery sparks a chaotic chain of events that involves kidnapping, puppy-dog cutlets, modern art and pioneering the sport of the bungee-wedgie. Winner Book of the Year Award Speech Pathology Australia 2018 (8-10 Years Category)
750944	Artist, The Binks, Alison	Berbay Publishing	2020	9780648397380	K-2	"The Artist likes to paint one picture before breakfast. When the world is quiet." This story is a celebration of childhood freedom, creativity, and nature. It encourages readers to embrace their inner artist and see the details of their environment. This is such a respectful way to honour children's interest in their artwork and to validate the time they devote to developing their skills.
15333	Artists Powell, Jillian	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2000	9780750225984	3-4	Interesting facts about the lives and paintings of six famous artists including Monet, Picasso, da Vinci, Rembrandt, van Gogh and Turner.
12365	Artists are crazy and other stories Catran, Ken	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734404756	5-6	Eight wry and brilliant stories that tell the truth behind some of history's great moments. It includes stories about Leonardo da Vinci, Vikings, Christopher Columbus and the mummy of the great counsellor to the Pharaoh Rameses.
571292	Arty Farty Marty: The paint smashin' kraken Baker, Dale	Bonnier Publishing Australia	2018	9781760681173	3-4	Arty Farty Marty loves to surf and paint! Join Marty as he tries his tentacles at painting in the styles of seven of the world's most famous artists.
4177	As big as you Acton, Sara	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781743629697	K-2	Claude is a large elephant. Finlay is a small one. Claude can trumpet so loudly, the earth shakes. Finlay can only squeak and spurt tiny fountains with his trunk. He wants to be as big as Claude.
1019888	As bright as a rainbow Ash, Romy & Jaryn, Blue	Working Title Press	2024	9781922033062	K-2	There are so many ways to be yourself, and this book explores all of them.

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689238	As fast as I can Tangey, Penny	University of Queensland Press	2020	9780702262814	5-6	Ten-year-old Vivian is determined to compete at the Olympic Games one day. So when Vivian discovers she has a talent for cross country running, she's excited her Olympic dream might come true. But then a family illness is uncovered and all of Vivian's plans begin to unravel. Can she keep her hopes alive? Or will she be stopped in her tracks?
628092	As happy as here Godwin, Jane	Hachette Children's Books	2019	9780734419231	7-9	Evie, Lucy and Gemma are all in hospital for different reasons, and find themselves in a ward together. Despite a rocky start, they gradually become friends. When one of them witnesses a crime from the window, all three band together to solve the mystery and help build each others happiness while doing so. A coming of age novel for anyone in that space between childhood and adolescence.
23	As I grew older Abdulla, Ian	Scholastic Australia	1993	9781862911833	5-6	Ian Abdulla tells of his life and experiences growing up in a traditional Aboriginal family, living the Nunga way of life on the Murray River in the 1950s.
911144	As long as the lemon trees grow Katouh, Zoulfa	Bloomsbury	2022	9781526648518	9plus	Salama Kassab was a pharmacy student when the cries for freedom broke out in Syria. She still had her parents and her big brother; she still had her home. She was even supposed to be meeting a boy to talk about marriage. Now Salama volunteers at a hospital in Homs, helping the wounded who flood through the doors. She knows that she should be thinking about leaving, but who will help the people of her beloved country if she doesn't? With her heart so conflicted, her mind has conjured a vision to spur her to action. His name is Khawf, and he haunts her nights with hallucinations of everything she has lost. But even with Khawf pressing her to leave, when she crosses paths with Kenan, the boy she was supposed to meet on that fateful day, she starts to doubt her resolve in leaving home at all. Soon, Salama must learn to see the events around her for what they truly are. Not a war, but a revolution and decide how she, too, will cry for Syria's freedom. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
5375	Ash dresses her friends Wenzheng, Fu	New Frontier Publishing	2018	9781925594027	K-2	Ash is feeling lonely. She wishes she had someone to play with. Then a sad elephant comes along and Ash has an idea that will cheer him up. Soon she is sharing her idea with lots of animals in the forest. A warm-hearted story about sharing with others.

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	Ash princess series Sebastian, Laura				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
24	Ash Road Southall, Ivan	Front Street Books	2004	9781932425116	5-6	A group of children have to battle a bushfire with only two elderly men to help them.
21059	Ash Rover: keeper of the phoenix Darlison, Aleesah	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2014	9781922179029	5-6	Ash Rover stumbles across a phoenix egg, but this magical bird is going to bring danger to his village. Ash is soon on a desperate quest to save his family and friends.
660123	Ask Hercules Quick Dubosarsky, Ursula & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760296827	3-4	The box of magic tricks in the shop window was expensive and Hercules Quick did not have enough money in his piggy bank to buy it. What he needed was a job. Hercules certainly had plenty of neighbours who needed his help from babysitting to singing and even finding lost ping pong balls. He even got a bonus in the form of a tadpole named Sylvie. Despite all of his hard work, Hercules still did not have enough money but he realised that real magic doesn't need to come out of a box of magic tricks!
985522	Ask no questions Collins, Eva	Puncher & Wattmann	2022	9781922571342	7-9	With a third of Australians born and around half with one parent born overseas, migration stories are a crucial part of our national experience. In her verse novel, Ask No Questions, Eva Collins writes spare affecting lines about her own experience as a teenager when her parents decided to emigrate from Poland to Australia. She captures the loss and gain, grief and celebration with great poignancy. Simply written but deeply moving, Ask No Questions is accessible poetry that is particularly suited for young adult readers.
88118	Asphalt and feathers Sydney Youth Writing Competition	Sydney Youth Writing Competition, Inc	2008	9780980581102	5-6	Be inspired to write by reading the winning poems, short stories and plays from students in Years 3-6 in the 2008 Sydney Youth Writing Competition. Participants had to include the signature words, feathers and/or asphalt, in their entries.

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587812	Assassination of Brangwain Spurge, The Anderson, M.T. & Yelchin, Eugene	Candlewick Press	2018	9780763698225	7-9	The universal understanding is that goblins are blood thirsty, uncivilised monsters, and elves are artistically refined and polite. Be prepared for a confrontational truth as Brangwain Spurge, elfin emissary, is catapulted across the Bonecruel Mountains into the goblin territory of Tenebrion. His mission is to infiltrate and spy on the evil goblin government under the pretence of delivering a gift, and return alive.
751115	Aster's good, right, things Gordon, Kate	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780648492573	5-6	I can't let go of them - the good right things - because if I do I'll turn into a cloud and float away, and a storm will come and blow me to nothing. Eleven year old Aster attends a school for gifted kids, but she doesn't think she is gifted al all. If she was, her mother would not have left. Each day Aster must do a good right thing a challenge she sets herself, to make someone's life better. Nobody can know about her things, because then they wont count. Then she meets Xavier, who has his own special mission. When they do these together, Aster feels free but if she stops doing her good right things will everything fall apart?
	Asterix 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.
20732	Astonishing animal ABC Fuge, Charles	Gullane Children's Books Ltd	2011	9781862338111	K-2	Meet all sorts of animals through the alphabet. There's arty aardvark, outraged owl, snoozy sloth and many, many more.
23695	Astonishing colour of after, The Pan, Emily X R	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9781510102965	9plus	What is the colour of love or loss? After an unimaginable tragedy turns her life upside-down, Leigh embarks on a quest that is partly physical, partly magical, and entirely transformative. An artist by calling, Leigh's story is illuminated in colours of all shades and meaning. As she journeys into her family's past and discovers a cultural identity she never knew, she finds the answers she was looking for, and even answers she didn't know she needed. This book deals with issues of grief, suicide and healing. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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886456	Astonishingly good stories Spratt, R A	Puffin Australia	2022	9780143779261	5-6	A lovestruck merpig, a peppermint-stick Parthenon, a vegetarian spider and so much more! From R.A. Spratt, bestselling author of Friday Barnes and Shockingly Good Stories, comes this collection of twenty terrific stories featuring Greek myths and fractured fairytales as told by Nanny Piggins (the world's most glamorous flying pig), a mystery investigated by Friday Barnes (girl detective) and a series of tales so tall they will give you altitude sickness. This book will delight children from four to one hundred and four. Just the thing for reading at bedtime, when you're supposed to be doing your homework or when you've been chased up a tree by an escaped rhinoceros and you're waiting for the zookeeper to arrive.
9199	Astrid Spark fixologist: the girl with the incredible, magnetic fingers D'Ath, Justin	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2002	9781865087184	5-6	The silly, inventive and fun adventures of a girl with a magnetic finger.
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.

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622523	Astrologer's daughter, The Lim, Rebecca	The High street publishing company	2019	9780648468608	9plus	Avicenna Crowe's mother, Joanne, is an astrologer with uncanny predictive powers and a history of being stalked. Now she is missing. The police are called, but they're not asking the right questions. Like why Joanne lied about her past, and what she saw in her stars that made her so afraid. But Avicenna has inherited her mother's gift. Finding an unlikely ally in the brooding Simon Thorn, she begins to piece together the mystery. And when she uncovers a link between Joanne's disappearance and a cold-case murder, Avicenna is led deep into the city's dark and seedy underbelly, unaware how far she is placing her own life in danger. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
871658	Astronaughties: Moon Mayhem Cranna, Andrew	Walker Books	2022	9781760653378	3-4	Imagine 101 years into the future. The moon has been transformed into the ultimate super cool intergalactic amusement park. The Astronaughties get a chance to visit Luna Park before it officially opens. But when they arrive, they discover their parents, who designed the park, are missing. Now their mission is to find them, defeat the baddies and free a trapped alien. Hold on tight. This is a wild rocket ride.
669552	Astronaut's cat, The Riddle, Tohby	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760524944	3-4	The astronaut's cat is an indoor cat, and that is very good news, because outside is no place for any living thing. The cat can still be curious about the rocky, dusty, hot and cold, and very unusual land outside the window, including the big blue ball which appears each day.
9484	Astronaut: living in space Hayden, Kate	Penguin	2002	9780751362619	3-4	This book explains what it is really like being an astronaut and what the job involves.
660724	Astronauts: Women on the final frontier Ottaviani, Jim & Wicks, Maris (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2020	9781250760036	5-6	The U.S. may have put the first man on the moon, but it was the Soviet space program that made Valentina Tereshkova the first woman in space. It took years to catch up, but soon NASA's first female astronauts were racing past milestones of their own. The trail-blazing women of Group 9, NASA's first mixed gender class, had the challenging task of convincing the powers that be that a woman's place is in space, but they discovered that NASA had plenty to learn about how to make space travel possible for everyone.

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	Astrosaurs series Cole, Steve				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.
25	At Ardilla Rubinstein, Gillian	Penguin	2001	9780141312675	9plus	Jen returns to Ardilla, a well-loved, old holiday home, and struggles to understand the changing relationships between families and friends. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
7569	At my door Fitzpatrick, Deb	Fremantle Press	2015	9781925162707	3-4	Deliveries usually come in a van, as heavy boxes or oddly-shaped bags. They do not come late, on a school night. When Poppy's dad opens the front door to find a small, very distressed child, clinging to a green blanket, the family tries their hardest to do the right thing. They look after the baby while the authorities search for her family. Although Mei's stay is brief, her impact on the family is long-lasting.
4518	At my family table dos Santos, Mandy & Ho, Kancy (ill)	Little People Nutrition	2017	9780648100003	K-2	We come to the family table, to eat, to talk, to share. We come to the family table, to enjoy delicious fare. Who is at your table?
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.
15133	At the beach: postcards from Crabby Spit Harvey, Roland	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2004	9781741147049	3-4	It's summer and time to head to Crabby Spit. I've been crabspotting, riding my bike, surfing and swimming, and looking at stars. With a bit of luck, I'll be having fish and chips for dinner. The only problem is my things keep disappearing.
574289	At the end of Holyrood Lane Powell, Dimity & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	EK Books	2018	9781925335767	3-4	Life at the end of Holyrood Lane is filled with sunshine and butterflies. Except when it storms. Storms make Flick's world dark, and make her feel smaller than she really is. To escape their fury, Flick runs and hides. But the storms keep coming back. It's time for Flick to try something she has never done before, so she can banish fear and welcome back sunshine.
12178	At the seaside Church, Diane	Watts	2000	9780749636951	K-2	Christopher, a child with Down syndrome, tackles everyday life. Christopher and his friend, Lauren, are spending the day at the seaside, enjoying the sun and getting into mischief.

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14405	At the sign of the sugared plum Hooper, Mary	Bloomsbury	2003	9780747561248	7-9	It is 1665 and Hannah has come from the country to assist her sister in sweet making at the Sugared Plum sweet shop. The plague has also come to London so Hannah's life is now full of dangers as well as the sights and sounds of the crowded city.
15194	At the vet Lamb, Ann	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2004	9780734407313	K-2	An eventful trip to the vet turns out to be lots of fun, especially if you like baby kittens.
903249	Atlas of abandoned places Smith, Oliver	Octopus	2022	9781784726928	7-9	From rusting rocket ships to crumbling opulent palaces belonging to former dictators, this atlas journeys across fifty remarkable sites across the world. No longer in their heyday, these sites are abandoned and eerily different to what they once were. Each site has its own story to share.
3867	Atlas of oddities: discover the amazing and diverse world we live in Gifford, Clive & Worrall, Tracy (ill)	Egmont Childrens	2016	9781405281362	5-6	Living on the planet are more than 7 billion people, all with their own interests, traditions and ways of life. And the extraordinary scenery, from the icy poles to scorching hot deserts, lush tropical rainforests, giant rocky caves and canyons, remarkable rivers, lakes and seas, also provides a home to a phenomenally wide range of different animals and plants. This unbelievable round-the-world adventure will take you through all of our continents and countries, and on the way you will get to see just how diverse the world can be. The beautifully illustrated maps feature key aspects, such as borders, capital cities and major rivers, and are perfect for engaging young readers.
15898	Atmospheric Wilkinson, Carole	Black Dog Books	2016	9781925126372	7-9	Talking about the weather used to be small talk. Now, it's the hottest topic on Earth. We can't survive without Earth's atmosphere yet, most of the time, we ignore it. Our atmosphere is treated as a rubbish dump for our greenhouse gas emissions. Slowly but surely, what we are doing is changing the Earth's climate. In small chunks, this book cuts through the many voices raised around climate change to tell the story of our atmosphere, what is putting our climate at risk and what we can do about it.
660189	Atticus Van Tasticus Daddo, Andrew & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Puffin Australia	2019	9780143796541	5-6	Climb onboard the pirate ship Grandnan and adventure with Atticus and his wiley crew as they search for treasure, brave the elements and battle the meanest pirates on the seas. An action packed and highly improbable adventure full of funny cartoon illustrations and puns that will tickle your funnybone!

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751035	Atticus Van Tasticus: The treasure of treasures Daddo, Andrew & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2020	9781760892869	5-6	With the Map of Half Maps finally in the hands of Atticus and his crew, the rest should be easy, right? Wrong! Rattling skeletons, ghosts, monsters from the deep, killer sucking sands and a boiling hot tub are just some of the obstacles between them and certain treasure.
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.
10569	Audacity: stories of heroic Australians in wartime Walker, Carlie & Hatherly, Brett (ill)	Dept of Veterans' Affairs & Australian War Memorial	2014	9781877007934	5-6	The eleven Australians featured may not have used the word 'audacity' to describe their acts of bravery, for which they won awards and honours. But, each of them took risks in wartime, helping others against extreme dangers which could have cost them their lives. Stories of soldiers, prisoners of war, nurses, airmen and sailors are told, with the backdrop of the many wars involving Australia over the last one hundred years.
	Audrey series Harris, Christine & James, Ann (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.
1436403	Audrey skips Rowe, Andrea & Coutts, Lisa (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2026	9781922858719	5-6	Bright and shiny Audrey loves to skip a jump rope rhyme, right off her rooftop and through the sleeping streets of a city. Skittering across the skyline and peering in windows, Audrey spies folks struggling with hard times as her own light dims. With a little help from city friends, Audrey's light and her hopeful spirit shine again, brighter than ever.

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855823	August & Jones Harry, Pip	Lothian Books	2022	9780734420350	5-6	Eleven-year-old Jones Kirby has just moved to Sydney from her farm in country New South Wales. She's missing her alpacas and wide-open paddocks and can't get used to her family's tiny city apartment. She's also worried that her vision is blurry - she lost her eye to cancer as a toddler. Could it be another tumor? Enrolling at her new school, Jones meets shy, awkward August Genting. He loves fun facts, the library and knitting as much as Jones loves rock climbing and being outdoors. Who would have thought they'd become fast friends? At home, August's parents are fighting. And for Jones, the news from the doctor is not good. To cheer themselves up, the pair hatch a brilliant plan: the August and Jones Must-See Bucket List. Together, this brave duo will set out to meet a rare monkey, run across the Harbour Bridge and even climb Australia's highest mountain." LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Pip Harry read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#august-and-jones-pip-harry
885151	Augustin and the hot air balloon Metzenthen, David	Ford Street Publishing	2022	9781925804966	5-6	Augustin is a poor boy who lives in a barn. Celine is a rich girl who lives in a mighty palace. They are both adventurous. Their world's collide during a one of their daring adventures which lands them in a world of terrible trouble and dangerous secrets. David Metzenthen has combined fact with fiction to create a story of wonder, mystery and excitement.
40643	Aunties three, The Bland, Nick	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781741697919	K-2	Pack up your games, dismantle your toys, practise your manners and muffle your noise. Watch the mayhem unfold as three, bold aunts enter the house of three, unruly children who try their very best to welcome the guests for tea.

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750992	Aunty's wedding Tapsell, Miranda & Tyler, Joshua & Fry, Samantha (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760524838	K-2	Everyone on the island is getting ready for Aunty's wedding. Maningawu puts on her best hat and I can wear a wurrijinga in my hair. Lucky! We all dress up, but I still don't understand. Why do people have a wedding?
	Aurora cycle series Kaufman, Amie & Kristoff, Jay				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.
1409645	Aussie Christmas mix up, The Hosking, Jackie & Eckstrom, Nathaniel (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781761600333	K-2	Santa has checked his list not once but twice and put the gifts in his bag. If only he was as careful when he was attaching all the tags! It's an Aussie Christmas mix-up... with presents and confusion galore. Luckily the always helpful crew of Aussie animals are about to save the day...
784967	Aussie Easter hat parade Buchanan, Colin & Williams, Simon	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761293054	K-2	Hey! Ho! What a show! Look at what we've made! As we go marching round and round. In the Easter Hat Parade! Join the Aussie animals as they create amazing hats for their very first Easter parade.
	Aussie Heroes 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.
	Aussie kids 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.
570821	Aussie legends alphabet Feiner, Beck	ABC Books	2017	9780733338946	5-6	There are Australians from all works of life. Some have famously contributed to our history. Here is a list of 26 colourfully presented in alphabetical order.

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1041359	Aussie native plants A-Z Farrell, Joey & Gibson, Jocelyn (ill)	Boolarong Press	2023	9781922643551	3-4	A peaceful journey through the alphabet, looking at some common and not so common native Australian plants. With beautiful illustrations and information about First Nations people, this is an engaging and educational read.
6887	Aussie night before Christmas, An Morrison, Yvonne & Niland, Kilmeny (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2005	9781865046532	3-4	Christmas in the middle of an Australian summer means Santa has to find new ways to deliver his presents.
	Aussie notables series Drummond, Allan & Lumsden, Glenn (ill)				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.
	Aussie stars series McCallum, Grant				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.
785301	Aussie stem stars: Eddie Woo Lim, Rebecca	Wild Dingo Press	2021	9781925893403	5-6	Named as one of the world's Top ten teachers, Eddie Woo has already packed a lot into his short life. Australian High School Maths teacher, education ambassador and advisor, author, TV Host and 'WooTube' sensation, Eddie has been putting the magic into maths for the past ten years.
785309	Aussie stem stars: Fiona Wood Burne, Cristy	Wild Dingo Press	2020	9781925893281	5-6	Fiona Wood is a plastic surgeon whose expertise in burns treatment came to the world's attention in 2002 in the wake of the Bali bombings. From defending the weak and fixing the broken to fighting for her chance to study medicine, the story of plastic surgeon and spray-on skin inventor Fiona Wood shows us the value of dreams, hard work, and having the courage to do what is right.

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785415	Aussie stem stars: Gisela Kaplan Gale, Emily	Wild Dingo Press	2021	9781925893465	5-6	Gisela Kaplan's story begins in post-World War II Germany. Despite incredible challenges as a child, she retained a profound curiosity, care and compassion for all living things. Her captivating, ground-breaking scientific research on Australian magpies, tawny frogmouths and other iconic bird species, as well as primates, make Prof. Kaplan a world-leading expert in animal behaviour, especially of Australian birds. Professor Kaplan is on a mission to spread the word about how intelligent and surprising birds are, before time runs out for many of them.
9465	Aussiemaze Bowring, Jane & Rossell, Judith	Koala Books	2001	9780864613394	3-4	A unique book that presents descriptions of ten Australian animals, including their behaviours, habitats and predators, in a maze format that shows their natural environment.
12404	Australia at the beach Fatchen, Max & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1999	9781862913936	3-4	A funny, rhyming story about a family and their friends celebrating Australia Day at the beach.
917817	Australia from dawn to dusk Brentos	Affirm Press	2022	9781922806321	K-2	Wake up with kookaburras on Arakwal Country (Byron Bay), bask with wombats on wulinantikala (Cradle Mountain), watch black and red cockatoos flying over Anangu Country, scratch the Daintree Rainforest floor with cassowaries on Kuku Yalanji Country, and go to sleep as quokkas wake up on Whadjuk Noongar Country (Rottnest Island).
6094	Australia illustrated McCartney, Tania	EK Books	2018	9781925335880	3-4	This is a small slice of Australia as you've never seen it before. Spend time looking and find out what makes Australia so great.
660483	Australia remembers Paterson, Allison	Big Sky Publishing	2018	9781925675771	5-6	Every year there are special days when we remember all those who have fought in the past to keep Australia free and those who still fight today to keep us safe. On 25 April - Anzac Day - and on 11 November - Remembrance Day - we stop to think about those people and how much they have done for us. Australia Remembers presents a detailed explanation of the origins and traditions of Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, exploring both their connections and significance to young Australians today.
4576	Australia to Z Greder, Armin	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760113186	9plus	This striking alphabet book shows an Australia with many dimensions. As a country, it has a lot to offer but Australia needs to confront its history and current greed; to stop leaning on old cultural institutions and symbols; and to welcome and tolerate differences. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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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.
886017	Australia's dangerous bush creatures Mollard, Myke	Woodslane Press	2022	9781925868869	5-6	Australia has many venomous, dangerous and scary animals. This book is an adventurous exploration of our most feared wildlife. It is overflowing with visual storytelling, maps and facts about Australian snakes, sharks, spiders, crocodiles, stingrays, mosquitoes, goannas, ticks and more.
13384	Australia's deadly and dangerous animals: fact file Cermak, Michael (phot)	Steve Parish Publishing Pty Ltd	2007	9781741931327	5-6	Find out about fifty-six species of Australian animals categorised as deadly, dangerous, harmful or disease carrying. Interesting information and close-up coloured photographs of snakes, crocodiles, insects, spiders, marine life and mammals indicate their physical characteristics, the effects of their venom, where they are commonly found and the number of human deaths they cause.
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.
	Australia's great war series Various				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.
14109	Australia's greatest inventions & innovations Cheng, Christopher & Knight, Linsay	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2012	9781742755649	7-9	Imagine a world without wi-fi or clothes lines or lawnmowers or Vegemite or dual-flush toilets or even mousetraps. Weird, huh? These are just a few of the many inventions that have been created by clever Australians to solve some of life's difficult problems. Suitable for Stage 2 and Stage 3.

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21142	Australia's most deadly McGee, Karen	Australian Geographic Education	2014	9781742455877	3-4	When it comes to deadly animals, Australia hits the jackpot. You might be surprised to discover that there are three creatures whose danger factor is higher than sharks or the funnel-web spider. The animals have been given a deadly factor out of ten and the higher the score, the more deadly the animal.
12682	Australia's neighbours: Indonesia Hinchey, Jane	Redback Publishing	2018	9781925630060	5-6	Indonesia is the world's largest island country, with 17,508 islands, of which about 6,000 are inhabited. Find out what life is like in Indonesia. Discover Indonesia's ethnic diversity and how people live, work and play. Learn about the events that shaped this fascinating country.
1075805	Australia: Country of colour Racklyeft, Jess	Affirm Press	2023	9781922863881	5-6	With its vivid red dirt, big blue skies, wild green bushland and golden sandy beaches, Australia is a country of extraordinary colour. Here is a celebration of the stunning plants and animals of this colourful country, from vibrant pink Flame Peas to startling blue Fairy Wrens, electric yellow Billy Buttons, glossy black Tasmanian Devils, and many more. Come and take a closer look at nature's paintbox and the rainbow of life that lives in Australia, from one of our best-loved picture book creators.
3466	Australian animal atlas, The Cronin, Leonard & Westmacott, Marion (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760294144	3-4	Come on a journey into the world of Australia's wildlife, exploring all the different habitats, from parched deserts to lush rainforests. Discover the mammals, birds, reptiles, fish and insects that live there. Search for the animals hidden in each habitat scene. Find out about the fish that walks; the sixth sense of the platypus; the deadly venom of the desert death adder; the strange table manners of the sea star.This environmental atlas of Australian animals, by an expert team, is full of fascinating facts and superb illustrations.

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846236	Australian backyard birdies Geppert, Andy	Hachette Australia	2021	9780734420695	3-4	This is a common pigeon. Common because it's almost identical to every other pigeon. You'll sometimes see a white one. That's because it's just had a bath. I made that last bit up. If you would like to learn more VERY REAL facts like this about some of Australia's most common backyard birds, this is the book for you. I mean, who doesn't want to know what bok, bok, bok means in chicken? Or how often a budgerigar poops? A handy first field guide packed full of fascinating facts (some of them are even true) about Australia's most common backyard birds.
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.
45305	Australian backyard explorer Macinnis, Peter	National Library of Australia	2009	9780642276841	7-9	Australian history joins with science to bring the world of the explorer to life. Each chapter contains an historical section plus a related project and some quirky but interesting facts. Trying to stay alive and keeping an eye on the weather are just as applicable today as they were two hundred years ago. Tales of tragedy, conflict and death, loyalty, amazing perseverance and wonderment.
5053	Australian backyard naturalist Macinnis, Peter	National Library of Australia	2012	9780642277428	7-9	Ever wondered what all those tiny bugs are that you see when you look very closely at a rosebud on a rosebush? Ever wanted to be able to identify a bird just from hearing its song? Want to learn how to keep a pet ant lion? All that and more is to be found within this informative book. Features personal accounts from the author's experiences with many of the species mentioned.
593287	Australian birds Chun, Matt	Little Hare Books	2018	9781760502003	5-6	It took millions of years of isolation and a diverse range of habitats for Australian birds to evolve the way they did. The result is many of the world's most striking and beautiful birds, including some that are stranger than fiction. 16 remarkable species are featured in this beautiful book. From the iconic cockatoo, to the endangered cassowary, Australian Birds has been carefully curated to inform and entrance readers of all ages.
26	Australian bushrangers Coupe, Robert	New Holland Australia	1998	9781864362848	7-9	This history of bushranging in Australia gives details about many bushrangers.

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	Australian bushrangers series Smith, Jane				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.
832990	Australian climate change book, The Marsden, Polly & Nixon, Chris (ill)	Lothian Books	2021	9780734420831	3-4	Climate change. What is it and how does it affect us here in Australia? The world is part of a balancing act to ensure its ecosystems can work together to survive. But the climate is changing too quickly. What can we do to help? There are many ways that we can help, even small steps can make a difference. Read what it is all about in this interesting book that explains all the hard stuff and tells us how we can help.
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.
12904	Australian kids through the years McCartney, Tania & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	National Library of Australia	2015	9780642278593	3-4	Many thousands of years ago, the first people arrived in Australia and made this land their home. When Europeans arrived in the late 1700s, things changed forever. Now, Australia is home to children of many cultures and backgrounds, whose lives have changed over time.Enjoy spotting what has stayed the same and what is different in clothing, housing, activities, food and games.

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12671	Australian landscapes: Water Dixon, Rachel	Redback Publishing	2018	9781925630237	5-6	Australia is the second driest continent on Earth, after the Antarctic. The availability of water has defined the spread of human settlement, from the arrival of the first Aboriginal Australians over 50,000 years ago, right up until the present. Water is precious in Australia and it is not a free resource. Discover the role in human history of the hidden, underground water sources across Australia and see how the presence or lack of water has affected our geography, economy and history.
	Australian Library series Various				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.
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.
660323	Australian sea life Chun, Matt	Little Hare Books	2019	9781760504694	5-6	Lurking under Australia's oceans live a vast array of stunning and sometimes dangerous creatures. Sixteen of them have been featured in this stunning book. From the dangerous Great White Shark to the delicate Weedy Sea Dragon learn some new facts about how they live and be amazed by the beautiful illustrations.
5855	Australians all Wheatley, Nadia & Searle, Ken (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781741146370	5-6	Covers the history of our continent from the Ice Age to the Apology, from the arrival of the First Fleet to the Mabo Judgement. Some of the subjects of the eighty mini-biographies of young Australians have become nationally or even internationally famous. Others were legends in their own families and communities.
	Ava adds series Dubosarsky, Ursula & White, Annie (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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	Ava Anne Appleton series Harmer, Wendy & Edmonds, Andrea (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.
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!
4437	Ava's spectacular spectacles Rex, Alice & Perrini, Angela (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2017	9781925059984	K-2	Ava hates wearing her new glasses. But what if Little Red Riding Hood had just put on a pair of glasses? Or Little Bo-Peep? Or poor old Humpty Dumpty? Maybe Ava will see how spectacular her spectacles are after all.
30283	Avalon High Cabot, Meg	MacMillan	2005	9780330438322	7-9	Ellie is not looking forward to a year in a new home or attending a new school, Avalon High, whose students are not as they appear to be.
	Averil series Barwick, John				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.
12161	Avocado baby Burningham, John	Red Fox	2000	9780099200611	K-2	The Hargraves baby is born into a very weak family but grows super strong, once its mother begins feeding it mashed avocado.
14990	Avoid being a convict sent to Australia Costain, Meredith & Antram, David (ill)	Koala Books	2005	9780864615176	5-6	A light-hearted but factual account of the social conditions and crimes that led to convicts being transported to Australia. An accurate and vivid account is given of life when Australia is reached. Cartoon-style illustrations add to humour.
9317	Awesome, Australian art for contemporary kids Cree, Laura Murray	Craftsman House	2003	9781877004209	7-9	Describing contemporary artworks and the intentions of the artists. The relevance of these works for today's kids is revealed.
6357	Awful Auntie Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2014	9780007453610	5-6	Stella Saxby is the sole heir to Saxby Hall. But, awful Aunt Alberta and her giant owl will stop at nothing to get it from her. Luckily, Stella has a secret, and slightly spooky, weapon up her sleeve.

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4973	Axel & Beast: The grabbem getaway Bott, Adrian. C. & Isaac, Andy (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2016	9781760127800	3-4	Axel is a 12 year old boy who loves video games. His life is turned upside down when one day a huge robot breaks into his garage. The robot is BEAST and he is running away from Grabbem Industries who want him to destroy the environment. Axel and BEAST go on the run and, helped by Agent Omega, try to keep BEAST safe.
12195	Axminster the carpet snake Edwards, Hazel & Wilson, Rosemary (ill)	Penguin	1994	9780140541243	K-2	A loveable pet snake at Axminster School goes missing in this sequel to the story of Stickybeak, the school pet duck with attitude.
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?
47411	Ayu and the perfect moon Cox, David	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2011	9781921720222	K-2	In Bali, an old woman, Ayu, tells a story to three little girls. When she was a young girl, Ayu moved her feet as she performed the traditional Balinese dance, the Legong, as the full moon rose over the palms.
660704	Azaria: A true history Coote, Maree	Walker Books	2020	9780648568407	7-9	What happens when the truth gets lost? Where wild animals and people meet, tragedy can strike. But when a tiny baby is stolen by a dingo, people simply cannot accept such a thing. Prejudice and gossip grip the nation, and the tragedy transforms into a fight for the truth. This is a true Australian story of innocence, ignorance, and the perils of mob thinking.
15195	B is for bravo Burgemeestre, Kevin	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734405357	5-6	Facts about aircraft and flight. Dramatic illustrations take you on an alphabet journey through the last hundred years of flight from boomerangs to modern planes, including the Flying Doctor, Scramjet engine research and Charles Kingsford Smith.
638755	Baa baa blue sheep Wilson, Tony & Wood, Laura (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760666446	K-2	Baa baa blue sheep, have you any wool? Yes, sir, yes sir, nine bags full! The master and dame want ALL the wool! Blue! Orange! Green! Red! But can the little boy who lives down the lane convince them to share?
2825	Baabwaa & Wooliam Elliott, David & Sweet, Melissa (ill)	Candlewick Press	2017	9780763660741	3-4	Baabwaa is a sheep who loves to knit. Wooliam is a sheep who loves to read. It sounds boring but they like it. But one day, they decide they could do with a bit of an adventure, so they set off for a walk around the field. Just then, quite unexpectedly, a third sheep shows up. A funny-looking sheep who might just be that wolf in sheep's clothing Wooliam has read about.

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	Bab Sharkey and the animal mummies series Hansen, Andrew & Roberts, Jessica (ill)				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.
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.
27	Baboon king, The Quintana, Anton	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780440229070	9plus	Morengaru, a man divided against himself, who is an outcast in the wilderness, must live as an animal. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
12307	Babs the baby and Fog the dog Wild, Margaret	Working Title Press	2003	9781876288372	K-2	Every day, mum, Babs the baby and Fog the dog go for a walk. One day, Fog the dog sits on his bottom and won't move. The others don't know what to do.
12398	Baby Cox, Tania & James, Ann (ill)	Working Title Press	2001	9781876288112	K-2	One day, baby elephant will be big and strong but for now she has much to learn from her loving family.
21746	Baby animal book, The Cossins, Jennifer	Hachette Children's Books	2017	9780734418159	K-2	What do you call a baby penguin? Or a baby owl? Or a baby platypus? Come along on an illustrated journey through the animal kingdom with Tasmanian artist Jennifer Cossins and find out! A CBCA Notable book.
3995	Baby band Jackson Hill, Diane & Poli, Giuseppe (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2017	9781925059779	K-2	On a normal day, a baby creates mayhem in an apartment block. Look how he transforms an apartment block into a vibrant community.
18141	Baby bear goes camping Broekstra, Lorette	Lothian Books	2001	9780734401793	K-2	Baby Bear goes on his first camping trip with his parents. He enjoys himself during the day and makes some new animal friends, but he is scared when night falls. Some discoveries lead him to have his best sleep ever.
17097	Baby bear goes to the park Broekstra, Lorette	Lothian Books	2003	9780734404626	K-2	Papa Bear takes Baby Bear to the park where he feeds the ducks, flies a kite and meets a helpful caterpillar when his kite gets caught in a tree. When Baby Bear next returns to the park to play, it is a very windy day. So windy that Baby Bear flies way up in the air over the whole town hanging onto his kite.
75722	Baby bear goes to the zoo Broekstra, Lorette	Lothian Books	1999	9780734400260	K-2	Mother and Baby Bear go to the zoo where Baby Bear follows a pretty butterfly and loses his mother. He keeps hearing someone calling 'Baby Bear, Baby Bear' and follows the sound, thinking it is his mother who is calling him.

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725	Baby bilby, where do you sleep Oliver, Narelle	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2001	9780734402301	K-2	Take a peek through the peepholes in this rhyming book and discover the secret hiding places of baby bilby and other Australian desert creatures.
52270	Baby bird's blankie Wild, Margaret & Perkins, Gwyn (ill)	Working Title Press	2008	9781876288877	K-2	Baby bird loves his blankie. He finds it is not only a comfort but also fun to play with, particularly when it's time to go to sleep.
12308	Baby Boomsticks Wild, Margaret & Legge David (ill)	ABC Books	2003	9780733307409	K-2	In a teeny-tiny village, a teeny-tiny mum and a teeny-tiny dad have an enormous baby. They call him Baby Boomsticks. Everyone is scared of him so Baby Boomsticks has to play all by himself.
45738	Baby brains and robomum James, Simon	Walker Books	2008	9781406313383	K-2	A very smart baby is born who prefers working on the computer and playing with his chemistry set instead of toys. When Baby Brains invents the ultimate home help, RoboMum, the household is transformed. But, this is a robot to reckon with and the family is in for a big surprise.
86932	Baby brains: the smartest baby in the whole world James, Simon	Walker Books	2005	9781844285228	K-2	This new baby is very smart. He reads the newspaper, mends the car and works as a doctor at the hospital. Everyone wants to meet the extraordinary Baby Brains.
620083	Baby business Seymour, Jasmine	Magabala Books	2019	9781925768671	5-6	Baby Business tells the story of the baby smoking ceremony that welcomes baby to country. The smoke is a blessing - it will protect the baby and remind them that they belong. This beautiful ritual is recounted in a way young children will completely relate to.
575720	Baby goes to market Atinuke & Brooksbank, Angela (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781406365160	K-2	Market is very crowded. Mama is busy shopping. Baby is busy, too! Can you count all the tasty treats Baby collects and eats along the way?
5571	Baby in the hat, The: An early romance Ahlberg, Allan & Amstutz, Andre (ill)	Walker Books	2008	9780744581362	K-2	The hero catches a baby, who has fallen from an upstairs window, in his hat. The young hero goes to sea and becomes a famous captain. Many years later, when he walks up the street where he had caught the baby, he looks up and sees a beautiful woman in the same upstairs window.
1975	Baby pie McRae, Tom & Ward, Nick (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842708248	3-4	When three little trolls, Oink, Boink and Moink, go out hunting for a baby for their baby pie, they are in for a big surprise.
7919	Baby tawnies Paulson, Judy	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2012	9781742755762	K-2	As darkness falls, two tawny frogmouths fly into the forest to find food. Far above the ground, Reggie and Lyla are left alone. But, the little tawnies don't plan to stay in the nest.

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8974	Baby that roared, The Puttock, Simon & Shireen, Nadia (ill)	Nosy Crow Ltd	2012	9780857630186	K-2	Mr and Mrs Deer would love to have a baby. One day, their wish comes true when they find a little bundle on their doorstep. But, the baby keeps on roaring. So, they ask for advice from family and friends, who send them off to fetch what they think the baby needs. But, it's very peculiar because each time Mr and Mrs Deer come back from their errands, someone has gone missing.
12186	Baby who wouldn't go to bed, The Cooper, Helen	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1997	9780552528382	K-2	A little boy won't go to bed. At first, it's fun staying up but gradually the drowsy world nods off all around him. He thinks he is awake alone but someone else is still awake too.
23029	Baby wombat's week French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2009	9780732286958	K-2	Baby wombats sleep. They eat. They get bored. On Wednesday, baby wombat's mother, Mothball, decides they need a bigger hole and the search begins.
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.

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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?
903348	Back on Country Goodes, Adam & Liang, Ellie & Hardy, David (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781761065088	K-2	'Where are we going again? asks Lucy. 'Back on country,' says Mum. 'Where we're going is where your nanna comes from, where we come from. Our Country is special to us. You'll see.' It's Lucy and David's first time back on Country. They meet their cousins and Elders, and see special places, learn local language words and hear stories as old as time. Join them to feel the strength that comes from being back on Country.
567897	Backyard Braxton-Smith, Ananda & Newcomb, Lizzy (ill)	Black Dog Books	2018	9781925381177	K-2	White gum rustle, tawny frog mouths still as wood, dragonflies swoop. Banjo frog calls the secret - watch the world carefully, your backyard is home to animals other than you! A child stands on her back step at dusk and surveys her backyard. The backyard is teeming with life - birds, possum, native rat, bats, insects and bugs.
660637	Backyard birds Milroy, Helen	Fremantle Press	2020	9781925816563	K-2	What colourful birds are in our backyards? From laughing kookaburras and prancing mudlarks to dancing willy wagtails and hungry galahs, this picture book is a vibrant adventure discovering the native birds around us.
885990	Backyard buddies Geppert, Andy	Lothian Books	2022	9780734421470	3-4	A somewhat factual introduction to the happy, crawly, wriggly, buzzy, fluttery critters that call your backyard home.
751185	Backyard bugs Milroy, Helen	Fremantle Press	2021	9781760990282	K-2	There are lots of bugs in our backyards and sometimes we might forget to have a closer look to see and hear what they are doing. Take a closer look at these backyard bugs.

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965924	Backyard footy Merrison, Carl & Campbell, Samantha (ill)	Lothian Books	2023	9780734421517	K-2	Backyard footy is fun on your own but even more fun with others. As the children kick and hand pass their way between backyards, they pick up more and more players and have more and more fun.
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.
9387	Bad bears and good bears Impey, Rose (reteller) & Lamont, Priscilla (ill)	Orchard Books	2000	9781860399725	3-4	Two traditional tales from Europe and North America retold in simple language.
12301	Bad buster Laguna, Sofie	Puffin Australia	2003	9780143300335	K-2	Being bad is what Buster does best until his dad thinks of a way to sort him out.
14442	Bad eggs Wide, Steve & Mackintosh, Michelle (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734405661	5-6	Hard Boiled Egg has a mystery to solve in the fridge. It takes him through all the shelves as he tries to catch the Bad Eggs. A very punny story, written in simple text.
28	Bad girls Wilson, Jacqueline	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1997	9780440863564	5-6	Mandy has been picked on at school for as long as she can remember. She can't believe it when cheeky, daring Tanya wants to be her friend. But, Mum thinks Tanya is not a suitable friend and, when Tanya shoplifts, there is trouble ahead.
992270	Bad Influence Winter, Tamsin	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781474979078	7-9	Navigating school is difficult at the best of times, but Amelia has found herself branded with the worst nickname, Maggot. In her attempt to prove her classmates wrong and get away from her nickname and become popular, Amelia makes an even worse blunder.
1019753	Bad magic: A Skulduggery Pleasant graphic novel Landy, Derek & Holden, P.J. & Soffe, Matt	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780008585785	9plus	'A small town in the middle of Ireland, a string of unexplained deaths and a monster on the loose. Better call in the experts. When Skullduggery Pleasant and Valkyrie Cain drive into Termoncara, they discover a town with a drak past and a people haunted by darker secrets. There is a creature stalking the streets - a creature who delights in cruelty, who feeds off the little hatreds, who grows stronger with every drop of blood spilled. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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582893	Bad Nana: Older not wiser Henn, Sophy	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780008268053	3-4	My name is Jeanie and I am nearly 8. I have 3 grandmothers and one of them is called Bad Nana. She is a little bit naughty, definitely embarrassing and whenever she is around there is trouble, BIG trouble.
1068353	Bad seed presents, The: The good, the bad, and the spooky John, Jory & Oswald, Pete (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780062954541	3-4	Halloween is the Bad Seed's favorite holiday of the year. But what's a seed to do when he can't find a show-stopping costume for the big night? Postpone trick-or-treating for everyone, of course! Can he get a costume together in time? Or will this seed return to his baaaaaaaaad ways?
1012399	Bad seed, The John, Jory and Oswald, Pete (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2017	9780062467768	3-4	He has a bad temper, bad manners, and a bad attitude. He's been bad since he can remember! This seed cuts in line every time, stares at everybody and never listens. But what happens when one mischievous little seed changes his mind about himself, and decides that he wants to be - happy?
87399	Bad-tempered ladybird, The Carle, Eric	Puffin Australia	1976	9780140503982	K-2	A bad-tempered ladybird is not prepared to share her meal of aphids with anyone.
18437	Badly drawn dog Dodson, Emma	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2005	9780340878071	3-4	Badly drawn dog believes he's too scribbly and smudgy, and seeks out an artist to redraw him. But, each new drawing of him is not quite right. A delightful book about appearances and beauty being in the eye of the beholder.
4795	Bag and a bird, A Allen, Pamela	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9780143783909	3-4	One day, a long time ago when I lived in Kirribilli, Sydney, I packed a lunch and set out to walk to the Botanic Gardens. I crossed the Harbour Bridge then climbed down to Circular Quay. I walked beside the sea wall, past the Botanic gardens. And this is what I saw.
587698	Bailey beats the blah Tyrrell, Karen & Pocock, Aaron (ill)	Digital Future Press	2018	9780987274045	K-2	Bailey hates his new school. His tummy aches. He has no friends. His dog Fuzzy slobbers all over him. BLAH! How can Bailey change his BLAH to HA-HA-HA?
859766	Bailey Finch takes a stand Laguna, Ingrid	Text Publishing Co	2021	9781922330994	3-4	Bailey Finch has been through a lot. When her beloved dog Sheba gets sick from swimming in the local creek, Bailey knows she has to step up. It's not easy to be brave or strong when your Mum has died and your Dad is not there for you, but Bailey has a new friend who will help her make everything better.

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11129	Bajirriga the turtle Fourmile, Trevor & Fourmile, Lillian (ill)	Black Ink Press	2006	9781863340205	3-4	Foolish Bajirriga, an Aboriginal boy, fails to cooperate with his community, preferring to go to the beach and swim while they gather food. Ignoring his parents' advice to come out of the water, he begins to transform into a turtle.
5107	Bakehouse, The Cowley, Joy	Gecko Press	2015	9781776570072	7-9	In New Zealand during World War ll, eleven year old Bert desperately wants the war to continue so that he can join up and use guns. An abandoned derelict bakery becomes a prospective bomb shelter for the family and Bert enjoys his role in setting it up. But, when the shelter becomes home to a deserter, Bert soon learns that the secrets and danger of war don't always stay at the front line.
28672	Baking with Dad Cacciapuoti, Aurora	Child's Play International Ltd	2016	9781846437540	K-2	Today we are baking a cake with Dad. We have everything we need, including the most important ingredient of all- Dad himself.
1785	Bakir and Bi Boyd, Jillian & Mordey, Tori-Jay (ill)	Magabala Books	2013	9781921248863	5-6	Bakir and Mar live on a remote island called Egur with their two young children. While fishing, Bakir comes across a very special pelican named Bi. A famine occurs, and life on the island is no longer harmonious. One day Bakir and Bi disappear and Mar and the children are forced to make the journey to another island by canoe and so begins the adventure.
3136	Ball for Daisy, A Raschka, Chris	Random House Children's Books	2011	9780375858611	K-2	If you've ever had one of your favourite toys broken, then you will be able to relate to Daisy's anguish when her favourite ball is destroyed by a bigger dog. Wordless picture book.
	Ball stars series Lawrence, David				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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17657	Ballad for a mad girl Wakefield, Vikki	Text Publishing Co	2017	9781925355291	9plus	Grace is a risk taker and never one to say no to a dare. So when she is challenged to walk "the pipe" at a local disused quarry, she accepts the challenge. But partway along the pipe, she has a supernatural experience she just can't explain. No one believes she has been hearing the voice of Hannah since walking the pipe, because Hannah is dead. As Grace sinks deeper into a decades-old local mystery, she herself starts to fear she is becoming a Mad Girl. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
13230	Ballad of Cauldron Bay, The Honey, Elizabeth	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2004	9781741142556	7-9	Henni is looking forward to the Easter holiday at Cauldron Bay with her best friend, Zev, and some of the younger kids from Stella Street. She becomes jealous when her beach holiday is invaded by troubled teenager, Tara.
71599	Ballad of Les Darcy, The FitzSimons, Peter	HarperCollins Australia	2007	9780732286361	7-9	Les Darcy, who lived from 31 October 1895 - 24 May 1917, was an Australian boxer. Though he was a middleweight, he held both the Australian Heavyweight and the Middleweight Championship titles in 1916 and has passed into Australian folk lore.
30	Ballad of Lucy Whipple, The Cushman, Karen	HarperTrophy	1998	9780064406840	7-9	Reluctantly taken to the diggings in California during the goldrush, Lucy wants to go back home to New England.
804719	Ballad of Melodie Rose, The Gordon, Kate	University of Queensland Press	2021	9780702263217	5-6	When Melodie Rose is abandoned on the steps of Direleafe Hall, she realises she must be a ghost. Strangely, she is not sad. With the three other ghostly girls who haunt the school and a gloomy crow on her shoulder, Melodie has never felt more at peace. Finally, she has a place to call home. So when the Lady in White arrives with plans to flatten the beloved school, Melodie Rose must act fast to save all she holds dear. But what can one powerless ghost do?
4361	Ballerina dreams: true story, A DePrince, Michaela & DePrince, Elaine & Okstad, Ella (ill)	Faber & Faber	2017	9780571329731	3-4	Do you want to be a ballerina when you grow up? This story of determination and big dreams reminds us that we can all achieve the things we set our mind to.
9351	Ballet Bussell, Darcey	Dorling Kindersley	2000	9780751328004	5-6	Meet Darcey Bussell, a principal dancer with the Royal Ballet in London, who has performed in many theatres. With Patricia Linton, a teacher at the Royal Ballet School, Darcey introduces you to all the key aspects of the magical world of ballet.
18395	Ballet class, The Geras, Adele & McNicholas, Shelagh (ill)	Orchard Books	2004	9781843624134	3-4	Tilly, a young ballerina, is preparing and practising for a big ballet concert. Gorgeous illustrations.

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31	Ballet shoes Streatfeild, Noel	Penguin	1984	9780140300413	5-6	Three orphaned sisters are sent to ballet school for training and are determined to make their name famous.
6313	Ballet Stories Davidson, Susanna & Daynes, Katie & Cullis, Megan & Courtauld, Sarah & Gilbert Nanos, Yvonne (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2018	9781474922050	5-6	A beautifully illustrated collection of twelve classical stories, which will whisk you away to the magical world of Ballet. Dance with the Nutcracker Prince, soar with the Firebird and delight in the drama of Romeo and Juliet.
772877	Balloon girls Pitt, Darrell	Text Publishing Co	2021	9781922330567	5-6	Times are tough in the small town of Yallaroo where Ally Simpson has lived her whole life. The whole area is in drought and people are going broke or moving away. So when Ally hears about a competition to win the trip of a lifetime to visit the Smithsonian Museum in the USA, she knows she's got to do everything she can to try and win. Ally enlists her best friends Harmony and Ping to help her plan the most impressive experiment she can imagine: to send a video camera to the edge of space, and prove once and for all that the earth is round. At first, Ally is pretty sure she's got the whole competition stitched up. But then, as one disaster after another derails her plans, she begins to learn the importance of staying grounded even while she's aiming for the sky ...
614	Ballroom bonanza Rycroft, Nina	Working Title Press	2009	9781876288938	3-4	The most amazing dance contest you will ever see including affluent alpacas, groovy goats and impetuous impalas. The donkeys demonstrate the disco, flamingos do the flamenco and hippos perform the hip-hop. When the band's instruments are hidden, you will have to help find them so that the competition can continue. Beautifully crafted rhyme with exquisite illustrations with mystery and monkey business.
9556	Baloney, Henry P Scieszka, Jon & Smith, Lane	Viking Children's	2001	9780670892488	3-4	A rollicking picture book about not so alien Henry, who late for school, spins an increasingly fantastic and complicated explanation to his sceptical teacher.
32	Bamboo flute, The Disher, Garry	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780733615887	5-6	Twelve year old Paul tries to raise the spirits of his father and others during the Great Depression by reintroducing music into their lives. A tramp, Eric the Red has shown Paul how to make a bamboo flute.
764	Bamboozled Legge, David	Scholastic Australia	2003	9781865045658	3-4	A girl visits her Grandfather's house. Grandpa pours tea from a watering can and a kangaroos washes the dishes. Lots more funny jokes and odd events happen.

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860526	Bancks' Ginger Meggs Bancks, Tristan & Chatfield, Jason	Puffin Australia	2021	9781760894818	5-6	Celebrating 100 years of the iconic character and Aussie legend Ginger Meggs, these four brand new and original stories are written by Tristan Bancks, the great-great nephew of creator Jimmy Bancks, and illustrated in full colour by the current Ginger Meggs comic-strip cartoonist, Jason Chatfield.
751048	Bandits D'anthes, Sha'an	Lothian Books	2020	9780734419675	K-2	Fern lives in a colourless city and has only ever seen pictures of trees in books. When a pair of bandits arrive and steals from the rubbish Fern decides to follow them back to their home. She discovers friendship and a world full of colours and a future she can believe in.
1888	Bang Timmers, Leo	Gecko Press	2013	9781877579172	K-2	Crocodiles and giraffes, driving lots of cars, go bang.
1184	Banjo and Ruby Red Gleeson, Libby & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Little Hare Books	2013	9781921541087	K-2	Banjo is a hard-working farm dog and Ruby Red is a haughty chicken, and they never see eye to eye. Can they ever be friends.
6060	Banjo bounces back Hume, Lachie	Omnibus Books	2012	9781862918467	K-2	Banjo is a hoofball star. He and his friend, Bella, just love the game. But, when Banjo gets injured, he finds it's easier to stay in bed and play Haystation and suck on molasses. Bella is desperate for Banjo to play hoofball again.
846118	Banjo Tully D'Ath, Justin	Ford Street Publishing	2021	9781925804904	5-6	Banjo Tully hasn't ever given much thought to climate change. But when he meets 'conservation nut' Mai Le - after the worst drought in living memory puts his future in jeopardy - Banjo sets out on an 800-kilometre solo horse ride. It's a journey that could not only save his family's farm, but also change the planet.

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1215794	Banned books, crop tops, and other bad influences Young, Brigit	Roaring Book Press	2024	9781250901514	5-6	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. 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. 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? 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.
1423838	Bapa's last canoe McCarthy Yoelu, Maree & Campbell, Samantha (ill)	Magabala Books	2025	9781922777775	3-4	Bapa takes his three daughters away on a long canoe ride to go to school. They travel for many months to get to the city, seeing many animals and sights along the way and enjoying each other's company.
984	Barack Obama: hope for the world Alexander, Tim	Orion	2009	9781409113140	5-6	Every page includes facts and photos about Barack Obama's childhood days, his rise to the top job in the world and how he plans to change America, and the world, for the better.
4499	Barefoot book of children, The Strickland, Tessa & DePalma, Kate & Dean, David (ill)	Barefoot books	2016	9781782852964	K-2	You are a part of the world, and you are a world all your own.
903304	Barefoot kids Pape, Scott & Watson, Richard	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9781460763650	7-9	Do you want to be the boss and earn your own money? Get ready to go on an epic money adventure. Full of great ideas, tips and real life examples from kids who have set up their own business, you will learn fast easy ways to put money in your pocket and be a real life superhero.
825450	Bark book, The Mackinlay, Victoria & Harvey, Beth (ill)	ABC Books	2021	9780733341397	K-2	Dog bark. Tree bark. Let's go see bark! Go on a 'barkly' adventure with a mischievous pup.

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1426052	Barking bake off! Moore, Jenny & Maluenda, Berta (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2025	9781923145955	3-4	Everybody loves a baking show, but not when the finished cakes come with a health warning! Has Corgi Joe lost his cooking touch or is something sinister going on behind the scenes at Pawprint Productions...? Will Meek and Squeak solve the baffling Barking Bake Off mystery in time or is the show a recipe for disaster?
27230	Barlay Kickett-Tucker, Cheryl & Gibbs, Tracey (ill) & Morgan, Sally (ed)	Fremantle Press	2010	9781921696114	5-6	Sometimes, grown-ups tell scary stories to teach kids a lesson. And, sometimes, those scary stories turn out to be true. Sarah, Jay and Rene find out the hard way what sort of tale their Nan's Woordatj story is when they wander off into the bush, despite her warnings.
757706	Barnabus project, The Fan, Eric & Fan, Terry	Quarto Group	2020	9780711249448	3-4	Barnabus lives in a secret lab beneath a toy store which is trying to create perfect pets through genetic engineering. What happens to the creations which are not considered perfect? Barnabus and his friends may not be perfect but their loyalty is second to none.
	Barnaby Grimes series Stewart, Paul & Riddell, Chris (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.
569131	Barney Jinks, Catherine & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742996226	K-2	Barney loves cat food. Barney loves greens. Barney loves bacon and biscuits and beans.
9326	Barrumbi kids, The Norrington, Leonie	Scholastic Australia	2007	9781862914964	7-9	Dale and Tomias, live in the outback. They have a deep love for the wild, ancient land that is their home and move easily between their Aboriginal and white cultures, until someone turns up to spoil their last year at the community school.
56180	Barry Thompson, Colin	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2011	9781864718836	5-6	Barry has awesome powers, which he releases from the back of the couch where he is stuck, to save the Earth from falling apart.
18394	Bartholomew and the bug Layton, Neal	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2004	9780340873298	K-2	Bartholomew is a bear up in the mountains who admires the city lights far below. He meets a bug who desperately needs the lights so Bartholomew sets out to take his friend there.

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	Bartlett series Hirsch, Odo				7-9	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.
9352	Basketball Mullin, Chris	Dorling Kindersley	2000	9780751328059	7-9	Indiana Pacer, Chris Mullin, introduces this fascinating new guide to basketball. He draws on his wealth of experience in America's National Basketball Association to show beginners all aspects of the game.
1138117	Basketball legends: Ben Simmons Cross, Kit & Hedstrom, Leigh (ill)	Albert Street Books	2024	9781761181276	3-4	Did you know that Ben Simmons was born in Melbourne, and was picked FIRST OVERALL in the NBA draft? Did you know he is a triple-double machine, and the first Australian to ever win Rookie of the Year? Did you know that Ben loves animals and playing video games? Ben is a TOTAL legend, and this book will tell you all about him.
74181	Bat and the crocodile, The Lofts, Pamela (comp) & Dolumyu, Jack (teller)	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781865046273	3-4	This story comes from the Aboriginal people at Warmun (Turkey Creek) in Western Australia. It was told in the Kija language. Describes why bats now live in caves because of the killing of a fellow creature.
787	Bath monster Danalis, John	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2001	9780733612848	K-2	Bath time is fun until the plug is pulled and the monster comes out. But, monsters can become your friend.
599677	Batman: Nightwalker Lu, Marie	Penguin	2018	9780141386836	7-9	Returning home from his lavish eighteenth birthday party, Bruce Wayne stops a criminal's getaway - disobeying the police and crashing his car during the chase. Sentenced to community service in Gotham City's Arkham Asylum, he encounters some of the the city's most dangerous and mentally disturbed criminals. Among these, Bruce meets the intriguing Madeleine who has ties to the Nightwalker gang that is terrorizing Gotham City. She's a mystery Bruce has to unravel but can he trust her? The Nightwalkers target the rich, and Bruce's name is next on their list.
12327	Batman: the animated series guide Beatty, Scott	Dorling Kindersley	2004	9781405304283	5-6	A celebration of the Warner Brothers animated series, packed with images from the TV show and the comic books it inspired. Contains in-depth profiles of the main heroes and villains, and annotated illustrations of the key weapons and places.

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4893	Bats at the library Lies, Brian	Koala Books	2009	9780864618160	K-2	A window has been left open at the library and this is an irresistible invitation for a colony of bats. Once inside, older bats look for favourite books, while younger ones explore and play. Storytime settles everyone down and transports them into the tales, filled with bat characters playing new roles.
4573	Batsford books of Music for children, The Rumens-Syratt, Rebecca	Batsford	2016	9781849943093	5-6	Music is great because it means we can sing along to our favourite songs, play instruments with our friends and read sheet music- it's like a secret code. With this book you will be a marvellous musician in no time.
789	Batter up Clark, Sherryl & Stewart, Chantal (ill)	Penguin	2001	9780141308470	3-4	Hayley wants to know why her best friend, Spit, has suddenly dumped her. What she discovers is very strange, stranger than she could have imagined.
1096796	Batthew Aromascent and missing corpse flower Mulvey, Ella & Roebuck, John	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781761212635	5-6	Batthew has a nose for trouble, and when the world's smelliest flower goes missing, he and best friend Lavender are on the case! Sent as a seed by his parents before they vanished on a scent expedition, the Titan Arum is a link to his family and his past. Now Batthew and Lavender have just three days to locate the flower before it withers and dies - along with any clues to the whereabouts of his parents. Will they find the flower or will the scent be lost forever?
	Battle boy series Carter, Charlie & Jeffery, Russell (ill)				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.
4174	Battle fatigue Kurlansky, Mark	Bloomsbury	2011	9781408826911	7-9	A teenager is conscripted into the Vietnam War. He has to decide whether he will go, or whether he will dodge the draft by seeking asylum in Canada. The story also considers the effects of earlier wars on other members of the family and their influence on the younger characters.
22989	Battle of Britain: a Second World War spitfire pilot 1939-1941 Priestley, Chris	Scholastic UK	2008	9781407103709	5-6	Harry Woods is a proud spitfire pilot in the fledgling Royal Air Force of 1939. All he has ever wanted to do, since he saw his first plane, is be a pilot. But, now, all he can remember are the roar of the engines and the rattle of machine guns. His friend, Lenny, has lost a leg in a dogfight with the German Luftwaffe. Harry is determined to fight on bravely for all he holds dear but the dangers are terrible and the thrills exhausting.

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14098	Battle of the jade horse Lloyd, Alison	Puffin Australia	2012	9780143305774	5-6	Battle of the Jade Horse Author: Alison Lloyd Hu and Ren are friends during the second century in China. Their families come from different social classes and each must make choices that may hurt their friendship. How will their friendship be able to survive?
696521	Battle, The Kwok, Ashling & King, Cara (ill)	EK Books	2020	9781925820409	K-2	Edward is anxious about starting knight school. It's sure to be terrifying with all those ogres and dragons about. So he puts on his armour and prepares for battle. But ... what if he has more in common with those ogres and dragons than he thought? Will Edward remove his armour to find out?
20752	Battlefield: one boy's war Tucker, Alan	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781741695519	7-9	Barry Blacker is desperate to join the army like his older brother Jack, who is in a Japanese POW camp. He practises drills on the family farm in Cowra and spies on the Japanese prisoners in the camp nearby. When some of the prisoners escape, Barry's attempt to be a hero has devastating consequences.
8880	Batty Dyer, Sarah	Frances Lincoln	2011	9781847801593	K-2	Batty is trying to find something he is really good at, in his home at the zoo. But hanging upside down means he can't always see the other animals' points of view.
587896	Baz & Benz McKinnon, Heidi	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760523688	K-2	What do you do when your best friend is...kind of annoying?
35313	Be a friend Yoon, Salina	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408869093	K-2	Dennis is an ordinary boy who expresses himself in extraordinary ways. When the class does show-and-tell, Dennis does show-and-mime. Some children climb trees. Dennis is happy to be a tree, But, being a mime can be lonely. It isn't until Dennis meets a girl named Joy that he discovers the power of friendship and how special he truly is.
2890	Be brave, Pink Piglet Cummings, Phil & Davis, Sarah (ill)	Lothian Books	2015	9780734415929	K-2	Early one morning, Pink Piglet leaves his mother's side for the very first time. This timid little pig wants to become a brave explorer.
61854	Be gentle Miller, Virginia	Walker Books	2008	9781406311877	K-2	Bartholomew finds out that his new kitten doesn't enjoy his rough and tumble games quite as much as he does.

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643335	Be prepared Brosgol, Vera	First Second	2018	9781626724457	7-9	Her friends live in fancy houses and their parents can afford to send them to the best summer camps. Vera's single mother can't afford that sort of luxury, but there's one summer camp in her price range - Russian summer camp. Vera is sure she's found the one place she can fit in, but camp is far from what she imagined. And nothing could prepare her for all the "cool girl" drama, endless Russian history lessons, and outhouses straight out of nightmares!
574224	Be the one Pitts, Byron	Simon & Schuster	2018	9781442483835	9plus	Emmy Award-winning ABC News chief national correspondent and Nightline co-anchor, Byron Pitts shares the heartbreaking and inspiring stories of six young people who overcame impossible circumstances with extraordinary perseverance. This book is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
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.
6155	Bea Sharp, Christine	University of Queensland Press	2013	9780702249617	K-2	Bea is a bird of unusual tastes as she likes to bake buns and dance to a disco beat while other birds are content to watch worms wriggle.
1424102	Beach party Fowler, Mary & McGaughey, Jasmin & James, Cate (ill)	Penguin	2026	9781761356230	K-2	Today, Mary and her friends are going to a birthday party at the beach. She has made a special card and can't wait to share her present. When a cute dog appears and causes mayhem, Mary and her friends need to be creative to save the party and enjoy some cake.
1023671	Beach song Moriarty, Ros & Campbell, Samantha	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180248	3-4	A day at the seashore can be full of surprise, wonder and excitement. You can leap through the waves like a dolphin. Glide through the water like a fish. Soar along the sand with seagulls.
8412	Beach sports car Oxenham, Darlene & Gibbs, Tracey (ill) & Morgan, Sally (ed)	Fremantle Press	2010	9781921696060	5-6	When Annie's dad promises her a beach sports car, she imagines a bright red hotrod with racing car stripes. But, it will take a lot of work to turn Dad's battered old bomb into the car of Annie's dreams. Then again, hard work can sometimes make the rewards seem so much sweeter.

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3019	Beach they called Gallipoli, The French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2014	9780732292263	9plus	This book is about Gallipoli, the place, and what happened on Gallipoli Beach, from the ANZACS first landing in April to their retreat in December 1915. Images, memorabilia, illustrations and photographs enrich the recount of the months that followed the landing. Includes images that may trouble some readers. A challenging read; usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
11037	Beachmaster, The Liddell, Carmel & Potter, Bruce (ill)	Reed Publishing	2006	9781869484286	3-4	A bull seal loses his dominion as beachmaster over his section of beach and takes on a nearby car park, falling for a Morris Minor car. Whimsical story set in New Zealand, with lots of factual information about seals and their habits.
844135	Beak & Ally: Unlikely friends Feuti, Norm	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780063021587	3-4	Beak moves into Ally's neighbourhood. Ally isn't looking for a new friend but Beak is very persistent. When it comes down to it, Ally realises that it is important to be a good person and maybe that means he does have a friend after all.
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.
36400	Bear and a tree, A King, Stephen Michael	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2012	9780670075829	K-2	Ren knows that it's almost time for Bear's big sleep, but she needs just one more day with him. One day to explore the winter together, the last of the coloured leaves, the snow as it floats and swirls to the ground, the sun and the moon and the stars. One more day to play and dance and wonder.
12034	Bear and Chook Shanahan, Lisa & Quay, Emma (ill)	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780733611414	K-2	Adventurous Bear and practical Chook are very different yet they are good friends. They spend a day together, dreaming and acting out what jobs they think they'd like to have when they grow up.

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1698	Bear and Chook by the sea Shanahan, Lisa & Quay, Emma (ill)	Lothian Books	2009	9780734411112	K-2	Bear and Chook are unexpected friends. Bear likes adventure but Chook would much rather have the quiet life. One day, they decide to visit the sea. Chook is worried they will get lost but Bear is confident they will find it just around the pond, under the bridge, through the forest and over the mountain.
1080153	Bear and duck are friends deGennaro, Sue	Hardie Grant Egmont	2023	9781761210327	K-2	Bear and Duck are best friends, but they are very different. Duck likes to try new things, and Bear ... well, Bear likes not to. When Duck needs a friend for her dance class, Bear reluctantly agrees. Bear's big size causes problems at first, but he soon discovers that he might just be a very good dancer.
886023	Bear and the little green thing, The Diandian	Simon & Schuster	2022	9780645069648	K-2	Bear is resting when a seed lands on its back. As the sun rises and the seed grows to a sapling, the bear wakes and listens to the story of the sapling. As he learns more a bond grows between the bear and the little green thing.
	Bear Grylls Adventures series Grylls, Bear & McCann, Emma (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.
	Bear Grylls survival skills handbooks series Grylls, Bear				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.
26246	Bear Grylls: Spirit of the jungle Grylls, Bear	Pan Macmillan London	2016	9781509828623	5-6	Mak and his family are in India. Things are going well until their raft is capsized on a wild river and Mak is separated and lost deep in the Indian Jungle. Can Mac survive long enough to find his way out of this strange, unfamiliar and dangerous landscape of bugs, bats, monkeys, snakes, bears, wolves, panthers and worst of all poachers? And if he can survive, will he really want to leave?
12011	Bear hunt Browne, Anthony	Penguin	1994	9780140553567	K-2	A white bear has a magic pencil which he uses cleverly to draw ways to help him escape from hunters.

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751031	Bear in space Abela, Deborah & Crosby-Fairall, Marjorie (ill)	Walker Books	2020	9781760651510	K-2	Bear is different from the other bears. Bear is fascinated with space and dreams of going into space. None of the other bears share his interest, which makes him feel a little lonely. Until something extraordinary happens. This is a story about finding friendship in the most unusual places.
1433694	Bear rescue Gold, Hannah	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2026	9780008799144	5-6	August Wood lives in the far north of the Arctic. His best friend is a husky called Blaze, and he's the younger brother of April Wood - the girl who once famously rescued a polar bear. But one summer's day, when a sudden snowstorm strikes, August goes missing. With temperatures plummeting, it's up to April, Bear and Blaze to track him down and bring him safely home... before it's too late.
9562	Bear tale, A Ingpen, Robert	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2000	9780734400796	3-4	Join Ted on a humorous trip exploring the slumps of bears and the wisdom of owls.
669531	Bear was there Garland, Sally Anne	New Frontier Publishing	2020	9781925594935	K-2	Love is the first thing Mouse feels snug in his mother's fur. Then along comes Bear! Mouse is frightened, but what if bear is not as scary as he seems.....
15404	Bear went over the mountain, The Prater, John	Red Fox	2002	9780099439172	K-2	A version of an old song which is ideal for the beginning reader.
5650	Bear who went boo, The Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2015	9780008149536	K-2	At the top of the world, surrounded by snow and ice, lives a very cheeky polar bear cub who loves to scare the animals. But, this little bear doesn't always know when to stop.
5419	Bear with the sword, The Cali, Davide & Foli, Gianluca (ill)	Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd	2010	9780980607048	3-4	Bear has a powerful sword, which he uses to cut down a whole forest. His home is flooded soon afterwards and he is so angry he wants to find who is responsible, with an unexpected result.
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!
9629	Bear's lunch, The Allen, Pamela	Penguin	1998	9780140562415	K-2	When Wendy and Oliver decide to have a picnic in the woods, they are surprised by a great, big, growly bear. See what happens when Oliver and Wendy growl back.
7692	Bears don't read Chichester Clark, Emma	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2015	9780007425198	K-2	George isn't happy doing the usual bear things like chatting and fishing. But, he doesn't know what else there is until, one day, he finds a book beneath a tree. More than anything, he wants to learn to read. But, arriving in town, George soon discovers that it's not easy to be a bear at school. If only he could find someone to teach him the alphabet and change his life forever.

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751158	Bears don't wear shoes Davey, Sharon	New Frontier Publishing	2020	9781922326096	K-2	Suzy's family has moved house and everyone is just too busy to play with her. Eager for someone to play with, Suzy decides to advertise. When Bear shows up he seems perfect for the job, until he refuses to wear shoes. Suzy loves shoes. So can Suzy and Bear still be best of friends if Bear absolutely refuses to wear them?
71789	Bears' holiday, The Berenstain, Stan & Jan	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1982	9780001713307	K-2	The Bear family's vacation at the seashore is frequently punctuated by Papa Bear's urgent warnings to his son about the need for safety and commonsense while at the beach. Luckily, Small Bear is on hand to rescue his father from disaster with each new incident.
34	Beast Wild, Margaret	Scholastic Australia	1992	9781862911468	5-6	Eleven year old Jamie, a fearful boy, confronts his biggest fear, the class bully. Through his ordeal, he comes to realise that, while magic can't stop bad things from happening, intelligence and courage can.
8012	Beast child Chandler, Ben	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2011	9781864719796	7-9	Twins Lenis and Missy Clemens have found their freedom aboard the airship, Hiryu. In their search for the mercenary Karasu, Missy must decide whether the safety of an entire nation is more important than her own sense of right and wrong. The bizarre connection that binds the twins begins to unravel and, when they meet a young boy from the past, the twins must decide to embrace their destiny or be torn forever apart.
660612	Beast of Buckingham Palace, The Walliams, David	HarperCollins Children's Books	2019	9780008385644	5-6	The year is 2120. Prince Alfred, a sickly boy of twelve, has never known life outside Buckingham Palace, but evil forces are at work and he must do battle with the king of the beasts, the Griffin...
23503	Beast of Hushing Wood, The Wang, Gabrielle	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9780143309178	5-6	Ziggy Truegood feels a threatening presence in her tiny town of Hushing Wood, which is deepened by a recurring nightmare she has. When Raffi, an exotic young boy, and his grandfather come to town Ziggy's fears intensify. Unfortunately, her own wise and knowledgeable grandfather is ill, unable to help her. She wonders are the pair there to save her or to hunt her?
18646	Beastly nights Pyle, Elizabeth	Fremantle Press	2006	9781920731823	3-4	Jessica's family support her over several nights of scary nightmares, when she meets huge monsters and learns to overcome her fears.

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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.
2956	Beatle meets Destiny Williams, Gabrielle	Penguin Books Australia	2009	9780143011491	9plus	Beatle normally doesn't go out on Friday the thirteenth but this is an exception. And, then, there's the attractive girl wearing sunglasses and reading a book. Not only is her name Destiny but her surname is McCartney, and since his real name is John Lennon, and for a whole lot of other spooky reasons, it seems destined that they will be together. But Beatle already has a girlfriend. Some language in context. Usually read by student in Years 9,10 or above.
846215	Beatrice was a tree Hesselberth, Joyce	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780062741264	K-2	Beatrice imagines what it would be like to be a tree. Her branches, leaves, trunk and roots are home and food for so many creatures. She is tall and strong, and with branches perfect for climbing.
871645	Beatryce prophecy, The DiCamillo, Kate & Blackall, Sophie (ill)	Walker Books	2022	9781529503623	5-6	One night a bedraggled girl is discovered in a stable by a monk. She only remembers her name is Beatryce and that she can read and write. In a time when only the monks and nobles were permitted to do this, the monk knows she is special and dangerous. Hunted by the king's men, will she find her way home to fulfil her destiny?
23596	Beautiful colours Raveneau, Tina & Neilson-Kelly, Julie	Black Ink Press	2010	9781863340885	K-2	This book is best the first time you read it. Enjoy the insight of a child in a colourful family. Beautiful, funny and inspiring, with vibrant illustrations.
28764	Beautiful lie, A Master, Irfan	Bloomsbury	2011	9781408805756	7-9	In 1947, Bilal is shields his dying father from the truth about the violence that is threatening India and their formerly peaceful community. With determination and help from friends, Bilal persuades others to collude with him in this deception, even printing false pages of the local newspaper. Bilal just wants his father to die in peace but that means Bilal has a complicated relationship with the truth.

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5168	Beautiful mess Christian, Claire	Text Publishing Co	2017	9781925498547	9plus	Since Ava lost Kelly, things haven't been going so well. Even before she gets thrown out of school for shouting at the principal, there's the simmering rage and all the weird destructive choices. The only thing going right for Ava is her job at Magic Kebab. Which is where she meets Gideon. Skinny, shy, anxious Gideon. A mad poet and collector of vinyl records with an aversion to social media. He lives in his head. She lives in her grief. The only people who can help them move on with their lives are each other. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
49280	Beautiful monster McCaffrey, Kate	Fremantle Press	2010	9781921361982	9plus	Tessa needs to be perfect, the perfect daughter, with the perfect marks and the perfect body. But, there is a fine line between being in control and being controlled, in Tessa's effort to achieve perfection. Contains mature themes and some language in context. Usually read by student in Years 9,10 or above.
846218	Beautiful, The Ahdieh, Renee	Hodder & Stoughton	2019	9781529368154	9plus	As Celine Rousseau escapes Paris to 1872 New Orleans, she is hoping for escape and a better future. What she gets is attraction to the glitzy underworld and the members of La Cour des Lions. New Orleans is not all it seems and with a serial killer following her footsteps and her heart betraying her head, Celine is entering a world that may be her downfall. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 or above.
751143	Beauty Kendell,, Sandra	Windy Hollow Books	2019	9781922081810	K-2	Mrs Lee lives next door, all alone. She hates our Beauty Leaf Tree. Mrs Lee does not realise how we are connected to each other. The trees, the animals and the whole animal world. We are all connected. 'Beauty' celebrates one girl's discovery of the many relationships in nature that bind and nurture us all.
846	Beauty and the beast Morpurgo, Michael & Schauer, Loretta (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2013	9780007513406	3-4	A timeless story celebrating the triumph of love and the message that true beauty comes from within.

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5757	Beauty is in the walking, The Moloney, James	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2015	9780732299941	9plus	Everyone thinks they know what Jacob O'Leary can and can't do, and they're not shy about telling him either. But, no one, not even Jacob, knows what he's truly capable of. When a shocking and mystifying crime leaves his small country town reeling, and fingers start pointing at a young Muslim boy at his school, Jacob is convinced the police have accused the wrong guy. He's determined to prove it, and himself, to everyone. Challenging book; usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
35592	Because of you Harry, Pip	University of Queensland Press	2017	9780702259777	9plus	Tiny is an eighteen-year-old girl living on the streets of Sydney, running from her small-town past. She finds short-term accommodation at Hope Lane - a shelter for the homeless - where she meets Nola, a high school student on volunteer placement. Both girls share their love of words through the Hope Lane writing group. Can they share their secrets, too? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
46267	Because you are with me Dunstan, Kylie	Lothian Books	2010	9780734411013	K-2	Spend the day with a little girl and her daddy as they discover all the things they can achieve together. Especially if there's help from someone you love.
3904	Because you'll never meet me Thomas, Leah	Bloomsbury	2015	9781408862629	7-9	There are truths you can only tell a stranger, and this friendship is the strangest. Ollie and Moritz are best friends, but they can never meet, because if they ever did, one of them will most certainly die. As recluses from society, they develop a fierce bond through letters that become a lifeline. But when Moritz reveals the key to their shared, disturbing past, their friendship faces a test neither one of them expected.
669543	Become a leader like Michelle Obama Moss, Caroline & Erkas, Sinem (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2020	9780711245174	5-6	From her early life to living in the White House we learn how she used her global platform to bring about change. Using key lessons from her work we learn new skills we can all apply to our own lives.

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587853	Becoming Obama, Michelle	Penguin	2018	9780241334140	9plus	In her memoir, a work of deep reflection and mesmerising storytelling, Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her - from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world's most famous address. With unerring honesty and lively wit, she describes her triumphs and her disappointments, both public and private, telling her full story as she has lived it - in her own words and on her own terms. Warm, wise, and revelatory, Becoming is the deeply personal reckoning of a woman of soul and substance who has steadily defied expectations - and whose story inspires us to do the same. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
774240	Becoming (adapted for younger readers) Obama, Michelle	Penguin	2021	9780241531815	9plus	What's important is our story, our whole story, including those moments when we feel a little vulnerable . . . Michelle Robinson started life sharing a bedroom with her older brother Craig, in their family's upstairs apartment in her great-aunt's house. Her parents, Fraser and Marian, poured their love and energy into their children. She would go on to become Michelle Obama, the inspirational First Lady of the United States of America. Now adapted for younger readers, with new photographs and a new introduction from Michelle Obama herself, this memoir tells a very personal, and completely inspiring, story of how, through hard work and determination, the girl from the South Side of Chicago built an extraordinary life. Usually read by students inn years 9, 10, or above.
30767	Becoming Aurora Kasmer, Elizabeth	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702254208	9plus	Sixteen year old Rory (Aurora) is at the crossroads in her life. While her gang plans its next move in a racially motivated turf war, Rory refuses to reveal their names and takes the rap for an attack on the local immigrant community. She is sentenced to community care in an aged care facility. There, she meets resident and ex-boxer Jack, an encounter that leads her to Essam, a young migrant boxer, who will challenge her prejudices and force her to address the mistakes of her past. Some violence. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above.

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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.
15405	Becoming Billy Dare Murray, Kirsty	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2004	9781865087351	7-9	When his mother dies, Paddy runs away from school and stows on a ship sailing to Australia. In his new land, Paddy is willing to try anything and has many jobs until he finally discovers what he really wants to do.
15136	Becoming Buddha: the story of Siddhartha Stewart, Whitney & Rippin, Sally (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734407726	7-9	Find out how Prince Siddhartha grew in knowledge and enlightenment to become Buddha, one of the greatest religious influences on the world.
4095	Becoming Kirrali Lewis Harrison, Jane	Magabala Books	2015	9781922142801	7-9	In 1985, Kirrali Lewis, a young Aboriginal teenager, leaves her home town in rural Victoria to begin a law degree in Melbourne. Adopted at birth by a white family, Kirrali doesn't question her cultural roots until a series of life-changing events force her to face up to her true identify. Her decision to search for her biological parents sparks off a political awakening that no one sees coming, least of all Kirrali.
2571	Bed tails Costain, Meredith & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2009	9780670073368	K-2	There are two in the bed. Mum and Dad are slumbering, snoring, rumbling, tucked up cosily and peacefully in bed. Then, a scary storm outside brings everyone, one by one, into Mum and Dad's bed. I wonder if anyone will ever get a good night's sleep.
1470676	Bedtime and no buts! Thomas, Dan & Watson, Richard (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761640681	K-2	It's bedtime for Boris, but he is not ready! But I can't find Bear! But we haven't had our story! But I'm thirsty! But, but, but! Will Boris ever stop with the bedtime buts?!
832999	Bedtime sorted! Rees, Jimmy & Stewart, Briony (ill)	Affirm Press	2021	9781922419064	K-2	Mum has dinner plans so Dad has to put the kids to bed. No problem!
693088	Bedtime, daddy! Giltrow, Sharon & Dreiling, Katrin (ill)	EK Books	2020	9781925820386	K-2	Have you ever tried to get your daddy to go to bed? You will learn to wrestle your daddy into his pyjamas, read just one more bedtime story, listen to endless excuses and frighten away monsters with monster spray until finally ... you manage to get your daddy into bed!
21038	Bee & me Jay, Alison	Old Barn Books	2016	9781910646052	K-2	A little girl befriends a bee, which takes her on a journey of discovery. A wordless picture book.

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782508	Bee detectives Ryan-Rendall, Vanessa & Quinlan, Brenna (ill)	CSIRO	2021	9781486313396	3-4	When Olivia and Hamish see a smoky haze coming from their local park, they're ready to spring into action But it's not a fire - it's a nest of Australian stingless bees that needs their help. Join Olivia and Hamish as they learn about the bees in our backyards. From Blue-banded and Teddy Bear to Carpenter and Leaf-cutter bees, our two budding Bee Detectives discover how our native bees live, what they like to eat and the important work they do to pollinate plants. Explore the wonders of Australia's native bees - and be inspired to become a Bee Detective, too. It's a real buzz
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.
1209894	Bee squad, The: Boosting biodiversity in your neighbourhood Friedlander, Judy	NewSouth Publishing	2025	9781742238227	5-6	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. The Bee Squad inspires you to take part in these exciting adventures and projects that support threatened species by doing things like: -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. 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.
15299	Bee-man of Orn, The Stockton, Frank R & Lynch, P J (ill)	Walker Books	2004	9781844285068	7-9	The Bee-man is happy with his lot until he learns from a Junior Sorcerer that he was once something else and has been transformed. But what was he? The Bee-man sets out on a quest to discover the answer.

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1019897	Beehive, The Daley, Megan & Hamilton, Max	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760655228	3-4	Willow loves bees and can't wait until she has her very own hive. Native stingless bees are an important part of Australian wildlife and kids just like Willow can help to ensure they stay a happy and healthy part of our environment.
3113	Been here all along Hall, Sandy	Swoon Reads	2016	9781250100658	9plus	Gideon always had a plan. His plans include running for class president, leading the yearbook committee and having his choice of colleges. They do not include falling head over heels for his best friend and next-door neighbour, Kyle. Kyle finally feels like he has a handle on life. He has a wonderful girlfriend, a best friend willing to debate the finer points of Lord of the Rings and social acceptance as captain. Then both Ruby and Gideon start acting weird...Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1915	Beetle boy Leonard, M G & Sarda, Julia (ill)	Chicken House	2016	9781910002704	5-6	When his dad mysteriously goes missing from his job as Director of Science at the Natural History Museum, Darkus Cuttle moves in with his eccentric uncle. Next door live two lunatic cousins with an enormous beetle infestation. But, the beetles are anything but ordinary. They're an amazing, intelligent super species, and they're in danger of being exterminated. Darkus and his friends must save the beetles. But, they're up against the mad scientist of fashion and haute couture, Lucretia Cutter, who has dastardly plans for the bugs.
35	Beetle soup: Australian stories and poems for children Morrow, Robin (comp) & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1996	9781863885928	5-6	An anthology of Australian stories and poems with whimsical pictures.
15300	Beetles and bugs Harley, Diana & Yates, Sue-Ellen (ill)	Sapphire Coast Press	2003	9780975145029	K-2	An entertaining and educational book about Australian beetles and bugs, with coloured pictures depicting the simple text. Useful text for increasing students' understanding of vocabulary.
750999	Before the beginning Morgan, Anna	Hachette Australia	2020	9780734419651	7-9	Grace was supposed to be spending schoolies with her friends, but they have become a little too judgemental for her liking, so she tags along with her brother Casper and his friends, Noah and Elsie. On their first night away, they meet Sierra, a mysterious girl with an interesting idea. She thinks that they should go and camp on an uninhabited island. The gang agrees, and the island time is one of interesting discoveries for all of them.

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1286574	Before the mountain had a name Levings, Fiona	Forty South Publishing	2024	9780645983579	5-6	Mountains are memories...The story of mountains may be set in stone but they reveal change we can scarcely imagine. Extinctions, volcanoes, dinosaurs ... we all know they existed but how are ancient worlds and their inhabitants connected to us today? Take a journey through deep time, to a place long ago where the bones of kunanyi/Wellington were formed from the remains of a frozen sea. Not all that is ancient is lost ...
	Before they were famous series Corby, Caroline				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.
1424069	Before you close your eyes Stuart, Scott & Racklyeft, Jess (ill)	Bright Light Books	2025	9781761212161	K-2	With its gentle lullaby-like text and warm, comforting art, Before You Close Your Eyes encourages children to reflect on their day, be proud of what they've achieved and let go of the things they can't control as they head off to sleep.
3296	Before you forget Lawrinson, Julia	Penguin Books Australia	2017	9780143574071	9plus	Year Twelve is not off to a good start for Amelia. Art is her world, but her art teacher hates everything she does; her best friend has stopped talking to her; her mother and father may as well be living in separate houses; and her father is slowly forgetting everything. Even Amelia. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
803703	Before you were born Germein, Katrina & Magisson, Helene (ill)	Working Title Press	2021	9781876288150	K-2	Before you were born, and while you grew, there was a party just for you. Created by talented duo Katrina Germein and Helene Magisson, this heartwarming picture book captures the anticipation and excitement of the arrival of a baby. Filled with love, hope and happiness, Before You Were Born celebrates the universal joy of new babies for all kinds of families.
1019760	Begin again Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780008579593	7-9	It all begins with a question: Where did we begin? Oliver Jeffers explores fire first, and the early humans who controlled that fire and grew brains and started to do things with them. A thought provoking look at what guides us and where we came from.

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4150	Begin, end, begin: A #loveOzYA anthology Binks, Danielle (ed)	HarperCollins Australia	2017	9781460752319	7-9	Bestsellers. Award-winners. Superstars. This anthology has them all. With brilliantly entertaining short stories from beloved young adult authors Amie Kaufman, Melissa Keil, Will Kostakis, Ellie Marney, Jaclyn Moriarty, Michael Pryor, Alice Pung, Gabrielle Tozer, Lili Wilkinson and Danielle Binks, this all-new collection will show the world exactly how much there is to love about Aussie YA.
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!
36078	Beginner's guide to revenge, The Musgrove, Marianne	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2012	9781742750866	5-6	At just thirteen, Romola has changed school five times and always has trouble making friends. By chance, she meets Sebastian and they help each other resolve some serious feelings of injustice. Romola is having trouble with some friends who are being mean to her and Sebastian is missing his dad. If someone did something very hurtful to you and you had a perfect way to pay them back, would you do it? Romola and Sebastian have to make just such a decision.
995980	Beginnings and endings Stradling, Jan & Robaard, Jedda	ABC Books	2023	9780733342400	K-2	Little Ted is sad when his goldfish Swish dies. Now his friends are on the way to help him remember the good times and that life is full of beginning and endings.
9504	Beginnings to Federation: the shortest history of Australia, volume 1 Simpson, Judith	Simon & Schuster	2000	9780864179791	3-4	Nearly fifty million years crammed into forty pages. A brief description of prehistoric Australia, the history of Aboriginal peoples and thirty milestones in white Australian history up to the opening of the first Federal Parliament.
1424078	Behind the screens: How the internet works and how to make it work for you Lal, Niraj & Aska (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2026	9780702268946	7-9	Getting your first phone is a big moment - this illustrated guide empowers young people aged 9-13 to navigate the online world with awareness, responsibility and confidence.
996000	Being a cat: A tail of curiosity Gianferrari, Maria & Oswald, Pete (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780063067929	K-2	Join a child and their cat as they embrace their curiosity: wandering, exploring, and discovering all day long. Also includes fascinating facts about cat behavior at the back of the book.
20959	Being Agatha Pignataro, Anna	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760067267	K-2	Agatha has her dad's nose and her mum's ears. When her relatives get together, it's clear that Agatha doesn't quite fit in. And, when she starts kindergarten, Agatha realises just how different she is from everyone else. One day, her teacher tells the class that, like a snowflake, everyone is special in their own way. She asks each child to tell how they might be special but Agatha cannot think of a single reason, and she sneaks away to hide.

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130800	Being Bee Bateson, Catherine	University of Queensland Press	2006	9780702235665	7-9	Bee isn't about to change just because her dad is going to remarry. However, when Jazz starts living with dad earlier than expected, Bee knows things will change whether she likes it or not. An unlikely source helps her come to terms with the situation.
12364	Being Bindy Brugman, Alyssa	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2004	9781741142181	9plus	This is what happens when your worst enemy, who used to be your best friend, threatens to become your sister. Bindy makes some tough decisions as she faces adolescence and the problems caused by her parents' new relationships. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
774350	Being black 'n chicken, and chips (Teen edition) Okine, Matt	Hachette Australia	2019	9780734420671	9plus	Based on Matt Okine's award-winning stand-up show, this is a heart-breaking and hilarious story about trying to grow up when everything around you is falling down. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1080	Being here Jonsberg, Barry	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742373850	9plus	Sixteen year old Carly is interviewing Leah Cartwright for her local history project. Leah resists, determined to tell her own story of a lonely child on an isolated farm, whose only escape is in the world of books. Carly is drawn into the story about Leah's present, past, secrets, an unlikely boy who changes everything, and a rich imagination that rescues her from a grim reality. Includes some violence and adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1078782	Being Jimmy Baxter Lloyd, Fiona	Puffin Australia	2023	9781760148515	5-6	It's not eggsactly easy being Jimmy Baxter 'cause: -The real Jimmy's hiding inside - Ned Kelly's giving him the evil eye - Mum's stopped going to work and stays in bed - There's no eggs in the fridge - or anything else. AND there's new jobs, bad-at-school brains and a whole lot of trouble called Duke. But then ... there's Mac.

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41498	Being Miss Nobody Winter, Tamsin	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2017	9781474927277	7-9	Rosalind wants to talk, she really does, but the only place she can is home. At school or anywhere in public, no matter how badly she wants to, her words get stuck and refuse to come out. Unsurprisingly, this has had a big impact on her life and as a consequence, she has no friends. You can imagine how tough it is for her, then, when she starts in Year 7 at Manor High. Pretty much instantly she is the target of bullies and her life becomes even more miserable than it already was. But a new therapist, and her little brother's total faith in her, lead Rosalind to becoming Miss Nobody - an online voice for the nobodies, the victims, the sad kids. And, at first, this seems to be a real step forward in her fight to be 'normal'. But then Miss Nobody's fame starts to morph into something more sinister. Is Miss Nobody actually just as much of a bully as the real bullies?
649019	Being you is enough Langley, Josh	Big Sky Publishing	2016	9781925275827	3-4	The perfect antidote for the pressures of being a kid in this day and age. This book will inspire kids be themselves and stand up tall.
	Beka Cooper series Pierce, Tamora				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.
9622	Belinda Allen, Pamela	Penguin	1998	9780140544930	K-2	Every day, Old Tom tends his vegetables while Mrs Farmer milks Belinda, the cow, so there is always plenty of milk, cream and butter. But, when Mrs Farmer goes away, Old Tom must catch Belinda and milk her himself.
5043	Belinda the ninja ballerina Baker, Candida & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2015	9781925272048	K-2	Belinda doesn't want to be a ballerina, she wants to be a ninja. Perhaps, she can be both at the same time.
785417	Bella and the voyaging house McKinlay, Meg	Fremantle Press	2021	9781760990695	3-4	Bella's house likes to travel, setting sail across the ocean while everyone sleeps. Bella's parents don't mind as long as the house is home by daylight. One night, Bella has a wonderful idea for her grandfather's birthday. She wants to find a figurine he made of her grandmother, which was lost overboard in an accident. Bella and the house go in search of it, but things don't quite go according to plan...

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6977	Bella and the wandering house McKinlay, Meg	Fremantle Press	2015	9781925162301	3-4	One morning, Bella is very surprised to discover her house has moved in the night. Not a lot, just a little and, every time it stops, it's near water. Initially, her parents are too busy to notice until they wake up to find their house on the banks of a lake. Night after night, the house moves and the family wakes to a new location. Bella must try to solve the mystery.
1539532	Bella Grows a Bicycle Lopter, Lellie	Five Mile Press	2026	9781923457720	K-2	Bella wants a bicycle, but her birthday is months away. When dad gives her a tiny seed, he sparks an adventure that grows bigger every day. From one small seed to one big dream, Bella learns that the greatest things can start small.
4988	Bella's bad hair day King, Stephen Michael	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743313619	K-2	When Bella wakes up to find her hair in a huge, tangled mess, it is a problem of momentous proportions exacerbated when mum is totally preoccupied completing a painting surrounded by numerous pets. Dad is equally oblivious, engrossed in his rendition of Beethoven on their baby grand piano. So Bella needs to sort this calamity herself with various forms of hilarious camouflage.
1081079	Belladonna Grace, Adalyn	Hodderscape	2022	9781529367263	9plus	Orphaned as a baby, nineteen-year-old Signa has been raised by a string of guardians more interested in her wealth than her well-being. Her remaining relatives are the elusive Hawthornes, an eccentric family living at Thorn Grove, an estate both glittering and gloomy. When her Aunt's restless spirit appears claiming she was poisoned, Signa realises that the family she depends on could be in grave danger and enlists the help of a surly stable boy to hunt down the killer. Signa's best chance of uncovering the murderer is an alliance with Death himself, a fascinating, dangerous shadow who has never been far from her side. Though he's made her life a living hell, Death shows Signa that their growing connection may be more powerful and more irresistible than she ever dared imagine. This title is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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723931	Belles, The Clayton, Dhonielle	Orion	2018	9781473223974	7-9	Camellia Beauregard is a Belle. In the opulent world of Orleans, Belles are revered, for they control Beauty, and Beauty is a commodity coveted above all else. In Orleans, the people are born gray, they are born damned, and only with the help of a Belle and her talents can they transform and be made beautiful. But it's not enough for Camellia to be just a Belle. She wants to be the favourite, the Belle chosen by the Queen of Orleans to live in the royal palace, to tend to the royal family and their court, to be recognised as the most talented Belle in the land. But once Camellia and her Belle sisters arrive at court, it becomes clear that being the favourite is not everything she always dreamed it would be. Behind the gilded palace walls live dark secrets, and Camellia soon learns that the very essence of her existence is a lie, that her powers are far greater, and could be more dangerous, than she ever imagined.
1424099	Belly of a wolf, The Negri, Julianne	University of Western Australia Press	2026	9781760803209	9plus	Red is going back to high school six months after the death of their best friend Wolf. Their friendship began on the first day of prep, when they were cast as Little Red and Wolf int he school play: ever after their lives were entwined as two halves of the same story. Red is defined by Wolf in life and death. As Red tries to move on with her life, she is forever pulled back by memories of Wolf and her guilt about not knowing Wolf planned to die. Red becomes increasingly self-destructive and questions: can you ever recast who you are in a story? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
12770	Belonging Baker, Jeannie	Walker Books	2004	9780744592276	5-6	This wordless picture book, with exquisite collage illustrations, explores the re-greening of a city, the role of community and the significance of children, family and neighbourhood in changing the urban environment.
7811	Belvedere dreaming Ryan, Kate & Harvey, Roland (ill)	Puffin Australia	2002	9780143500438	3-4	Belvedere, the koala, dreams of visiting the city. He gathers all the essential items for taking such a long journey. Now, all Belvedere needs is a travelling companion.

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8954	Ben & Gracie's art adventure Wilson, Mark	Lothian Books	2011	9780734411426	3-4	When Ben and Gracie visit the art gallery, a gold coin transports them into the paintings of artist Frederick McCubbin. They venture back in time, meeting and travelling with new settlers to Australia. Ben and Gracie see the difficulties faced in the harsh Australian bush environment. As they venture deeper into the forest, the pair lose their way as night falls.
	Ben and Tim's magical misadventures series Forsyth, Kate & Vane, Mitch (ill)				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.
587901	Ben Braver and the incredible exploding kid Emerson, Marcus	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760631697	3-4	Even though Ben saved the school from total destruction last year, he feels like a fake. He still hasn't managed to find out his superpower and he is finding it harder to keep it a secret. However, with a well-meaning fan-club, scheming school bullies and nightmares about worm-eaters, Ben's got his hands full making sure no-one finds out the truth.
8804	Bend it like Beckham Dhami, Narinder	Hodder & Stoughton	2002	9780340860946	7-9	A novelisation of the film screen play in which a young Indian girl's talent for soccer is discovered. The issues, of cultural expectations of girls and the problems of living between two cultures, are raised.
1424107	Bendable Brodie-Brown, Kelly & Doyle, Tommy	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761641954	K-2	Mules are known for hauling heavy burdens all day long. Mules are trusty and robust, solid and dependable ... Mules, however, aren't exactly known for being bendable! Can Julie the mule soar into the spotlight? Find out in this adorably inspiring story about reaching your goals, one tumble at a time!
15844	Beneath the surface Crew, Gary & Woolman, Steven (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2005	9780733619328	9plus	Trying to understand his haunting nightmares, Dr Trotter returns to Preston, where he grew up, to the watertower, where he played as a child. The mystery lies beneath the surface of the deep, still waters. Dark sequel to 'The Watertower'. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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751100	Beneath the trees Burne, Cristy	Fremantle Press	2021	9781760990411	3-4	Cam and Sophie feel like they've been travelling forever to get to the rainforest to see a platypus. But with the rain pouring down and the river turning wild they can't see a thing. Until suddenly a platypus appears right below them, and it needs help. But when their rescue goes horribly wrong, it's not just the platypus that needs saving.
4400	Benjamin Pillow in the Land of Nod Cooper, R P	Windy Hollow Books	2006	9781921136016	K-2	In Benjamin Pillow's dream, he rides through Nod's amazing dreamland. Follow him as he tries to rescue one of Nod's shining lights.
7076	Benny & Babe Colfer, Eoin	Penguin	2005	9780143300564	7-9	Benny and Babe are unlikely friends who decide to go into business together, but they need to avoid the bullying of Furty Howlin. Their business of scavenging fishing tackle leads to a very dangerous encounter.
29840	Benny Bungarra's big bush clean-up Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, Ambelin (ill)	Magabala Books	2018	9781925360882	K-2	Benny Bungarra comes to the rescue when his friends are in danger from rubbish left by humans.
1511565	Benny's bad day Luff, Nathan & Bryant, Wayne	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761642791	3-4	Benny's idea of a good day at school is when things are calm, predictable and boring. But today is NOT one of those days. Benny has ZERO control over what is about to happen - but you do! With you in charge, things are about to turn dramatic, funny, gross or just plain weird.
36	Beowulf Heaney, Seamus	Faber & Faber	2000	9780571203765	9plus	A translation of the classic, Anglo-Saxon epic of warriors, dragons and monsters composed between the 7th and 10th centuries. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
7709	Beowulf Morpurgo, Michael	Walker Books	2006	9781406305975	5-6	Beowulf, the fearless warrior battles three evils that terrorise the entire kingdom of Denmark. He slays Grendel the merciless ogre and his vengeful sea hag mother. In his old age, Beowulf faces a bloody struggle with the deadly dragon of the deep in which he may not be as successful as in his youth.
17171	Beowulf: graphic novel Hinds, Gareth (adapt)	Candlewick Press	2007	9780763630232	9plus	Gareth Hinds' Beowulf is a beautiful graphic novel, with some violent scenarios, remaining true to the classic Norse saga about Beowulf. He tackles a dragon with tragic consequences leaving questions about the real cost of his sacrifice. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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903346	Berani Kadarusman, Michelle	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781761068027	5-6	Ari and Malia are both students in Indonesia, but one comes from a wealthy family and the other from a farming family in a small village. Both of them find themselves tied up in moral and ethical dilemmas where their actions, while so clearly right to them,, will not be popular with family or friends. Knowing the right thing to do does not mean it is an easy choice.
819	Bermuda triangle Donkin, Andrew	Dorling Kindersley	2000	9780751362664	3-4	A collection of scary, true stories about the mysterious vanishings of planes and ships in an area of the ocean known as the Bermuda Triangle. Lots of interesting fact-finding with difficult vocabulary explained.
822	Bernice knows best Dann, Max & Axelsen, Stephen (ill)	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1994	9780340622087	3-4	Hugh is a walking, talking disaster without any friends, until he meets Bernice. Her specialty is accident-prone boys but Hugh is a challenge even for Bernice.
4789	Bertha and Bear Sharp, Christine	University of Queensland Press	2017	9780702254062	K-2	There's a storm brewing and the hive must find a new a home. With clouds filling the sky and thunder growling, Bertha bravely rises to the occasion...until she meets Bear that is!
1072	Bertie Allen, Pamela	Penguin	2013	9780670076956	K-2	When Bertie is grumpy, everyone is grumpy - the queen, the baby, the maid, the king and the little dog. What would happen if Bertie was happy.
8325	Bertie and the bear Allen, Pamela	Penguin	1989	9780140509724	K-2	A beautifully simple story of Bertie and the bear and a wonderful excuse for children to join in the noise-making.
4460	Bessie's war Bell, Krista & Elliot, Belinda (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2017	9781922081667	3-4	Bessie is cross. Everyone else seems to have a role to play in the war effort and she wants to help too. But what can a young girl in Australia do to help the soldiers all the way over in Europe?
66698	Best ballgirl, The Flynn, Pat	Puffin Australia	2011	9780143305743	7-9	When Kristen discovers that her tennis hero, Maggie Stephenson, is playing in a tournament at her tennis club, she is desperate to be chosen as one of the ballgirls. But, her arch rival, Sally, looks set to sabotage Kristen's chances of appearing on centre court and to steal the guy that she likes a lot.
5719	Best bear Dodd, Emma	Gullane Children's Books Ltd	2008	9781862336667	K-2	A worn-out bear is the most special thing in this little boy's life. With best bear in his arms, he can face the whole world and even the dark.

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5828	Best day of my life, The Ellis, Deborah	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781742379142	9plus	In Jharia, India,Valli spends her days picking up coal and fighting with her cousins. Her family won't let her go to school and there's never enough food. When Valli discovers that her 'aunt' is a stranger who was paid to take her, she leaves Jharia and begins a new life, surviving on the streets of Kolkata. A chance encounter with a doctor may change her life but Valli must decide if she trusts enough to accept help. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
22963	Best friend is a goldfish, My Lee, Mark & Jevons, Chris (ill)	Lerner Publishing Group	2018	9781512426014	K-2	After arguing with his best friend about which game to play, a boy decides its time to find a new best friend. So he tries to become friends with his dog, his cat, and his goldfish. He learns to eat on the floor with his dog, take naps with his cat, and watch the world from underwater with his goldfish.
6553	Best friends Walker, Sue & Dawson, Janine (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781862915718	3-4	Grace and Amy are best friends who share everything. When Amy starts playing with Lisa, Grace's stomach does flip flops because she doesn't want to share Amy with anyone else and she doesn't know what to do.
973893	Best hiding place, The Godwin, Jane & Morris, Sylvia (ill)	Affirm Press	2023	9781922848086	K-2	Archie has found the best hiding place. But after a while, it feels too quiet. Is the game still on? Has Archie been forgotten?
10812	Best mate Morpurgo, Michael	HarperCollins Australia	2007	9780007262434	5-6	Joy and heartbreak combine in this bittersweet tale of a champion greyhound's journey through life as he passes from owner to owner. A wonderful story of the bond between a pet and three families who get back much more than they could have imagined from allowing a dog into their lives. This book is also known as Born to Run.
9457	Best mates: six favourite stories Morpurgo, Michael	HarperCollins Children's Books	2015	9780008118556	3-4	If you love animals and good stories, then you will really enjoy this book of short stories about dogs, cats, horses, dolphins and whales.
774435	Best mum, The Harrison, Penny & Davey, Sharon (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2021	9781922326225	K-2	Katie's mums are great at sewing, Jai's mum disco-dances and Huy's mum is an athlete. Mums around the world can do all kinds of things. And my mum? My mum tries her best. But there is one special thing that make all mums the best mums! Why is your mum the best?

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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.
27801	Best singer in the world, The Nilsson, Ulf & Eriksson, Eva (ill)	Gecko Press	2012	9781877579134	K-2	Having to perform at school to celebrate spring can be a nerve-racking experience. It will be on a real stage, with proper spotlights. A gentle, funny picture book about being brave.
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.
1409617	Besties prank war Miller, Kayla & Canino, Jeffrey & Turner, Sarah K (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781761602498	5-6	Trent and Sawyer are best friends with a mutual love of skateboarding and hilarious hijinks. However the joke is on them when a run-in with their fiery friend Natasha triggers an all-out prank-apalooza. Facing down booby-trapped bathrooms and loaded lockers, Trent and Sawyer are determined to step up their game. But will their plans end in big laughs or big trouble.

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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.
24183	Beth: the story of a child convict Wilson, Mark	Lothian Books	2016	9780734416773	5-6	After being caught stealing on the streets of London, Beth is sent to Australia as a child convict on the First Fleet. Through Beth's story, we discover the unbearable hardships those first convicts suffered, not only on the long journey to Sydney Cove but also in the two years of near-famine following their arrival. A story inspired by the life of the youngest female convict with the First Fleet.
700326	Betrothed, The Cass, Kiera	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780008158835	7-9	When King Jameson declares his love for Lady Hollis Brite, Hollis is shocked -- and thrilled. After all, she's grown up at Keresken Castle, vying for the king's attention alongside other daughters of the nobility. Capturing his heart is a dream come true.
5900	Better Nate than ever Federle, Tim	Walker Books	2015	9781406361537	7-9	Thirteen year old Nate Foster doesn't enjoy his life. He is nothing like his sporty brother, his strict parents seem to be close to divorce and he's bullied about his weight and sexuality (Nate is currently undecided). With his love of Broadway musicals, Nate grabs a chance to escape when he hears about an audition. As his naive plan disintegrates, Nate stays just one step ahead of disaster while keeping his sense of humour.
1423923	Between Walker, Anna	Scribble Press	2025	9781761381591	K-2	A cabbage moth and a cricket meet for the first time in the quiet space between twilight and dawn. As the unlikely pair discover each other's worlds, friendship blooms in unexpected places.
29866	Between shades of gray Sepetys, Ruta	Penguin Books Australia	2011	9780143205418	9plus	In 1941, fifteen year old Lina is preparing for art school and looking forward to summer. When the Soviet secret police invade her home and forcibly remove Lina, her mother and brother, they must fight for their lives. They are transported via cattle trucks from Lithuania to remote Siberia in a harrowing, violent journey. It is also a story of incredible courage and strength. Includes violence and cruelty. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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61034	Between the lives Shirvington, Jessica	HarperCollins Australia	2013	9780732296261	9plus	Sabine is an eighteen year old caught between two lives. Her life in Wellesey is the almost perfect world, a place of glamorous friends, all you could want and a doting boyfriend. Her other life in Roxbury is less than perfect and here she is considered by many as a rebel, out of place. Every twenty-four hours on the stroke of midnight, Sabine moves between worlds. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1071	Between the pages van Loon, Joan & Stewart, Chantal (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2013	9781921928444	K-2	Two boys become so engrossed in the animal book they are reading that they become part of the story, encountering adventures and challenges which can only be escaped by the turning the page. Escaping from a python's nest only to meet even more fearsome crocodiles, angry emus and hordes of redback spiders.
660810	Between, The Hofmeyr, David	Penguin	2020	9780141354484	7-9	Ana Moon's best friend Bea has been taken by someone or something. Ana's world has changed. Her house looks different and her parents are acting weird. This is not her world, she has fallen into another universe. The only person who knows her, the real her, is Malik, a boy she met on the train a few hours ago. The mysterious Malik and his Pathfinder friends offer to help Ana travel across seven different versions of Earth to get Bea back. But it won't be easy as Ana finds herself at the centre of a war to control the multiverse and unlock the seventh world and all of its power.
892367	Bev and Kev Germein, Katrina & Foot, Mandy	Little Book Press	2023	9780645027051	K-2	Bev is the tallest animal on the plains and Kev is one of the smallest. They're an unlikely pair, but could this be the beginning of a beautiful friendship? A heart-warming tale about learning to love yourself and the value of a true friend. Shortlisted for the 2023 CBCA Picture Book of the Year Award.

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660400	Beverly, right here DiCamillo, Kate	Walker Books	2019	9781406391633	5-6	Beverly Trapinski has buried her beloved dog. One of her three friends has suddenly moved away without a goodbye. Her father is long gone and her mother does not seem interested in what Beverly does. It is August, 1979 and it seems that the only thing for Beverly to do is leave town. At age 14, she finds herself in a new town with a job clearing tables, but she knows this is not enough. If she can only open her heart a little, she will find that the small town is full of people who need a little more in their lives too.
836	Beware of the storybook wolves Child, Lauren	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2000	9780340779163	5-6	This book with colourful illustrations and an interesting layout will tell you what to do if the wolves ever escape from your storybook.
6069	Beware the deep dark forest Whiting, Sue & White, Annie (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781742032344	K-2	Beware the deep, dark forest! You should never, ever go in there... Rosie has always followed this rule until the day her pup Tinky goes missing in the woods. So Rosie decides to trek into this dangerous, muddy place. But there are many obstacles along the way -- including a huge grey wolf, a scary ravine and a ferocious troll!
695636	Beyond belief White, Dee	Omnibus Books	2020	9781760662516	7-9	Inspired by the true story of Muslims who saved the lives of Jewish children in the Second World War. in 1942, in the Grand Mosque in Paris, 11-year-old Ruben is hiding from the Nazis. Already thousands of Jewish children have disappeared. But when the Mosque is raided, Ruben is forced to flee.
4213	Beyond the bright sea Wolk, Lauren	Penguin	2017	9780552574303	9plus	Crow was just a baby when she was tied into a boat and pushed out to sea. When she washes up onto a tiny island, there are just 3 clues to her origin; a birthmark in the shape of a feather, a ruby ring and a sea-soaked letter with just a few cryptic words remaining. 12 years later, when a mysterious fire appears across the ocean, Crow starts to wonder who she is and where she came from. Crow will set out on a remarkable treasure hunt, and discover what it truly means to be a family. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
647178	Beyond the fence Gulemetova, Maria	Child's Play International Ltd	2017	9781846439308	K-2	Piggy lives in a large house with Thomas. Thomas knows exactly what Piggy needs. But a chance meeting with a wild pig changes everything, and Piggy finds out what lies outside the four walls, beyond the fence.

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10695	Beyond the knock-knock door Monk, Scott	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741664072	5-6	After ruining a classmate's costume party, the Bowman triplets are chased into the city sewers. Locked inside, they discover a gateway to another world where sharks fly, swashbucklers scheme and party costumes become real. The triplets are mistaken for famous heroes and must fight the biggest trouble of all.
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?
38	BFG, The Dahl, Roald	Puffin UK	2001	9780141311371	5-6	The big friendly giant captures Sophie but he only wants to keep her, not eat her, as the other giants would.
9926	Bicycle, The Thompson, Colin & Blake, Quentin (ill)	ABC Books	2011	9780733329876	3-4	In 2008, the author, Colin Thompson, visited Cambodia with Save the Children. Struck by the way the humble bicycle is central to so many people lives, he was inspired to create this picture book. It features the illustrations of fourteen internationally acclaimed artists, and conveys the worth and promise of something as simple as a bicycle.
19299	Bicycling to the moon Parvela, Timo & Talvitie, Virpi (ill)	Gecko Press	2016	9781776570324	3-4	Two unlikely friends, Purdy the cat and Barker the dog, live together in a sky-blue house on top of a hill. Barker likes the garden. He only wants to dig, to scratch up the earth and turn it over. But, Purdy has big dreams. He wants to fly south with the birds, win the singing competition and be a Supercat. One day, Purdy decides that if he could just get a bicycle and ride it to the moon, he would be the happiest cat in the world, and never want anything else again. Ever.
3900	Biddy's fishing-line Priman, Bridget & Paul, Robbie (ill)	Black Ink Press	2006	9781863340120	K-2	The river is running and a girl's long journey to school through the bush is full of possibilities.
1019868	Bidhi Galing: Big rain Heiss, Anita & Campbell, Samantha (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2023	9781761105258	5-6	Told from the point of view of Wagadhaany, a Wiradyuri girl who loved dancing, this is the story of the Great Flood of Gundagai in 1852. Wiradyuri heroes, Yarri and Jacky Jacky paddled bark canoes through raging floodwaters, risking their own lives to save countless others. Learn history through Wiradyuri language and marvel at the beautiful illustrations in this book.
38586	Big and little Rawlins, Donna	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2006	9781741661170	K-2	Shipley and Gwendoline are friends. They are given beautiful presents for their birthdays but one is too big and one is too small. In the end, they are able to work it all out in a not surprising way as they exchange gifts.

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780	Big and me Miller, David	Ford Street Publishing	2008	9781876462697	K-2	Big and Small are two machines working together on building projects. But, Big starts to malfunction by driving into the water, thinking he is a boat, and picking Small up because he thinks the other machines want to hurt Small. Small turns to the boss and mechanic, who find that Big's computer is getting mixed up. They help Big to get better and offer support to Small.
848	Big bad Bruce Bates, Dianne & Johns, Cheryll (ill)	Koala Books	2007	9780864617712	K-2	Bruce roars around on his Harley and appears to be a fearsome and lawless bikie. Maybe, Bruce isn't quite what his image appears to be.
46511	Big bad bun Willis, Jeanne & Ross, Tony (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842709252	K-2	There never was a rabbit as bad as Big Bad Bun. Or so you'd think if you read the letter which he left on his bed after school one day. But, it turns out that Big Bad Bun might not be as bad as he makes out.
73759	Big bad bunnies Katz, Danny & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Puffin Australia	2006	9780143302285	3-4	Sandra is scared of bunny rabbits. She's frightened of their nasty ears and evil bunny eyes. When the family visits the petting zoo with baby animals, Sandra hopes there won't be any bunnies there.
8551	Big ball of string, The Mueller, Ross & Smith, Craig (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2004	9781741146158	K-2	A small boy wants to play soccer. He doesn't have a ball so he uses a big ball of string. He has a wonderful time kicking it around the park and along the street but by the time he gets home, his ball has disappeared.
	Big bash league series Panckridge, Michael				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.
850	Big bazoohley, The Carey, Peter	University of Queensland Press	1995	9780702228322	3-4	Wearing his ""Sonic the Hedgehog"" pyjamas, Sam Kellow sleep-walks out of the hotel room where he is staying with his parents. Sam has the opportunity to win a big jackpot and save his family's finances in this hilarious, zany adventure.
119996	Big black dog Glicksman, Caroline	Walker Books	2005	9781406302172	3-4	Everyone may have been scared of Big Black Dog but Big Black Dog was scared of everything. Until, one day he has to be very brave. Find out if Big Black Dog will save his friend or if his fears win out.

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33129	Big book of Antarctica, The Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2017	9781742034188	5-6	Antarctica is the driest, coldest and windiest continent on Earth. Even though it is a harsh and difficult place to live, Antarctica is home to more than a thousand plant and several hundred animal species. Antarctica has 90 per cent of Earth's ice and plays a major role in our weather. Scientists from around the world live and work in Antarctica to better understand the future of our planet. Welcome to The Big Book of Antarctica.
2400	Big book of Aussie dinosaurs Richards, Kel & Singleton, Glen (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2014	9781742830568	5-6	Everything you have ever wanted to know about when dinosaurs ruled Australia.
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.
903077	Big book of exhibits, The Bullock, Marita & Hargreaves, Joan-Maree & Rowland, Liz (ill)	Hachette Australia	2022	9780734419996	5-6	Explore some of the most surprising and awe-inspiring exhibits and museum collections on Earth. From microscopic star diamonds to a poo making machine, discover amazing and fascinating exhibits around the world.
63187	Big book of fantasy quests Dixon, Andrew	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2006	9780746070383	5-6	Detailed and colourful fantasy-adventure scenes filled with things to find, mysteries to solve and colourful creatures and characters to outwit.
1662	Big book of numbers Spencer, Adam	Xoum Publishing	2014	9781921134326	7-9	If you love numbers, want to love numbers or just love to laugh and learn about the wonderful life we live, then this numbers book is for you. Discover primes, Pi, perfect numbers and how many ribs an elephant has.
15061	Big brother, little brother Dale, Penny	Walker Books	1999	9780744569537	K-2	When little brother cries and shouts, big brother knows why. But sibling rivalry often gets in the way. When big brother is upset, he finds out what little brother will do.
923455	Big cat Racklyeft, Jess	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761066580	5-6	Big Cat is mysterious. Big Cat is chaotic. Big Cat is lawless. Catherine is not. She likes things to be neat, tidy and orderly. But when the two meet, they discover they have more in common than they think and that sometimes the best adventures can be found in your own backyard.
1019758	Big cheese, The John, Jory & Oswald, Pete (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780063329508	3-4	Find out how one hunk of cheddar learns that some things are better than always being the best. The Big Cheese will show you what really matters when you realise that winning isn't everything and being pleased for others victories can be as good as having them yourself.

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1433915	Big cooee, The Carty, Jack & Carty, Natasha (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761648441	K-2	A little boy and girl I know took a walk not long ago, and there amongst the swaying trees they called a really big ... coooeeeeee! Follow as the cooee floats over sparkling oceans, windy deserts and starry night skies, weaving together a world of joy and wonder.
3053	Big dig, The McKinlay, Meg	Walker Books	2009	9781921529139	5-6	When the Newton Community Pool is closed until further notice, Nathan and his mates are unimpressed. The alternative, the BayView Leisure Centre, might be modern and flashy, but it is steamy, crowded and no fun. But, Nathan has an idea that is so brilliant in its simplicity. They can dig themselves a pool in the backyard.
857	Big dog Gleeson, Libby & Greder, Armin (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1997	9781863888479	K-2	Jen is scared of the big dog down the street. She and her big brother decide to confront the dog in a lion's costume. But they don't know what the dog will do.
1158	Big dry, The Davis, Tony	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2013	9780732297633	9plus	With each year of drought the heat became worse. The lawns and crops withered and died. Buildings began to crumble and collapse, and more people left the city. George and his little brother, Beeper, become worried when their father fails to return from a trip to town for food and fuel. Fear for the safety of their dad quickly becomes a fight for their own survival in the hot and brutal conditions. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
18036	Big earth, little me Wiley, Thom	Scholastic Australia	2009	9780545092258	K-2	A book to help the very young find out what they can do for the Earth. The simple flap book shows how to make the whole world a better place by doing little things in local places. Printed with organic soy-based ink.
7616	Big eyes, scary voice Wignell, Edel & Pearce, Carl (ill)	Tamarind Books	2008	9781870516884	K-2	At sunset, shadows lengthen and a walk through the dappled light in the park can trigger a sense of fear. Mum is with Tania and Josh as they search for the source of the scary sounds and large glittering eyes.
57744	Big fat cow that goes kapow, The Griffiths, Andy	Pan MacMillan	2008	9780330424158	3-4	Inside this book, you can meet Dave, the brave, and discover where worms learn to squirm. But, beware, there is also an exploding cow. Very humorous and very, very short stories told in rhyme.
43455	Big fella rain Webber, Beryl & Martins, Fern (ill)	Magabala Books	2017	9781925360639	3-4	Way up north, lightning flashes, thunder rolls and frogs sing a chorus. Big fella rain is coming.

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30218	Big game Smith, Dan	Chicken House	2015	9781909489943	7-9	Thirteen year old Oskari is sent into the Finnish wilderness, armed only with a bow and arrow, to survive in an ancient test of manhood. But, he stumbles upon an escape pod from a burning airliner. Terrorists have shot down the President of the United States. To survive, this improbable duo must trust each other and become a team capable of overcoming the danger that is imminent.
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?
35281	Big little book of happy sadness, The Thompson, Colin	Random House Children's Books	2008	9781741662573	5-6	One Friday, George visits the animal shelter and, in the very last cage, he sees Jeremy, a sad dog who looks as lonely and lost as George feels.
855855	Big love Jacobson, Megan & Feiner, Beck (ill)	Walker Books	2021	9781760652890	K-2	This is the house. It's very big! But it's not as big as my love for you. No matter how different our families may be, the one thing we all have in common is love.
	Big Nate series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
15289	Big Ned's bushwalk Laguna, Sofie & Cox, David	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734407504	3-4	Ned's athletic family are worried that he is too quiet. When they send him on a bushwalk and a storm breaks, it is Ned's quiet observation skills that save the day.
12303	Big Nuisance Morimoto, Junko	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2003	9781740518765	K-2	Life in Sleepy Village is very slow and nothing's changed for a long, long time, until the meddlesome giant Big Nuisance comes to stay and starts a whole lot of trouble.
720958	Big old rambutan tree, The Creamer, Kathy	Little Pink Dog Books	2020	9780648256373	K-2	From the flames of the burning rainforest, an extraordinary bond of friendship ignites between a savage tiger and a gentle orang-utan, as they both struggle to survive in their fast diminishing habitat.
1639	Big pet day Shanahan, Lisa & Gordon, Gus (ill)	Lothian Books	2014	9780733620997	K-2	Today is pet day in Lily's class. All the kids bring in their pets - hermit crabs, parrots, mice, puppies, ferrets and ducks - but Lily brings her dragon. Class smarty-pants Courtney says to Lily that dragons are only in fairy tales so how could she have a dragon. However, when all the pets misbehave in the middle of the important pet parade, guess who saves the day.

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12972	Big picture book of environments, The Long, John	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2008	9781741754605	5-6	With stunning images and fact boxes, this book reveals Earth's diversity and beauty. It explores the effects of changing climate on environments around the world including the great rivers, deserts, Arctic regions, cities and forests.
14856	Big picture book of human civilisation, The Long, John	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2009	9781741757002	5-6	If you love facts and figures or you are a budding scientist, this book will tell you about the great advances and crises of human history, from 20, 000 years ago until now. Read about the first cultivated crops, the taming of cats and dogs, the discovery of electricity, the earliest city and lots more.
4850	Big picture book outdoors Lacey, Minna & Stubbs, Rachel (ill) & Russell, John (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2017	9781409598732	3-4	From fields and woodlands, rivers and ponds, to city parks and gardens, wherever you are, you can go outdoors and discover wildlife. The beautiful pictures in this book are full of all kinds of birds, butterflies and wild flowers to look out for.
18392	Big picture book, The Long, John & Choo, Brian (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2005	9781741143287	5-6	Description of Planet Earth's history from twelve billion years ago until now. Also includes a prediction about its future.
603343	Big picture, The: Men who changed the world Jones, Grace & Rumblelow, Matt (ill)	The secret book company	2019	9781912171842	5-6	Throughout time men have accomplished some great things. Read about some very famous men and discover what they have done and how it has impacted the world we live in today.
603312	Big picture, The: Women who changed the world Jones, Grace & Rumblelow, Matt (ill)	The secret book company	2019	9781912171835	5-6	Women can do amazing things, this book looks at some very famous women and what they have achieved in their lives. Learn more about some women you may have heard of, and find out about some women from the past who changed how things were done.
15290	Big rain coming Germein, Katrina & Bancroft, Bronwyn (ill)	Roland Harvey Books	1999	9780949714664	3-4	This book invokes both a feeling of listlessness and of expectation. The children in an Aboriginal camp in northern Australia are waiting. Uncle Stephen predicts the big wet is coming but, day after day, the hot, dry weather continues.
15871	Big red bath Jarman, Julia & Reynolds, Adrian (ill)	Orchard Books	2005	9781843626053	K-2	Ben and Bella have a wonderful time splashing around in the bath with all their friends. Their bath-time adventure might be real or imagined but it certainly makes a big mess.
72766	Big Red Hen and the little lost egg Wild, Margaret & Denton, Terry (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2008	9780670871919	K-2	Big Red Hen is very good at looking after everyone's babies. But, what she wants most of all is someone of her own to love. One morning, Big Red Hen finds an egg in the hay.

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1921	Big red kangaroo Saxby, Claire & Byrne, Graham (ill)	Walker Books	2013	9781921720420	3-4	Far inland, where ocean is a dim memory, the sun floats on the waves of another bake-earth day. In the long shadows, a big red kangaroo licks his forearms and lets the early evening breeze wash over him.
647152	Big red rock, The Stockham, Jess	Child's Play International Ltd	2017	9781786280022	K-2	When Bif finds a big red rock blocking his way, he decides it has to go. But how? Nothing he ties will move it. Bif's friend Bop knows some monsters who might be able to help. When none of their ingenious methods work, they all have to decide what to do next - with surprising results!
10521	Big surprise for Little Card, A Harper, Charise Mericle & Raff, Anna (ill)	Walker Books	2016	9781406367263	K-2	In the world of cards, each one has a special job to do. Big Card keeps important papers in order. Tiny Card can be exchanged for a prize in an arcade and Round Card hangs out in a glamorous boutique. But, Little Card thinks he's really lucky. He's going to school to become a birthday card, with lots of singing, playing and eating cake. But, wait, there's been a mix-up. Little Card is going to be a library card instead, in a quiet place of books and rules and hushing.
15291	Big ugly monster and the little stone rabbit, The Wormell, Chris	Random House Children's Books	2004	9780099455950	K-2	An endearing story about a big, ugly monster who was so ugly that all the animals and birds ran away, the trees lost their leaves, the blue sky turned to grey. No-one would talk to him and he felt lonely until one day, he had an idea.
47646	Big waves, The Caisley, Raewyn & Hurst, Elise (ill)	Puffin Australia	2012	9780143305729	3-4	Sandy's beach holiday is perfect. The waves are just the right size and it's great being with her older brother, Marcus, and her Aunty Missy, both of whom are enthusiastic surfers. But, when Sandy is dumped by a big wave, it's a frightening experience and her holiday isn't quite so perfect anymore.
24709	Big yawn, The Spang, Monica & Bougaeva, Sonja (ill)	Gecko Press	2009	9781877467196	K-2	It's night time at the zoo and all the animals are getting sleepy. First to yawn is the tiger, then the swans, the crocodiles and the giraffes until all the animals are very sleepy.
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

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15041	Bilbies of Bliss, The Wild, Margaret & Young, Noela (ill)	ABC Books	2005	9780733307683	3-4	Matron runs the Bilbies' retirement home with an iron fist. New resident, Nina, challenges the unfair and unkind rules and the elderly bilbies get rid of the bullying matron.
982	Bilby moon Spurling, Margaret	Working Title Press	2001	9781876288297	K-2	A delightful book about Australian fauna and flora, the phases of the moon and the life of nocturnal animals.
9766	Bilby secrets Wignell, Edel & Jackson, Mark (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781921529320	3-4	Through a combination of story and fact, find out about the relatively unknown life of the endangered bilby, from birth to adulthood, and the natural world which it inhabits.
751053	Bill Bailey's remarkable guide to happiness Bailey, Bill & Magee, Joe (ill)	Quercus Children's Books	2020	9781529412451	9plus	From paddle-boarding down the Thames in a Santa hat, to wild swimming in a glacial river, Bill considers the exhilaration of the outdoors, as well as the quieter pleasures of clearing out your moth-eaten grey t-shirts. He attempts to see beyond the mumbo-jumbo of the wellness industry and aims for the heart of real joy and contentment - and how we can all achieve it. This collection of funny, meditative and thoughtful essays seeks out simplicity and clarity as a corrective to the endless background noise of anxiety-inducing news chatter. Whether it's whooping aloud while cycling through a pine forest, putting pen to paper, or immersing yourself in music, Bill's guide to happiness is an antidote to the frenetic whirl of modern life. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
5437	Bill Baillie: Life and adventures of a pet bilby Rowan, Ellis	National Library of Australia	2018	9780642279200	3-4	Welcome to the fascinating, exciting and sometimes frightening world of His Highness Bill Baillie of Goongarrie, the most adventurous and well-travelled bilby in Australia. Bill Baillie tells the story of a bold and inquisitive bilby, who lives with his owner and friend, Tabitha, and accompanies her when she goes to interesting places to paint wildflowers. Bill is a bold, curious, lovable character and gets up to a little mischief and a lot of excitement.
12936	Bill Gates: computer legend Barton-Wood, Sara	White-Thomson Publishing Ltd	2001	9780750238830	7-9	In 1995, Bill Gates launched Microsoft Windows, a computer program now used by people at work and at play all around the world. As head of Microsoft, he is the richest man in the world and aims to be the largest benefactor in history.
15301	Bill in a china shop Weaver, Katie McAllaster	Bloomsbury	2003	9780747564911	K-2	Bill, the bull, has a passion for fine china and spies a lovely teacup in a china shop. The shopkeeper makes Bill nervous and when Bill is nervous in a china shop anything might happen.

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19816	Bill rules Fensham, Elizabeth	University of Queensland Press	2010	9780702238482	5-6	Bill and Matty are the best of friends and neighbours which leads to exciting adventures and, sometimes, more than a little trouble. When Bill learns that his father is coming home from jail, his world is tipped upside down. Worries start to mount but Matty has an idea to help Bill. But life doesn't always go according to plan.
18412	Billie and the parent plan Bryant, Ann	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2005	9780746067550	5-6	Billie's mum is getting married to a bald, old man. Billie doesn't fit in with her uncool stepfather and her posh stepsister and would rather live with her best mate, Archie. A funny book about Billie's valiant attempts to resist her new family.
	Billie B Brown & Billie B Mystery 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.
73198	Billionaire boy Walliams, David	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2010	9780007445349	5-6	Joe Spud is the richest twelve year old because his father reinvented toilet paper and became rich. He owns a racing car and a crocodile, but the one thing he can't buy is a friend. When he changes schools, he encounters twin bullies, a greedy lunch lady and new friends.
25256	Billy and the Minpins Dahl, Roald & Blake, Quentin (ill)	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9780141377506	3-4	Billy's mum says he must never go out through the garden gate and explore the dark forest beyond. So, one day, that's exactly what he does!
	Billy is a dragon series Falk, Nick & Flowers, Tony (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.
15134	Billy Mack's war Roy, James	University of Queensland Press	2004	9780702234798	5-6	When Captain Mack is released from prison camp at the end of the war, no-one is sure what to expect, least of all his son Billy. He might be the same man who went off to war full of hope and pride or his experiences may have changed him forever.

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5937	Billy Slater presents: Banana kick Loughlin, Patrick & Slater, Billy & Ziersch, Nahum (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2014	9780857982667	3-4	Junior is the youngest player for the West Hill Ravens. He is also the biggest. Everyone on the team starts to call him Cannonball because, when he makes a bust, he's virtually unstoppable. Even though Junior is helping his team score more tries than ever, no one seems to be able to see past his size. When team mentor, Billy Slater, sets the Ravens a challenge, Junior's bad feeling gets even worse. Will Billy be able to help Junior prove there is more to him than meets the eye?
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?
5943	Billy Slater presents: Try time Loughlin, Patrick & Slater, Billy & Ziersch, Nahum (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2014	9780857982469	3-4	Josh can play footy. He's fast and fleet-footed and a blur down the sideline. But there's one small problem. Every time he steps onto the field a stampede of elephant-sized butterflies invade his stomach and he fumbles the ball. Things get so bad Josh thinks about giving up football forever. That is, until NRL legend and Josh's hero, Billy Slater, turns up at training one day.
2305	Billy that died with its boots on, The Whiteside, Stephen	Walker Books	2014	9781922077431	5-6	Paying homage to the rhythms, word play and humour of Banjo Paterson and C.J Dennis the author has looked to everyday Australian activities, landscapes and people for inspiration. The 65 poems are gathered in fifteen loose groupings including animals, leisure activities, and places. Best read to or with someone.
9287	Billy the kid Morpurgo, Michael	Collins	2002	9780007105472	7-9	Billy doesn't think or act his age. His memories of his days as a Chelsea striker and his interests keep him younger than he seems.

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868	Billy the punk Carroll, Jessica	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2005	9780091829346	3-4	Billy decides that he needs to look different, very different. He doesn't care that no-one much likes his spiky, coloured hair or his tatty, pinned clothes. Billy thinks he looks great.
39	Billy Thunder and the night gate Carmody, Isobelle	Penguin	2000	9781740933971	7-9	Rage is desperate to find the healing magic that will save her mother. Her quest leads her to Valley, a strange, dark place where witches and wizards lurk.
15196	Billy's beetle Inkpen, Mick	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2001	9780340586358	K-2	Billy's beetle is missing and the sniffy dog can help. He finds a hedgehog, two beetles that don't belong to Billy, a hairy caterpillar and some sausages. Someone will have to find Billy's beetle.
15302	Billywise Nicholls, Judith & Cockcroft, Jason (ill)	Bloomsbury	2004	9780747569084	K-2	Billywise, a baby owl, wonders if he'll ever be brave enough to fly.
12084	Bim bam boom Wild, Margaret & Harris, Wayne (ill)	ABC Books	1998	9780733305627	K-2	A counting book, with fabulous illustrations, featuring zoo animals, thunder and lightning. A book to be read aloud and a fun way for children to learn.
696552	Bin chicken Temple, Kate & Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy, (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781743830048	3-4	The ibis is known in cities for its ability to pull snacks out of deep bins and to snatch up dropped chips. Some people might find them dirty. Other birds think them shameful, but find out why the ibis holds its head high.
1097619	Bin Chicken and the Christmas Turkey Temple, Kate & Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781761202414	3-4	Bah humbug! The city is buzzing, shoppers run this way and that, there's carols and lights and a Santa Claus hat! But if a bird is clever... if a bird is a smartie... a bird can still have a fabulous Christmas party! Ibis is in a flap and can't find any trash, but Bush Turkey knows exactly where to find a feast to gobble!
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!
872886	Bin chicken flies again Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781761127939	3-4	'Where's all the garbage and delightful bin juice? This trash can is empty, I feel like a goose! That dirty truck is stealing my food! It's simply not on. How terribly rude!' Ibis has a grand plan to take back her trash! But look out, she's got some very hungry competition...
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!

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1388365	Bin chicken lights up the night Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760268282	3-4	Bin chicken's been flying, feeling quite spent, when... 'HEY! What's that marvellous scent?' Spices fill the air, rice and curries simmer. 'Delicious' she says. 'That's my dinner!'
1018588	Bin Chicken's Eggcellent Easter Temple, Kate and Jol	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761209383	3-4	Following her beak, on long gangly legs, Ibis spies something shiny - glittering eggs! But there's kids on a hunt! And a bunny on the loose! 'Shoo, Bin Chicken! Scram, Garbage Goose!' It's Easter morning, and there are eggs everywhere. Ibis had better hop to it and get hunting!
1393204	Bin monster, The Hale, Annabelle	Affirm Press	2025	9781923046436	K-2	Our street is perfect! Well, it would be perfect if we didn't have a bin monster! The bin monster flaps and clacks and squawks all night, and throws our rubbish everywhere! I've had enough! I've got a plan to get rid of this bin monster once and for all. I just have to find it first...
751154	Bindi Saunders, Kirli & Leffler, Dub (ill)	Magabala Books	2020	9781925936667	5-6	Meet 11-year-old Bindi. She's not really into maths but LOVES art class and playing hockey. Her absolute FAVOURITE thing is adventuring outside with friends or her horse, Nell. A new year starts like normal - school, family, hockey, dancing. But this year hasn't gone to plan! There's a big art assignment, a drought, a broken wrist AND the biggest bushfires her town has ever seen!
	Bindi wildlife adventures series Irwin, Bindi and others				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.
40	Binna Binna man, The McDonald, Meme & Pryor, Boori	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1999	9781865080710	7-9	A young Aboriginal boy is travelling back to his home on the mission to attend the funeral of a cousin.

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1366541	Biology for beginners Cope, Lizzie & Lacey, Minna & Li, Hannah (ill) & Hallmann, Anton (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2025	9781805076612	7-9	A guide to everything that biology is about, from things we know, to things we don't know yet. This book explores the fascinating world of biology - the study of all life, from tiny bacteria to plants, animals and entire ecosystems. Discover how living things behave and interact, and the amazing ways they adapt to the world around them. Find out how life on Earth began, how it has changed, and what living things might look like in millennia to come. Take a closer look at cells - the building blocks of life itself - and the vital role they play. Through a mix of diagrams, infographics, comic strips and clear, engaging text, this book shows readers what the study of biology is about, how much it covers, and why you might want to study it further yourself. It investigates some of the big issues that biologists are grappling with today, from preventing the spread of ever-evolving diseases to saving animals and plants from extinction.
14038	Bionicle: legacy of evil Farshtey, Greg	Scholastic UK	2006	9780439828079	5-6	The Piraka are the embodiment of evil. It is a mystery how they met, what caused them to join forces and how they learnt about the Mask of Life. Even more mysterious is the seventh Piraka.
27043	Bippolo seed and other lost stories, The Seuss, Dr	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2011	9780007438457	K-2	A treasure trove of seven newly-discovered stories by Dr. Seuss. They include a scheming cat who leads an innocent duck to make a bad decision; a rabbit who is saved from a bear via a single eyelash; a fish that grew and grew; a tale about twins; fantastic creatures who follow a boy home in anticipation of a steak dinner; a spot of dirt that gets everywhere; and a boy with far-flung career fantasies.
15415	Bird Lodge, Annette	ABC Books	2004	9780733314315	K-2	Written in verse, this is a beautiful story of a boy who meets a strange bird on a beach. They share a common fear of life and are challenged by a colourful, charismatic fish who invites them to dive headlong into the unknown.
14259	Bird Martin Vidal, Beatriz	Simply Read Books	2015	9781927018644	5-6	Let your imagination fly in this evocative, wordless picture book.

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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...
4045	Bird and Bear James, Ann	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2013	9781743465547	K-2	Bird and Bear are the best of friends. When Bird and Bear go on a birthday picnic, they discover something surprising that will change how they see the world forever...
5445	Bird builds a nest: A science storybook Jenkins, Martin & Jones, Richard (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781406355130	K-2	Bird is up early - she's building her nest. She pushes and pulls twigs into place until it's ready and waiting...can you guess what for?
751140	Bird in the herd, The Apel, Kathryn & Treml, Renee (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2021	9780702262944	K-2	There's a bird in the herd that stalks as it walks, eating slugs and the bugs that the herd stirred. What else can you see as you follow the cheeky bird?
846157	Bird singers, The Wersocki Morris, Eve	Hachette Australia	2022	9781444963328	5-6	Sisters Laylah and Lizzy always loved the ancient myths, legends and fairy tales of Poland told to them by their grandmother. But when sinister things start happening on their holiday, they discover that some myths are more real than they could ever have imagined ....
5490	Bird to bird Saxby, Claire & Harris, Wayne (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781925381122	3-4	This is the story of one bird, one seed and one tree. When a bird drops a seed to the floor of an English forest, who could imagine that it would be the start of a journey that continued across thousands of kilometres to Australia and into future generations.
895459	Birdbrain Hawkins, Kelli Anne	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9781460759219	5-6	When seven strangers arrive at a small Australian caravan park to tell Hadley Boggs that her dad is the long lost heir to the kingdom of Ludrovia, she can hardly believe it. Soon Hadley jets off to an exciting new life where she is a princess and meets dancing goats. But then she discovers the president's secret deal to sell the country to a cheese loving billionaire. She knows she must act. But can she save Ludrovia before everything turns to fondue?

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6494	Birdie in the sky Mason, Prue	Puffin Australia	2011	9780143305903	7-9	Birdie and her dad love being up in the sky in their Tiger Moth plane, Peggybelle. That is, until a terrible accident makes it a matter of life and death, and Birdie finds herself flying the plane alone.
965818	Birdie lights up the world McLennan, Alison & Mullinder, Lauren (ill)	EK Books	2023	9781922539489	K-2	Birdie the penguin has a very important job. Every night, her beautiful singing makes the moon rise and the stars shine. But one evening she is too sick to sing. What will happen to the night sky now?
12094	Birds build nests Winer,Yvonne & Oliver, Tony (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2001	9781876289355	3-4	Where, how and why birds build nests written in charming verses filled with highly descriptive language and beautiful illustrations.
41	Birds of a feather Masson, Sophie	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1996	9781863304726	7-9	Year 6 schoolgirls must deal with issues of bullying.
45953	Birds of prey close up Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742033341	5-6	Take a closer look at these amazing predators. They use their keen eyesight, curved beaks, sharp talons and powerful legs to hunt, capture and kill their prey.
5707	Birds: questions and answers Collins, Fergus	Kingfisher	2001	9780753405444	3-4	Questions and answers about birds include information on bills and beaks, threats to birds and living with human changes to the environment. Colourful illustrations, fact boxes and captions are included.
1078058	Birdsong Balen, Katya	Barrington Stoke	2022	9781800900981	5-6	Annie has lived through a car accident but a damaged hand has left her musical dreams in tatters. Will she find the confidence to play again and to dare to dream of the healing powers of music? A new friend and a blackbird might make all the difference.
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.
130871	Birk the berserker Klein, Robin	Omnibus Books	2007	9781862916814	3-4	Birk the Berserker is a young Viking who cannot be fierce. Even his own mother finds him embarrassing. Forced to go raiding, Birk is captured by villagers who plan to execute him. Eventually, the peaceful Birk can turn his back on violence.

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9558	Birth of the moon, The Hol, Coby	North South Books	2000	9780735812499	3-4	The sun gives the moon as a gift to the animals, but it makes the moon come and go to remind the animals to appreciate it. Exciting pictures of the moon and the sun.
2245	Birthday book, The: An illustrated treasury of stories and poems Morpurgo, Michael (ed) & Blake, Quentin (ill)	Jonathan Cape	2008	9780224083607	5-6	A collection of fact and fiction, some extracts and some complete works, with a common theme of birthdays. Illustrations by Quentin Blake add a lovely dimension.
660758	Birthday boy Baddiel, David & Field, Jim (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2017	9780008200510	5-6	Sam Green can't wait until his eleventh birthday. He is really looking forward to it and wishes it was his birthday every day. At first, it's quite exciting when his birthday happens again the next morning. And again. And again. But sometimes you have to be careful what you wish for ....
4825	Birthday cake mystery, The Tjong-Khing, The	Gecko Press	2012	9781877579103	K-2	This is a detective story, full of humorous details and red herrings. Follow the many different leads, presented in the illustrations,
12179	Birthday party Church, Diane	Watts	2000	9780749636722	K-2	Alexandra and her friends have to consider their food allergies when planning and preparing for Alexandra's fun birthday party.
751014	Biscuit maker, The Lawson, Sue & Anelli, Liz (ill)	Walker Books	2020	9781760650438	K-2	On Mavin Road, families hustle, joggers puff and workers hurry to the train station. There's no time for hellos or neighbourly chats until a biscuit maker's magic brings them all together.
801682	Bit lost, A Haughton, Chris	Walker Books	2011	9781406333831	K-2	Little Owl must be more careful when he is sleeping ... Uh-oh! He has fallen from his nest, and with a bump he lands on the ground. Where is his mummy? With the earnest assistance of his new friend Squirrel, Little Owl sets off in search of her, and meets a sequence of other animals. Yet while one might have his mummy's BIG EYES, and another her POINTY EARS, they are simply not her. Chris Haughton's striking colour illustrations follow Little Owl on his quest. Which of his new friends will lead him back to his mummy?
6470	Bit of a hero, A Phinn, Gervase	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842709092	5-6	Tom is finding it hard to come to terms with the death of his father, a firefighter, who lost his life trying to save a child. Life just gets worse when a bully joins his class at school and Mum meets a new man. Tom wonders whether he can find the courage within himself to stand up to the bully, and to accept the many changes in his life.

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55591	Bit of company, A Wild, Margaret & Harris, Wayne (ill)	Walker Books	2009	9781921529054	K-2	Christopher is lonely. His mother is busy with the baby triplets and Christopher is left to his own devices. Sometimes, he peeps through the fence at his neighbour, Molly MacNamara, and wants to say hello. Little does he know that Molly is also so lonely she could scream. One day, when she does just that, her scream brings Christopher running.
2793	Bite of the mango Kamara, Mariatu & McClelland, Susan	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2009	9781741757750	9plus	By thirteen, Mariatu had experienced rape, genital mutilation, an unwanted pregnancy and witnessed the horrors of war in Sierra Leone. Both her hands were amputated when she was captured by rebel soldiers. Her honest and unembellished account of her life is inspiring with its hope for a better future and the great love that the survivors share. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
652804	Bitsy Greenberg, Nicki	Affirm Press	2018	9781925870381	K-2	Meet Bitsy, a cheeky little bat with daring dreams. Nocturnal Bitsy wants to discover what life is like when the sun comes up. But is the daytime ready for Bitsy?
17958	Bittangabee Tribe: an Aboriginal story from coastal New South Wales Cruse, Beryl (et al) & Austin, Jana (ill)	Aboriginal Studies Press	2009	9780855756987	3-4	Explores the story of a family living on the coast of south-east Australia who travel to the Australian Alps in the summer to meet with other tribes and feast on Bogong moths. At the end of the season they travel back to their home for lobster season. Includes references to Indigenous trading, Aboriginal lifestyle pre-colonisation, bush tucker, traditional language and boundary divisions and Indigenous seasons.
68366	Bitter chocolate Grindley, Sally	Bloomsbury	2010	9780747595021	7-9	A gripping story of two boys whose lives are anything but carefree. Pascal and Kojo work on a cocoa plantation in West Africa and they desperately want to get back to their homes to see if their families are still alive. Global social issues of child soldiers and child labour are sensitively and realistically portrayed.
4413	Bizarre dinosaurs: some very strange creatures and why we think they got that way Sloan, Christopher	National Geographic Society	2008	9781426303302	3-4	Meet a group of very strange creatures indeed. The characters include Masiakasaurus, a fiercesome beast whose mouth bristled with serrated, slightly hooked teeth; Deinocheirus with his ungainly long arms and huge triple claws; and Epedendrosaurus with a tiny body and pinky fingers as long as his arms.
43	Blabber mouth Gleitzman, Morris	Pan MacMillan	1992	9780330273534	5-6	Rowena cannot speak. Unlike Rowena, her father, whom she decides to change, is blundering and enthusiastic and obsessed with country music.
9214	Blabber mouth: the play Morris, Mary	Currency Press	2004	9780868194219	7-9	This stage adaptation of Gleitzman's novel explores disabilities, friendship and families.

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6777	Blabbermouth: Oops, I've done it again! Perry, Chrissie & Petrovic, Pete	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760660956	3-4	Blabbermouth = a person who talks too much = Amelie Anderson. Amelie is a blabbermouth. She's not a bad kid, she's just so bubbly that sometimes words fizz right out of her mouth! And then things go wrong. Terribly wrong. But she's determined to fix all that. It's time for a reputation make-over!
643472	Blabbermouth: Oops, I've told a little lie! Perry, Chrissie & Petrovic, Pete (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760663223	3-4	Amelie is a notorious blabbermouth with two VERY BIG SECRETS: 1. She is the mysterious author of the school newsletters advice column. 2. Her uncles dog has an adorable litter of puppies! Amelie plans to surprise everyone at school by bringing in a puppy for show and tell. Maybe shell even win over her snarky frenemy, Paris Sheridan! But keeping so many secrets is hard when you're a blabbermouth, and letters asking for her advice are coming thick and fast. Can Amelie keep it all together?
39649	Black Ferris, Fleur	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9781925324976	7-9	Ebony Marshall is in her final year of high school. She can't wait to leave quiet, little Dainsfield, where she's known only as Black due to her name. But, there's another reason. Everyone says Black is cursed. Three friends have died in tragic accidents. Now, it's easier to be on her own. When her formal date ends up in intensive care, the gibes and rejection escalate. Black is in danger. She has to fight for her life, find help when uncertain of who to trust, and strike out at the superstition and hysteria.
88179	Black Baron Opie, Robyn	Walker Books	2008	9781921150586	5-6	Black Baron was the best racing cockroach ever, in fact he was unbeaten. He lived a secret life of privilege and fame hidden under Jake's bed, until the day that Jake's mum discovered him. Black Baron must survive the exterminators if he is to live to race again.
44	Black Beauty Sewell, Anna	Puffin UK	2008	9780141321035	7-9	Black Beauty is a handsome, sweet-tempered colt with a strong spirit. As a young colt, he is free to gallop in the fresh meadows with his beloved mother and their kind master. But, when his owners are forced to sell him, Black Beauty goes from a life of comfort and kindness to one of hard labour and cruelty. But, Black Beauty is brave, with an unbreakable spirit and will.
5625	Black book of colours, The Cottin, Menena & Faria, Rosana	Walker Books	2010	9781406322187	5-6	An extraordinary and unique picture book, complete with Braille and embossed illustrations. All black in colour, it is stylistically striking and offers the sighted reader an unparalleled insight into the interpretation of the world from the perspective of a blind child.

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723924	Black brother, black brother Parker Rhodes, Jewell	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	2020	9780316493802	5-6	Sometimes, 12-year-old Donte wishes he were invisible. As one of the few black boys at Middlefield Prep, most of the students don't look like him. They don't like him either. Dubbing him "Black Brother," Donte's teachers and classmates make it clear they wish he were more like his lighter-skinned brother, Trey. When he's bullied and framed by the captain of the fencing team, "King" Alan, he's suspended from school and arrested for something he didn't do. Terrified, searching for a place where he belongs, Donte joins a local youth center and meets former Olympic fencer Arden Jones. With Arden's help, he begins training as a competitive fencer, setting his sights on taking down the fencing team captain, no matter what. As Donte hones his fencing skills and grows closer to achieving his goal, he learns the fight for justice is far from over. Now Donte must confront his bullies, racism, and the corrupt systems of power that led to his arrest.
586765	Black Cockatoo Merrison, Carl & Hustler, Hakea & Leffler, David (ill)	Magabala Books	2018	9781925360707	5-6	Mia rescues a dirrarn black cockatoo, and faces her biggest challenge yet when she chooses to care for the bird, knowing it is her totem animal. Mia feels powerless to change the things she sees around her, until she explores the fragile connections of family and culture and discovers her own inner strength.
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.
11366	Black dog Allen, Pamela	Puffin Australia	1992	9780140543957	3-4	Black dog and Christina live together in a little house near a forest. They have been best friends for a very long time. Then, suddenly, on a cold day in winter, everything begins to change.
36184	Black dog gang, The Newton, Robert	Penguin Books Australia	2007	9780143302148	7-9	Set in The Rocks, Sydney, in the early 20th century. When Frankie first meets his new neighbour, Mickey Collins, he's not sure what to make of the scruffy, tough-talking ratbag. But, when he forms a gang, Mickey soon proves he's quick on his feet and good in a fight.

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50708	Black dress, The: Mary MacKillop's early years Freeman, Pamela	Black Dog Books	2010	9781742031637	7-9	The story of Mother Mary MacKillop told from the perspective of MacKillop reminiscing on her death bed. The book details her life, from growing up in poverty in the Australian outback and the inspirations behind her decision to join the Convent and establish the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph.
723896	Black enough: stories of being young and black in America Zoboi, Ibi (ed)	Balzer & Bray	2020	9780062698735	9plus	Black is...sisters navigating their relationship at summer camp in Portland, Oregon, as written by Renee Watson. Black is... three friends walking back from the community pool talking about nothing and everything, in a story by Jason Reynolds. Black is... Nic Stone's high-class beauty dating a boy her momma would never approve of. Black is... two girls kissing in Justina Ireland's story set in Maryland. Black is urban and rural, wealthy and poor, mixed race, immigrants, and more -- because there are countless ways to be Black enough. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
871	Black fella white fella Murray, Neil	One Day Hill Pty Ltd	2012	9780980794892	3-4	Black fella white fella doesn't matter what your colour - the message is clear, We are all brothers and sisters no matter where we are from in this world.
8957	Black Jack Anderson Forrestal, Elaine	Penguin	2008	9780143005940	9plus	The infamous Black Jack Anderson, Australia's most notorious pirate, was a towering black American holed up with his evil-doing gang in the treacherous seas and islands off the south west coast of Australia. The fascinating details of his life and times; his mistresses, the treachery, bloodshed and escapes are as compelling as his personality, with his resourcefulness, power and passion. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
3585	Black Lotus, The Fanning, Kieran	Chicken House	2015	9781909489929	5-6	Ghost, Cormac and Kate are junior recruits of the Black Lotus, an underground school for ninjas. When a powerful weapon is stolen, the three of them must battle through sixteenth-century Japan and present-day New York to stop a power-hungry shogun from destroying the city. Betrayal and the testing of friendships combine in a battle for world supremacy.
45	Black ships before Troy, The: The story of the Iliad Sutcliff, Rosemary	Frances Lincoln	2000	9780711215221	5-6	An illustrated story of Homer's Iliad that climaxes with the story of the Wooden Horse of Troy.

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15361	Black skin, white cow Bernasconi, Pablo	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2004	9781741660975	3-4	The most coquettish cow on the farm decides that she no longer likes being black and white, but it's not easy for a cow to change her spots.
9320	Black snake: the daring of Ned Kelly Wilkinson, Carole	Black Dog Books	2005	9781876372934	7-9	Offers historical insights, without glorification, into the life of the outlaw as told by characters present at the various events in Ned's life. Supported by archival photographs, press clippings and quotes from correspondence and other documents.
751196	Black Summer: Stories of loss, courage and community from the 2019-2020 bushfires Rowland, Michael (ed)	ABC Books	2021	9780733341328	9plus	The bushfire season of 2019 and 2020 was the most catastrophic on record and the loss of lives, homes, property, habitat and wildlife were unprecedented. ABC journalists were present during these crises and reported information and updates on the growing fires. They gathered the many stories which can help those in the future understand what happened with the hope that lessons can be learned. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
9757	Black Sunday McHugh, Evan	Omnibus Books	2016	9781743627990	5-6	Nipper only wants to be one thing, a lifesaver. In his world, they're larger than life, walking, talking heroes. Nipper's too young but he starts to train in secret, challenging himself in the Bondi surf. But, his secret comes to light one hot Sunday in 1938, a day that has become infamous in Australia's history. Based on a true story.
83964	Black swan, The Bridle, Celia	Windy Hollow Books	2010	9781921136566	5-6	A black swan escapes from a cage and flies away to another land, where villagers welcome her to settle. They believe that birds bring good fortune and, each year, the villagers build nests beside the lake to lure them. The people ask the swan to incubate an egg found in one of the nests. When the ground shakes and everyone is afraid, the swan asks them to leave their valley.
4586	Black water Metzenthen, David	Penguin Books Australia	2007	9780143005612	9plus	When Farren's father goes missing at sea, all he wants is for his older brother to come home from the war in Gallipoli. But, when Danny returns, he has changed from the person Farren remembers. This is a story of two brothers' struggle to make their way in a difficult world. Mature themes and very strong language used in context throughout. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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2696	Blackbird fly Kelly, Erin Entrada	HarperCollins Children's Books	2016	9780062238627	5-6	Apple is twelve and a bit of a social outcast at school. When she finds out she is on the list of the ugliest girls in her class, her world is shaken. Her so-called friends abandon her and music becomes her main escape. By escaping into music and with the help of the school music teacher, Apple finds her strength and some real, supportive friends along the way. For anyone who has ever felt like they just don't belong.
5122	Blackout Pryor, Michael	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2000	9780733611810	9plus	An intense, electromagnetic pulse strikes earth, grinding the world to a halt. Holly wakes in the wreckage of a smashed car, next to her unconscious older brother. She sets out on a dangerous and violent quest to bring order to a world gone mad. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
20139	Blackthorn's betrayal: honouring a warrior's pledge Pulford, Elizabeth	Walker Books	2009	9781921529030	7-9	Blackthorn's greatest desire, to become a Trahern warrior, is dangling within her reach. But, she must embark on a treacherous mission, deep into enemy territory, to infiltrate the Doane camp. She must locate the stolen daughter of Esil but the stakes are higher than she could ever imagine. As the mission takes a sinister twist, Blackthorn's instincts are put to the ultimate test.
3906	Blackthorn: becoming a forest warrior Pulford, Elizabeth	Walker Books	2009	9781921529443	7-9	Alyana is determined, despite being female, despite being so young, to become a great Trahern warrior. When her father dies, leaving her orphaned, she flees the constraints of her religious uncle's household and lives rough and wild, hunting and fighting in the great forest. Then her worst fears are realised. It is far worse to be captured by her enemies, the Doane, than endure her previous loneliness and isolation.
8177	Blading Mason, Paul	Hodder & Stoughton	2001	9780750227834	5-6	Advice to the beginner blader, whether young or old, on what equipment to use, where to skate and styles of blading, competitions and sponsorship. Introduces sports that use blading like hockey and speed skating.

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578988	Blakwork Whittaker, Alison	Magabala Books	2018	9781925360851	9plus	BLAKWORK is a powerful collection of memoir, reportage, fiction, satire and critique through which the themes of great loss and the desire for a different future, emerge. Through her innovative and powerful poetic voice, Whittaker merges her own personal experiences with her research into Australian history and political decisions, to create a fearless and unsparing portrayal of the Australia presented through other interpretations; a portrayal that challenges the readers' understanding and invites them to rethink the identity and place projected onto the traditional custodians of the land. Usually read by students in year 9, 10 and above.
57812	Blast off Clark, Margaret	Puffin Australia	2006	9780143301851	3-4	Adam wants to be an astronaut; it's all he ever thinks about. But, after a close encounter with Mad Marvin and his amazing space bubble, Adam changes his mind.
751105	Blazewrath games Ortiz, Amparo	Pan MacMillan	2020	9781645670797	7-9	Lana Torres has always dreamt of playing for her native Puerto Rico in the Blazewrath Games, a dangerous relay of dragon riders fighting and racing for glory. When the cup is jeopardised by the Sire, a legendary dragon cursed into human form, Lana finds herself navigating an International conspiracy and a world that's deadlier than her beloved sport.
2225	Bleakboy and Hunter stand out in the rain Herrick, Steven	University of Queensland Press	2014	9780702250163	5-6	Some things are too big for a boy to solve. Eleven year old Jesse is tackling many problems in life, especially fitting in to a new school. He must confront the school bully and try to come to terms with many other issues like whaling, poverty in Africa and, of course, parents. Luckily, he meets Kate who has curly black hair, braces, an infectious smile and needs Jesse's help.
130804	Blind trek Kennedy, Jim	Puffin Australia	2007	9780143302469	5-6	Hilton and Tim can't stand each other. They are forced together via their parents' friendship and their bike has crashed in the middle of nowhere. The only way home is to walk. Danger lurks and, if the boys are to survive, they must work together.
1228270	Bling Jollygood Bland, Nick	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460766712	3-4	Meet Bling Jolllygood: 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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4296	Blitz Orme, David	Evans Bros	2007	9780237534448	7-9	London is being bombed and children are evacuated to the country. Since his parents died, Martin can't stand being mothered and so he heads back to the city. But, London is not what he remembers, it's in flames and Martin is in danger.
7050	Blitz: a wartime girl's diary 1940-1941 Cross, Vince	Scholastic UK	2008	9781407103716	5-6	Edie and her little brother, Tom, are evacuated to rural Wales during the Blitz on London. Many parents sent their children to live in a safer place when German bombs rained down on the major cities of England during World War II. For Edie and Tom it is not a happy solution. Edie struggles to mother and protect Tom in harsh countryside with an austere family and an unfriendly school community.
8225	Blood for blood Graudin, Ryan	Orion	2016	9781780622057	9plus	In 1950s Germany, the war is over but, for the resistance, the fight continues. Death camp survivor, Yael, who has the power to skinshift, to change her appearance at will, is on the run after shooting and killing Hitler. But, the truth of what happened is far more complicated and the consequences are deadly. As Yael and her comrades move into enemy territory, trying to turn the tide against the New Order, dark secrets reveal dark truths. Sequel to Wolf by Wolf. Includes violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
9420	Blood on the microphone Bone, Ian	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2001	9780734401700	7-9	Saffie Grundig decides to find out about her older sister, Ruby, and the secrets she is keeping. What's really going on at the sleazy Comedy House where Ruby has a cleaning job. Saffie, assisted by retired TV actor, Sarge, begins her investigations.
36465	Blood red road Young, Moira	Simon & Schuster	2011	9781442429987	9plus	Saba and her brother, Lugh, have spent their whole lives in Silverlake, a dried-up wasteland ravaged by constant sandstorms. The Wrecker civilization has long been destroyed, leaving only landfills for Saba and her family to scavenge from. When a monster sandstorm and four cloaked horsemen arrive, Lugh is captured and Saba embarks on an epic quest, in the lawless, ugly world outside Silverlake, to get him back. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
6807	Blood sports: Fletcher Smith, sports P I Harlen, Jonathan	Scholastic Australia	2008	9781741690200	7-9	Fourteen year old Fletcher Smith is a sports private Investigator, working out of the Institute in Canberra. With his adult side-kick, Frank, he takes on a case to solve the kidnap of football coach, Kelvin Hunt.

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1084283	Blood traitor, The Noni, Lynette	Penguin	2023	9781760897550	9plus	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. 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? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
846195	Blood, sweat & steel McGrath, Curtis & Phelps, James	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780733340789	9plus	In 2012, Combat Engineer Curtis McGrath was serving in the Australian Army in Afghanistan when, in the line of duty, he stepped on a land mine. Just months later, Curtis was up and walking on prosthetic legs, motivated by the opportunity to march with his unit in their welcome-home ceremony. Kayaking gave him a new sense of purpose and a year later, Curtis captained the Australian team at the inaugural Invictus Games in London, founded by Prince Harry for wounded, injured or ill veterans. Then, within four years of his injury, Curtis won gold at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games. Now a ten-time world champion gold medallist, Curtis is passionate about the power of sport to transform lives, he's ready at last to share his extraordinary story, and how he has approached every setback and challenge with courage, resilience, humour and grit. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1982	Bloodhound boys: great blood bank robbery Cranna, Andrew	Walker Books	2013	9781922179302	5-6	The undead world has many dangerous creatures, many of which Rocky the werewolf and Vince the vampire meet in their search to find who has robbed the city's blood bank.
1384	Bloodhound boys: monster truck tremor dilemma Cranna, Andrew	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2014	9781922179326	5-6	Rocky and Vince are competing in a monster truck race. Full of twists and turns, the lethal race will send the boys way off track.

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52769	Bloodthirsty Meaney, Flynn	HarperCollins Australia	2010	9780732292195	9plus	Awkward and allergic to the sun, sixteen year old Finbar never gets the girl. When he notices that the female students at his school are obsessed with a vampire romance novel, Finbar seizes the opportunity. He'll become a vampire. Or at least fake it. When he meets the one girl who just might like him for who he really is, he finds that his life as a pseudo-vampire is more complicated than he expected. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
39179	Bloody tower: a Tudor girl's diary 1553-1559 Wilding, Valerie	Scholastic UK	2008	9781407104775	5-6	It is after Henry VIII's death and King Edward is very sickly. Queen Mary will come to the throne, ousting Lady Jane Grey. Mary's executioners will be busy removing her perceived enemies. Even Princess Elizabeth, the future queen of England, is imprisoned in the Tower. Tilly Middleton, who lives in the Tower of London where her father works, finds she has an important role to play.
567898	Bloom Maclear, Kyo & Morstad, Julie (ill)	Harper	2018	9780062447616	5-6	Beauty. Colour. Doubts . As a little girl in Rome, Elsa Schiaparelli was told she was not pretty. What is beauty Elsa wondered as she grew older. So she sought out beauty around her and found it everywhere: in the colours and scents of the Rome flower market, in the garden, and in the attic of her family home, buried in a chest of old dresses. She found affection from her dear uncle in Milano. She developed an artist's eye and imagination. These bloomed in the wildly imaginative dresses, hats, shoes, and jewellery that made her an important name in fashion. Defining beauty on her own creative and rebellious terms was the key to Elsa Schiaparelli's happiness and success, and is still seen today in her legacy of wild imagination. Daring and different, Elsa Schiaparelli used art to make fashion, and it was quite marvellous.
34429	Blossom Janu, Tamsin	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781742991641	5-6	Lottie is excited when a lost little girl arrives on her doorstep. Lottie, who only has Uncle Bobby in the world has always wanted a sister. Blossom isn't like other kids. She doesn't speak and is obsessed with her flower, refusing to go anywhere without it. Everything changes when Blossom gets sick and is taken away to hospital. Lottie with her friends must do whatever it takes to rescue her.

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534	Blossom possum: the sky is falling down-under Newton, Gina & Niland, Kilmeny (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2006	9781865047942	3-4	A retelling of Henny Penny, substituting Australian animals and the bush environment. The sky is falling and Blossom Possum gathers the bushland creatures to journey beyond the black stump in search of the Prime Minister.
12108	Blue bike, The Hilton, Nette & Stanley, David (ill)	Koala Books	2000	9780864612809	K-2	A great grandmother reminisces about where children used to play before the roads and buildings were constructed. Her great-granddaughter finds it hard to imagine the changes that have taken place.
3326	Blue cat, The Dubosarsky, Ursula	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760292294	7-9	It is the 1940s and for Columba and Hilda the war seems a long way away until Ellery appears at their school, unable to speak any English. Curiosity spurs Columba's search for knowledge and understanding counterbalancing Hilda's unquestioning nationalism as the war edges ever closer to Australia's shores. The sudden appearance of the blue cat brings with it an aura of mystery and uncertainty culminating in a dramatic journey to Luna Park.
46858	Blue chameleon Gravett, Emily	MacMillan	2010	9780230704244	K-2	He can turn himself into anything and appear to fit in anywhere. But, it seems that neither the swirly snail, the green grasshopper nor the stripy sock want to be friends.
9220	Blue death, The Allen, Judy	Hodder & Stoughton	2002	9780340805718	7-9	A doctor turns detective to solve a mystery around the cholera epidemic in London, 1854.
46	Blue fin Thiele, Colin	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2000	9780734401311	7-9	Snook joins his father on a tuna fishing expedition and disaster strikes.
720996	Blue giant, The Cottle, Katie	Pavilion	2020	9781843654513	K-2	Out of the sea rises a great big giant. It has something very important to say. A timely tale that encourages us to take care of our blue planet.
908	Blue hair day Moloney, James	Penguin	2000	9780141308258	3-4	Sonya and Margo's grandmother hated her grey hair, but she loved blue. Sonya and Margo want to solve gran's problem.
855816	Blue kind of day, A Tomlinson, Rachel & Mordey, Tori-Jay (ill)	Penguin	2022	9781761046384	K-2	Coen is having a blue kind of day and Mum, Dad and little sister Junie think they know how to make the blue go away. But sometimes it takes time for blue to go because feelings can't be rushed, and it's okay to feel blue.
32473	Blue noise Oswald, Debra	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741663754	7-9	Ash is drooling over a guitar when he meets Charlie Novak. One jam session later and Charlie convinces Ash to play in his band and Erin to be the keyboard player. Erin thinks Charlie is a fruit loop, with his weird hair and hyperactive rantings. Besides, she's a classical pianist and it'll never work.

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5008	Blue sky yellow kite Holmes, Janet A. & Bentley, Jonathan (ill)	Little Hare Books	2016	9781760124229	K-2	Sometimes we want a thing so much we can't prevent ourselves from taking it. But when a girl steals her friend's beautiful yellow kite, she is swamped with turmoil. A story about desire, guilt and forgiveness.
15303	Blue so blue, A Dumont, Jean-Francois	Sterling Publishing Co	2005	9781402721397	7-9	A sophisticated picture book in which a young artist goes in search of a particular shade of blue, the blue of his dreams.
47	Blue sword, The McKinley, Robin	Penguin Putnam	2002	9780141309750	7-9	Living in the desert country of Damar, shared by the Homelanders and the secretive magical Hillfolk, orphaned Harry Crewe is kidnapped by Corlath, the Hillfolk king. He intends to train her in the arts of war until she is a match for any of his men.
5696	Blue whale blues Carnavas, Peter	New Frontier Publishing	2015	9781925059410	K-2	When Penguin hears Whale singing the blues, he tries to help. But, it is difficult to stop a blue whale feeling blue.
21202	Blue window Gewirtz, Adina Rishe	Candlewick Press	2018	9780763660369	7-9	Five siblings find themselves in a dizzying new world after falling through a mysterious cobalt window one December morning. Can it be real? Or are the group stuck in a bizarre collective dream?
4532	Blue, the builder's dog Storer, Jen & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9780670077809	K-2	Meet Blue, the builder's dog. On the construction site, he's part of the team. He guards the tools, signs the concrete slabs and keeps sticky beaks away. But, Blue doesn't have a house of his own. The builder has one. The chippie has one. The architect and the big bosses have one. So, Blue decides to quit and build himself a home.
18998	Blue-eyed Aborigine, The Hayes, Rosemary	Frances Lincoln	2010	9781847800787	9plus	After the shipwreck of the Batavia off Western Australia in 1629, a cabin boy and a soldier were involved in a grisly, notorious mutiny. Most mutineers were hanged but the two men were marooned on the mainland, becoming Australia's first European settlers. No trace of them was ever found. Later European explorers reported seeing Aboriginal Australians with blue eyes. This novel suggests what might have happened in between. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1426108	Blue: Dragon of the sea Darlison, Aleesah & Teow, Tamlyn (ill)	Wombat Books	2026	9781761112706	K-2	Meet Blue, a Dragon of the Sea! He's also known as a nudibranch or sea slug. Blue's fleet roam the ocean, gliding on the currents, and dancing their way through dangerous adventures. Join Blue and his fellow dragons as they explore the sea!

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48	Blueback Winton, Tim	Pan MacMillan	1999	9780330361620	7-9	Abel Jackson is passionate about diving and is a natural in the water. Every day, he helps his mother earn their living from the sea and the land. It's hard work but Abel has the bush and the sky and the bay to himself. Until the day he meets Blueback, the fish that changes his life.
984059	Blueberry farm King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761205644	K-2	Welcome to Blueberry Farm. The sun is shining, and the trees are filled with song. It's going to be another beautiful day.
	Bluey series Various				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.
1019916	Bluey: Trains Bluey & Amor, Rafferty (ill)	Puffin Australia	2024	9781761041105	K-2	Join Bluey on an adventure in her first fiction novel! As the Heelers play a game of Trains, what could possibly go wrong? Everything!
1019733	Blunders, The Walliams, David & Stower, Adam (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780008614393	5-6	The Blunders are the most blundersome family in the blundering history of blunderdom. They live in Blunder Hall. When the Blunders are about to lose their home, how will they come together to save it?
12950	BMX: extreme sports Job, Chris	Raintree	2003	9781844430888	5-6	One of a series of books about extreme sports. With action photographs, diagrams and a glossary of terms, this book tells you about the history, how to get started, the equipment and tricks of BMX riding.
1244441	Boab tree, The Milroy, Helen & Mills, Rebecca (ill)	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760994631	3-4	A boab tree drops a seed to the ground where generations and generations of boab trees have grown on country, but the seed doesn't land. It is taken on the back of an eagle to a far away place which is not the boab seed's rightful habitat. The boab seed grows with the help of new forest friends, but never quiet fits in. Poor Boab, will he ever make his way home? A sweet and tender story about belonging, friendship, and a little bit of hope.
660674	Boat of stars, A Connolly, Margaret & Prior, Natalie Jane	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780733337932	3-4	A collection of poetry from some of Australia's most talented authors and illustrators. There are poems about bed time, baths, brothers and kabooms to enchant and entertain children and adults.

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15363	Boat, The Ward, Helen & Andrew, Ian (ill)	Koala Books	2004	9780864616388	3-4	On a hill near a village, an old man lives with a strange collection of unwanted animals. Mutual fear and distrust keep the villagers and the old man apart until a boat appears.
580941	Boats fast & slow Volant, Iris & Vogel, Jarom (ill)	Flying Eye Books	2018	9781911171522	3-4	From canoes to the modern cruise ships, man has long had an interest with exploring water. Hop aboard to discover the history and variety of boats from around the world and how they have been used through the years.
31613	Bob Mass, Wendy & Stead, Rebecca	Text Publishing Co	2018	9781925603590	5-6	Livy has visited her maternal grandmother before, on her farm outside of Melbourne, Victoria - but, she was only five years old then, and she can't seem to remember much. Ten year old Livy returns from the USA to visit again, with her family and new baby sister Beth-Ann. Her grandmother shows her around, reminding her of all the fun they had last time she stayed, but only Livy seems to recall a 'wrong chicken'...
919	Bob the builder & the elves Rodda, Emily & Smith, Craig (ill)	ABC Books	2006	9780733314841	K-2	Bob, the burly builder, has a problem. He is embarrassed when all his mates know that a horde of elves have come to invade his house and clean it up. Miss Lily helps him solve his problem.
4842	Bob the railway dog Fenton, Corinne & McLean, Andrew (ill)	Black Dog Books	2015	9781922179890	5-6	In the early days of the railway, when shiny new tracks were opening vast areas of Australia, there was an adventurous dog who was part of it all. As the tracks were being laid, he was there on the train, riding in his favourite spot on top of the Yankee engine. Everyone knew him. The true story of Bob the railway dog, who had adventure in his heart and the rattle of the rails in his soul.
21150	Bobby the littlest war hero Harper, Glyn & Cooper, Jenny (ill)	Penguin NZ	2018	9780143771876	K-2	This is the story of Bobby - the littlest hero in a very big war. Bobby is a tiny canary. His best friend is Jack, a soldier in one of the tunnelling companies of the Royal Engineers. Together they go deep into the tunnels under no-man's-land. Jack's job is to dig, while Bobby's job is to warn the men to get out quickly when there's dangerous gas. Bobby's warnings save the tunnellers' lives again and again. But Jack worries that it's a hard life for a little bird. Will Bobby ever be free to fly again?

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1423825	Bobland Lucas, Matt & Corbalan, Begona Fernandez (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9780008519964	5-6	How hard can it be to build a theme park - in your own backyard? When Bob Grubb is banned for life from Happey World theme park, he decides to build his own, invite everyone and not charge as much as greedy Arthur Happey. But with Arthur and his neice Maisie out to derail his plans, will Bob even make it to BobLand's Grand Opening, where he is due to meet the king himself? And what is the big family secret that lurks beneath it all?
1041340	Bobtail's Friend: From the desert to the sea Collard-Spratt, Rhonda & Ferro, Jacki	Boolarong Press	2022	9781922643339	3-4	This Aboriginal Dreaming story is a beautiful book which teaches the importance of loving the skin you are in. Bobtail is looking for friends to play with, but gets bullied by the most beautiful creatures. After some more complications, Bobtail finds herself meeting a brand new friend in a land she doesn't belong. Who is bobtail's new friend? Will the bullies learn their lesson? Will bobtail find her way home?
9217	Body and soul: a musical play Tulloch, Richard	Currency Press	1998	9780868195582	9plus	The atmosphere becomes very tense as relationships are tested among a diverse group of talented athletes at a training camp. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
18587	Body talk: a power guide for girls Reid Boyd, Elizabeth & Bray, Abigail	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2005	9780733618604	9plus	A self-help book for teenage girls providing advice about coping with bullying, alcohol, drug use, depression and sexual relations. Some coarse language used by girls to describe their feelings. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
15135	Body: bones, muscle, blood and other body bits Walker, Richard & Murphy, Gabrielle Dr	Dorling Kindersley	2001	9780751330786	7-9	Highly informative, pocket-sized fact book on human anatomy and physiology. Contains an index, glossary, websites and reference section.
49	Bog bodies: mummies and curious corpses Prior, Natalie Jane	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1994	9781864482430	5-6	All the facts necessary to know about dried, pickled and frozen preserved people are contained in this unusual book.
14661	Boggle hunters: Game on Masson, Sophie	Scholastic Australia	2012	9781741698510	7-9	Sam comes from a family of boggle hunters, although he is unaware of this when he is sent to stay with his English relatives. Computer games are Sam's passion and he cannot believe his eyes when he receives an invitation to become part of the role-playing game, 'Grim's castle'. Parallel stories ensue with Sam being led through a dangerous game and cousin Jenny searching for her missing parents. Fantasy and magic weave throughout this exciting quest.

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3443	Bogtrotter Wild, Margaret & Rossell, Judith (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9781921977558	K-2	Every morning, Bogtrotter runs across the bog, up the bog, down the bog and around the bog until it's time to go home. Sometimes, he wishes things would change but he doesn't know how or what or why. Until one afternoon, when he picks a flower for the first time in his life.
15461	Boing Boing races, The Whatley, Bruce	Koala Books	1999	9780864612373	K-2	All the kangaroos are lined up ready to start the big race. But what's this? Emu has joined the line, ready to race. Emu really wants to join the boing boing race but it is really a race for kangaroos.
1078774	Bold and brave women from Shakespeare Shakespeare, William & Stadtlander, Becca (ill)	Walker Books	2020	9781406394344	5-6	Stories of twelve of Shakespeare's courageous, strong-willed and determined characters, including Viola, Cleopatra, Portia, Lady Macbeth and Margaret of Anjou, are brought to life with Becca Stadtlander's rich and evocative illustrations.
1233641	Bold Ben Hall: What does it mean to be a hero? Masson, Sophie	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760658403	5-6	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! LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Sophie Masson read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#bold-ben-hall-sophie-masson
9255	Bollygum Fleming, Garry	Weldon Kids	1995	9781875875085	5-6	A beautifully illustrated story with a strong conservation message.

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5713	Bom went the bear Greenwood, Nicki	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742376714	K-2	Bear loves to play his big bass drum on his own, making as much noise as he can and marching around like he's king of all the land. He's joined by all manner of enthusiastic musicians and, soon, it become difficult for Bear to play to the beat of his own drum.
5034	Bombs that brought us together, The Conaghan, Brian	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408878415	9plus	Charlie has always lived in Little Town. It's home: the curfew, the Regime, the thugs, the poverty. He knows the rules. Then he meets Pavel. Scrawny and sweary, he is a refugee from Old Country. The wrongest person in the whole place to choose as a friend. But when the bombs come, the rules of Little Town change. Right or wrong: Charlie must choose. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
50	Bone hunters: on the trail of the dinosaurs Dedman, Stephen	Scholastic Australia	1998	9781862913592	7-9	There is a wealth of dinosaur information in this book, as well as accounts of the palaeontologists who made many of the famous discoveries.
23206	Bone sparrow, The Fraillon, Zana	Lothian Books	2016	9780734417138	9plus	Ten year old Subhi is a Rohingya asylum seeker, born in an Australian permanent detention centre, Life behind the fences is all he has ever known and Subhi needs the stories of others to build memories. One night, Jimmie appears from the other side of the wires, bringing a bone sparrow necklace and a notebook, written by her dead mother. As their tales unfold, Subhi and Jimmie might find a way to freedom but not until each of them has been braver than ever before. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above.
1075164	Bone weaver Polydoros, Aden	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9781867298434	9plus	The Kosa empire roils in tension, on the verge of being torn apart by a proletarian revolution between magic-endowed elites and the superstitious lower class, but seventeen-year-old Toma lives blissfully disconnected from the conflict in the empire with her adoptive family of benevolent undead. When she meets Vanya, a charming commoner branded as a witch by his own neighbors, and the dethroned Tsar Mikhail himself, the unlikely trio bonds over trying to restore Mikhail's magic and protect the empire from the revolutionary leader, Koschei, whose forces have stolen the castle. Vanya has his magic, and Mikhail has his title, but if Toma can't dig deep and find her power in time, all of their lives will be at Koschei's mercy. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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5991	Bone witch, The Chupeco, Rin	Sourcebooks Inc	2017	9781492652786	7-9	When Tea accidentally resurrects her brother from the dead, she learns she is different from the other witches in her family. Her gift for necromancy means that she's a bone witch. She puts all her energy into becoming an asha. But dark forces are encroaching, and in the face of danger, Tea will have to make a difficult choice about how to use her power.
37132	Bones Crisp, Maureen	Penguin NZ	2008	9780143303992	5-6	Twins,Danny and Nicki, notice that their dog, Patch, is bringing home bones to bury in the garden. The only problem is that the bones look like human bones. The police are called in and their dad's prize-winning flowers are dug up. When they follow Patch around the neighbourhood, they get a very big surprise indeed.
41702	Bones you own, The Baines, Becky	National Geographic Society	2009	9781426304101	K-2	Bones are in your head and ears, and your skull is like a helmet for your brain. You have hundreds of joints to help you bend. Find out why a baby has more bones than its mother, why bones are hidden and why your mum says milk is good for your bones.
982995	Bonesmith Preto, Nicki Pau	Hodder & Stoughton	2023	9781399722353	9plus	In the Dominions, the dead linger, violent and unpredictable, unless a bonesmith severs the ghost from its remains. For bonesmith Wren, becoming a a ghost-fighting warrior is a chance to solidify her place in the noble House of Bone and impress her frequently absent father. But when sabotage causes Wren to fail her qualifying trial, she is banished to the Border Wall, the last line of defense against a wasteland called the Breach where the vicious dead roam unchecked. Determined to reclaim her family's respect, Wren gets her chance when a House of Gold prince is kidnapped and taken beyond the Wall. To prove she has what it takes to be a valkyr, Wren vows to cross the Breach and rescue the prince. But to do so, she's forced into an uneasy alliance with one of the kidnappers - a fierce ironsmith called Julian from the exiled House of Iron, the very people who caused the Breach in the first place -and the House of Bone's sworn enemy. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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570806	Bonkers about beetles Davey, Owen	Flying Eye Books	2018	9781911171485	3-4	Did you know that there are roughly 400,000 different species of beetles? These incredible creatures make up about 25% of all animals on our planet. Beetles are superbly adapted to life in various climates across the world, wherever trees and flowers are found. From the mighty Goliath beetle to the beautiful iridescent scarab beetle, this captivating and stunningly illustrated guide will teach you everything you need to know about these fascinating insects.
15334	Bony fish, sharks and rays Silkstone, Barry	Reed Library	2001	9781863911405	5-6	Excellent information, photographs and diagrams provide details about the appearance, food, habitat and reproduction of bony fish, sharks and rays.
707933	Boo loves books Baillie, Kaye & Grimwood, Tracie (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2020	9781922326027	K-2	Everyone else in class loves reading, but Phoebe doesn't. It makes her feel anxious and she worries about getting words wrong. She is even more anxious when she finds out that she and her classmates will be taking a trip to an animal shelter to read to - the dogs! But when Phoebe meets Big Boo, a nervous but gentle dog, maybe they can face their fears together?
11361	Boo to a goose Fox, Mem & Miller, David (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	1998	9780733610172	K-2	A list of all the things a child might do before saying 'boo' to a goose. An enjoyable book that combines rhyming text and colourful pictures based on paper cutting techniques.
5446	Book Agard, John & Packer, Neil (ill)	Walker Books	2014	9780744544787	5-6	For centuries, I've told other people's stories. Now it's time to tell my own. Discover the evolution of the printed word, told by one who knows - Book. Book takes us on a wonderful journey, from its origins in oral story and doodling in clay, to papyrus, parchment and paper, and to the e-book of today.
4277	Book Miles, David & Hoopes, Natalie (ill)	Familius	2015	9781939629654	3-4	In a world dazzled by the latest gadgets and mesmerized by Internet videos, the humble book seems like the most ordinary thing that could be. And, perhaps it is, until you learn to look closer and closer and closer. Suddenly, you're in a world that only you can imagine.
587892	Book chook, The McInerney, Amelia & Brecon, Connah (ill)	Omnibus Books	2019	9781742994987	K-2	Have you ever noticed that in many books animals talk and have human-ish looks? When Ray realises he is a drawing of a chicken he panics! Can he hatch a plan to get out of the book and be a real chook? Luckily, his plucky, clucky friend Janine is there to help.

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5680	Book for Benny, A Koppens, Judith & Meijer, Marja (ill)	Clavis Books	2017	9781605373935	K-2	It's raining outside. But that's okay, because Sam is warm and cozy inside, reading a book. Her little dog Benny doesn't like to read. He wants to play. Sam tries to convince Benny that reading is fun. Maybe he'd like a different book? Sam and Benny go to the library to find the perfect book for Benny!
12545	Book of absolutely useless lists Ardagh, Philip	MacMillan	2007	9780230700505	7-9	A chunky book, jammed full of fascinating, whacky and absurd facts and information, with a list for every day of the year. Useful information like seven objects to use as a paperweight; twenty characters more famous than their inventors; and, four runners-up who became more famous than the person who won.
5432	Book of answers, The: An Ateban Cipher novel Tait, A. L.	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9780734417695	5-6	Gabe and his companions journey to a remote mountain citadel where they learn the secret of the mysterious encrypted book that he has been tasked with protecting. But their enemies are close behind them, and new dangers lie ahead.
3840	Book of Australian & New Zealand reptiles, The Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2017	9781742034287	3-4	This book is a photographic collection of Australian and New Zealand reptiles, along with a fact and information box. It covers species from all the major reptile groups, crocodiles and alligators, turtles and tortoises, snakes and lizards, and the tuataras. The quality and size of each photograph is very impressive, allowing the reader to marvel at the colour and detail of the reptiles. Many of the reptiles shown in this book are found nowhere else on earth, making it very unique.
9271	Book of Australian ballads, The King, John Anthony	Pan MacMillan	1990	9780333477199	5-6	A collection of Australian lyric poetry.
34248	Book of Australian birds Hope. Charles	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742034010	5-6	Australia is a large country with a wide range of climates and habitats. Our island continent is home to animals not found anywhere else. Many of these are birds and they are among the most recognisable creatures on Earth. Welcome to the fascinating world of Australian birds.
31568	Book of Australian minibeasts, The Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742034126	5-6	Australia is a large country with a wide range of climates and habitats. Our island continent is home to spiders, bugs, beetles and all sorts of other creepy-crawlies not found anywhere else. Welcome to the fascinating world of Australian mini beasts.

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809126	Book of chance, The Whiting, Sue	Walker Books	2021	9781760651367	5-6	Chance is in Year 7 and thinks she has it all - a loving mother, dog Tiges, best friend and almost-sister next door. But when a reality TV team makes over her house, she discovers newspaper cuttings from the past that cause her to question the world as she knows it and everyone in it. Then she finds herself caught between two realities, identities and worlds. Face-to-face with the truth, Chance has a very difficult decision to make, which almost splits her in two. This powerful story explores what is true and what is fake in today's world. And while Chance is all about the truth, she ponders whether "Maybe being truthful was really just a big lie".
846214	Book of curious birds Cossins, Jennifer	Hachette Australia	2021	9780734420473	5-6	Birds are unique creatures. From their unusual appearance to their unique behaviour, they really are one of the most fascinating species in the animal kingdom. In this book you will learn that birds are awesome, and deserve our love, care and respect.
9285	Book of dragons, A Green, Roger Lancelyn	Lioncrest	1990	9780816728794	7-9	Fantasy tales of make-believe appear before your eyes.
47253	Book of dust, The: La Belle Sauvage Pullman, Philip	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9780857561084	9plus	Malcolm Polstead's life in the pub beside the Thames is safe and happy enough, if uneventful. But during a winter of unceasing rain the forces of science, religion and politics begin to clash, and as the weather rises to a pitch of ferocity, all of Malcolm's certainties are torn asunder. Finding himself linked to a baby by the name of Lyra, Malcolm is forced to undertake the challenge of his life and to make a dangerous journey that will change his and Lyra forever. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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1424015	Book of dust, The: The rose field Pullman, Philip	Penguin	2025	9780241458709	9plus	Lyra: what will you do when you find this place in the desert, the opening to the world of the roses?' 'Defend it,' Lyra said. 'Die defending it.' When readers left Lyra in The Secret Commonwealth she was alone, in the ruins of a deserted city. Pantalaimon had run from her - part of himself - in search of her imagination, which he believed she had lost. Lyra travelled across the world from her Oxford home in search of her daemon. And Malcolm, loyal Malcolm, too journeyed far from home, towards the Silk Roads in search of Lyra. In The Rose Field, their quests converge in the most dangerous, breathtaking and world-changing ways. They must take help from spies and thieves, gryphons and witches, old friends and new, learning all the while the depth and surprising truths of the alethiometer. All around them, the world is aflame - made terrifying by fear, power and greed. As they move East, towards the red building that will reunite them and give them answers - on Dust, on the special roses, on imagination - so too does the Magisterium, at war against all that Lyra holds dear. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
18325	Book of everything, The Kuijer, Guus	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2006	9781741147513	9plus	Thomas escapes from hypocrisy and domestic violence with wild imaginings and sightings of Jesus. A deeply moving story of a Dutch family, ruled by a violent, bible-wielding father, who survive because of a special child and some very, strong women. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
4209	Book of f1rsts Buckley, James (ed)	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781741696820	5-6	Eleven selections of bizarre trivia, fascinating facts, feats and world records. Categories such as Air and Space, Entertainment, Technology and Transportation are included in this eclectic collection.
688273	Book of hopes, The: Words and pictures to comfort, inspire and entertain children in lockdown Rundell, Katherine (ed)	Bloomsbury	2020	9780852295298	5-6	Completely free for all children and families, the extraordinary collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures has contributions from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators, including Lauren Child, Anthony Horowitz, Greg James and Chris Smith, Michael Morpurgo, Liz Pichon, Axel Scheffler, Francesca Simon and Jacqueline Wilson. Stories to make you smile, poems to make you laugh, and plenty of hope for everyone! Available from https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/

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1089004	Book of hours McFadden, Clare	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760651770	K-2	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. A beautiful story with every read-through delivering a new discovery and moment to notice.
	Book of lies series Moloney, James				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.
6310	Book of poetry Taplin, Sam & Swarner, Kristina (ill)		2018	9781474957373	5-6	Inside this book are many worlds. Inside this book you will find beautifully written poems and beautifully drawn illustrations. A treasure trove of famous classics and new and exciting poems, this is a great read for students of all ages.
43476	Book of secrets, The: An Ateban Cipher novel Tait, A. L.	Hachette Children's Books	2017	9780734417671	5-6	Gabe has lived at the Abbey, learning the skills of the monks, since he was left on the doorstep as a baby. When he is plunged into catastrophe following the discovery of a dying monk who then vanishes, Gabe has to leave the Abbey for the first time in his life. Lost in the forest and unsure of what to do, he is found by a group of misfits who defy all expectations. Together, they come up with a plan that will lead them all towards their ultimate goal of being able to live normal lives.
864220	Book of Stolen Dreams, The Farr, David	Simon & Schuster	2023	9781665922579	5-6	Plunged into danger when they help their father steal a forbidden book, Rachel and Robert are forced to go on the run. To save their father from prison, they must discover the truth about The Book of Stolen Dreams. But the cruel and powerful President Malstain knows its secret and will stop at nothing to snatch the book's magic for himself. The hunt is on.

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660581	Book of stone, The Greenwood, Mark & Tulloch, Coral (ill)	Walker Books	2019	9781760650872	5-6	Every stone has a story, the echo of a memory, a walk in the wilderness, a time and a place lived and loved. This book is about these stones. Mark has collected stones of all shapes and sizes since he was a kid and now he wants to share his passion in a book (unlike all other other rock and mineral books) that explains the special connection that can be enjoyed when one pays attention to the stones that are all around us and can mean so much, if we take the time to appreciate them.
51	Book of the banshee, The Fine, Anne	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	1993	9780140347043	7-9	Will's sister, Estelle, has turned into a teenager and transformed the house into a war zone.
1243	Book of when, The Jaffe, Laura & Cointe, Francois (ill)	Abrams Books	2008	9780810972407	5-6	Useful and thoughtful information to keep you thinking. This book tells you lots of things such as when we started looking at ourselves in the mirror, when we started taking holidays and, even more interestingly, when we started to think that children are actually people.
4212	Book of whispers, The Starr, Kimberley	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781925355512	9plus	In Tuscany, 1096 AD, Luca sees demons. He keeps quiet about what he sees to avoid another exorcism. He also has dreams that sometimes predict the future. When Luca dreams his father's murder, he vows to stop it coming true. Suzan has dreams too. Consigned with her mute mother to a life in a convent, Suzan has a vision of a boy with an ancient book that holds some inscrutable power. He will take her on an adventure that leads to places beyond their understanding. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above.
9284	Book of wizards, The Manning-Sanders, Ruth	Methuen	1982	9780416218909	5-6	Stories in this collection include Aladdin, Jack and the Wizard, Silver Penny and Two Wizards with many more.
877868	Book of wondrous possibilities, The Abela, Deborah	Penguin	2022	9781761044021	5-6	With only books for comfort and a mouse as his only friend, when Arlo meets Lisette he is thrust into a world of danger and magic, kidnappers and cliff hangers. Arlo discovers that when people you trust believe in you, you can find the courage you need to face your fears and help your friends and yourself.

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687566	Book that made me, The Ridge, Judith (ed)	Walker Books	2016	9781922244888	9plus	The Book That Made Me is a celebration of the books that influenced some of the most acclaimed authors from Australia and the world. A perfect collection of personal stories from fantastic authors such as Markus Zusak, Jaclyn Moriarty, Shaun Tan, Mal Peet, Ambelin Kwaymullina, Simon French, Fiona Wood, Simmone Howell, Bernard Beckett, Ursula Dubosarsky, Rachael Craw, Sue Lawson, Felicity Castagna, Benjamin Law, Cath Crowley, Kate Constable, James Roy, Alison Croggon, Will Kostakis and Randa Abdel-Fattah. What stories inspired them, and made them who they are today? Read this book and find out! Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
903292	Book that no one wanted to read, The Ayoade, Richard & Freeman, Tor (ill)	Walker Books	2023	9781536222166	5-6	Have you ever thought about how it feels to be a book? To be left under a whiffy pant pile or shelved, forever collecting dust? To have your pages bent backwards or your spine BROKEN? What if you don't have a sparkly unicorn or dragon adorning your cover - who will pick you out of the bookshop then? This is the story of the sadly neglected Book That No One Wanted To Read - can its destiny change when it finally meets the right reader? Spoiler alert: yes.
77323	Book thief, The Zusak, Markus	Pan MacMillan	2008	9780330423304	9plus	It is 1939 in Nazi Germany. Death has never been busier and will become busier still. Liesel has just buried her brother when she picks up a book, partially hidden in the snow by his graveside. This is her first act of book thievery and the beginning of a love affair with books and words. When Liesel's foster family hides a Jewish man in their basement, Liesel's world is both opened up and closed down. A sombre theme that includes some violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
9264	Book to write poems by, A Harris, Rory & McFarlane, Peter	Australian Association for the Teaching of English	1983	9780909955427	7-9	Inspiration for poets of all ages lies within these pages.

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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?
21314	Book with no pictures, The Novak, B J	Penguin	2014	9780141361796	K-2	You might think a book with no pictures seems boring and serious. Except . . . here's how books work. Everything written on the page has to be said by the person reading it aloud. Even if the words say . . . Blork. Or Bluurf. And even if the words include things like Blaggity Blaggity and My Head is Made of Blueberry Pizza! That's the rule. That's the deal.
1171474	Booked Alexander, Kwame & Anyabwile, Dawud	Clarion Books	2022	9780358161820	5-6	Like lightning/you strike/fast and free/legs zoom/down field/eyes fixed/on the checkered ball/on the goal/ten yards to go/can't nobody stop you/can't nobody cop you... Twelve-year-old Nick is a football-mad boy who absolutely hates books. In this graphic novel adaptation of the acclaimed verse novel, football, family, love, and friendship take centre stage as Nick tries to figure out how to navigate his parents' break-up, stand up to bullies, and impress the girl of his dreams. These challenges - which seem even harder than scoring a tie-breaking, game-winning goal - change his life, as well as his best friend's.
	Books for boys series Various				3-4	Full of adventure and humour, these are not just for boys, but for all young readers who love aliens, heroes, football and go-karting! Yippee! Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen.

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	Books that drive kids crazy series Various				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.
944242	Bookseller's apprentice, The Mellor, Amelia	Affirm Press	2022	9781922400871	5-6	Loaded with tricks, riddles, magic and mayhem this race-against-time adventure is set in Melbourne in 1871. Twelve-year-old Billy Pyke has a talent for sorting things out, whether it's his chaotic family home or the busy book stall at Paddy's Market, where he works for Mr Cole. When his new friend Kezia warns him of a sinister magician called the Obscurosmith, Billy is shocked by her stories of magical deals gone horribly wrong. Then, on the night of the fire, Billy realises that if the Obscurosmith is to be stopped, he'll have to do it himself. The duel begins but, even with Kezia help, will Billy's magic be enough?
9783	Boom Haddon, Mark	David Fickling Books	2009	9780385616294	7-9	Jimbo and his friend, Charlie, suspect there is something not right about two of their teachers. They get too close to the truth when Charlie is abducted. Jimbo enlists the help of his death-metal music loving, dark eyeliner-wearing sister to track Charlie down and discover the truth.
24511	Boomerang and bat Greenwood, Mark & Denton, Terry (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781743319246	5-6	In 1868, a determined team of Aboriginal stockmen set off on a journey across the world to take on England's best cricketers. Led by star all-rounder Johnny Mullagh and wearing caps, embroidered with a boomerang and a bat, the team delighted crowds with their exceptional skills. The men were the first Australian cricket team to tour England and this is their story.
16419	Boot thief, The Heffernan, John & Axelsen, Stephen	Lothian Books	2007	9780734410009	3-4	Boots are disappearing from the farm. Lucy and Jack try to discover who, or what, is the boot thief.
628086	Boot: Small robot, big adventure Hegarty, Shane & Mantle, Ben (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2019	9781444949360	5-6	When Boot awakes in a rubbish compactor with only two and a half memories he knows that he must escape and find his owner, Beth. But a small robot in a big world will have to overcome a lot of danger if he is to ever find his friend

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9348	Boots and all Clark, Sherryl	Penguin	2003	9780143300359	5-6	A father lost his own career as a soccer star through injury. He is determined to experience glory through his son. Unfortunately, his son has come to hate the game and the real soccer talent of the family is the boy's sister.
1066723	Boots: the story of an ordinary pair of Australian working boots ... and his family Pulsford, Elizabeth & Brennan, Krista	Wombat Books	2024	9781761111037	3-4	Boots was waiting... Waiting for his farmer. When he came, he served him well. With themes of love, loss, old age, hardship and resilience, and references to drought, flood, bushfire and war. A moving and relatable, lyrical, but simple story told by the shoes we wear, of the love and the paths one Australian cattle farmer trod.
53	Booyooburra Fogarty, Lionel	Hyland House	1993	9781875657100	5-6	The history of the Murri people of Waka Waka.
995953	Borderland Akhurst, Graham	University of Western Australia Press	2023	9781760802646	9plus	Jono, a city-born Indigenous teenager is trying to figure out who he really is. Life in Brisbane hasn't exactly made him feel connected to his Country or community. After graduating, Jono and his friend Jenny score gigs at the Aboriginal Performing Arts Centre and an incredible opportunity comes knocking - interning with a documentary crew. Their mission? To promote a big government mining project in the Queensland desert. The catch? The details are sketchy, and the land is rumoured to be sacred. But who cares? Jono is stoked just to be part of something meaningful. Life takes a turn when they land in Gambari, a tiny rural town far from the city. He's haunted by an eerie omen of death, battling suffocating panic attacks, and even experiencing visions of Wudun - a malevolent spirit from the Dreaming. What's the real story behind the gas mining venture? Are the documentary crew hiding something from Jono? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
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.

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1424059	Bored Sala, Felicita	Little Hare Books	2025	9781761217661	K-2	Rita is bored. So, so, so bored. Flopped in her bedroom, limp and tragic, Rita tries everything to cure her malaise. But time drags on, and there she remains: catatonic with boredom. If only there were a special place, a non-boring place just for bored people.
941501	Bored: Evie dreams big Stanton, Matt	ABC Audio - Enterprises	2023	9780733342066	5-6	Evie lives on Turtle Place, and she's bored. She is making plans, actual plans, to build her own house. Only, it seems that everyone else that lives on Turtle Place has an opinion they'd like to share. Frog and Milo want to build something totally different. Mr Santos is grumpy, Mrs Katz is spying on her, her sister is the most annoying person in the world, and her parents don't believe in her. But she has a plan, and she dreams big.
901899	Bored: Frog's mystery twin Stanton, Matt	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780733342042	3-4	My name is Frog and I started at a new school this year and I am trying to fit in. Sometimes you just have to be a little bit crazy right? It was a great plan but now Evie thinks I am completely nuts and Luisa has decided that I am the perfect person to make fun of. Milo is grumpy and I am about to tell everyone the whole story about my secret twin brother with the same name. True story. Sometimes when I am bored, I get myself into so much trouble ...
846243	Bored: Milo finds $105 Stanton, Matt	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780733342035	3-4	My name is Milo Kim and right now I am chasing $105 as it flies down my street straight towards Evie Wilson's house. This could end in disaster. Rocco, Luisa and Zac must be laughing their heads off They're hiding behind a tree, watching. Who knows what is happening with Frog, the new guy from next door. He invented his own style of martial arts but he is not very good at it even though he made it up. Finding this much money should have been a good thing, but this is terrible. And to think it all started because I was bored.
901478	Boris goes berserk Favretto, Robert & Bowles, Janice (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2021	9781925804867	K-2	Boris the huntsman wants his dinner! But Dad has other plans. Join in the family fun as Boris and Dad battle it out throughout the house.
96083	Boris Monster scared of nothing Laguna, Sofie & Redlich, Ben (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2008	9781865044088	3-4	Boris is so scary and so ugly he scares himself when he catches a glimpse of himself in a mirror. To be forced to stay in a room full of mirrors would be the worst fate he could imagine. When Boris takes up ballet, he must face his worst fears.

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	Boris series Joyner, Andrew				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.
660732	Born a crime Noah, Trevor	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9780385689229	9plus	The compelling, inspiring, and comically sublime New York Times bestseller about one man's coming-of-age, set during the twilight of apartheid and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
2826	Born to bake Gwynne, Phillip & Smith, Craig (ill)	Puffin Australia	2005	9780143302261	5-6	Rick has decided he is just average, not good, not bad, just average. When Rick discovers he is born to cook, he is no longer just average. The trouble is that his baking is now in competition with his Mum.
51211	Born to be a butterfly Wallace, Karen	Dorling Kindersley	2010	9781405353441	K-2	Large colour photos show the wonder of the life cycle of a butterfly which is clearly and easily explained.
29362	Born to run: Cathy Freeman, my story Freeman, Cathy	Penguin Books Australia	2007	9780143302384	5-6	Cathy Freeman's own story of her childhood, her loving family and her sporting achievements. Cathy shares the personal philosophy that has led to her success and the joy she has always found in life.
34631	Born to sing Morgan, Sally & Smith, Craig (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742991511	3-4	Maddie loves to sing and make up new songs. Her favourite is her humpback whale song, so she is very excited when her Mum and Grandma promise to take her to Shark Bay to see the whales. When they set off in their car and rattly old caravan, it looks like they might not get there at all. But, with some help along the way, Maddie's dream might still come true.
	Borrowers series Norton, Mary				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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886459	Boss ladies of science Marsden, Phillip	Lothian Books	2022	9780734421227	5-6	Boss Ladies conquer in this celebration of inspiring and empowered scientists from around the world. At the top of their fields across all areas of science these amazing women answer big questions and invent grand solutions. Every boss lady was once a little kid with a huge dream. Let their trials and triumphs inspire you to work hard at what you love, no matter whether you fail or succeed.
846128	Boss ladies of sport Marsden, Phillip	Hachette Children's Books	2021	9780734421197	3-4	From Australian sporting legends to international superstars, these women are at the top of their sporting games. Find out what inspires them and how they got to be the champions they are.
942	Boss of the pool Klein, Robin	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781862916401	5-6	Required to accompany her mother, who works at a hostel for the disabled, Shelley is more than a little unhappy. Eventually, she chooses to teach Ben, who is mentally disabled and very fearful of the water, how to swim.
846227	Boss of your own body Stephen, Byll & Beth & Howe, Simon (ill)	ABC Books	2021	9780733341724	K-2	You're not the boss of many things, because you're little and still learning. You're not the boss of anyone else, you've got o let them be themselves. But you ARE the boss of one thing ...
1209838	Boss of your own mind Stephen, Byll & Beth & Howe, Simon (ill)	ABC Books	2024	9780733342769	K-2	You're not the boss of what other people think, what they say and how they exist. You're not the boss of how someone else behaves, the positions they take and the decisions they make. But you are the boss of one thing.
895	Botanicum Wills, Kathie & Scott, Katie (ill)	Templar Publishing	2016	9781783703944	5-6	This museum is open all hours. It houses an extraordinary collection of plants, from tiny algae to fascinating carnivores. Gloriously coloured fungi and lichens are here, too. Find out why some plants are green and others are not, how some plants live in water while others are suspended in mid-air, and how some plants feed on flesh. Plants give us some of our biggest, smallest, oldest and smelliest forms of life on Earth. Experience a virtual museum through this fascinating and beautiful book.
1336644	Bounce back Rocks, Misako	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781761644443	5-6	Lilico's life in Japan is going well. She has great friends and is the captain of the school's basketball team. She's happy until her parents tell her they're moving to America. Lilico faces new challenges making friends and finding a basketball team. Her cat Nicco supports her along the way.
5675	Bouncing back: an eastern barred bandicoot story Cleave, Rohan & Tulloch, Coral (ill)	CSIRO	2018	9781486308279	3-4	How did the last Eastern Barred Bandicoot on the Australian mainland end up living in a rubbish tip?

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29691	Bouncing ball, The Kelly, Deborah & Perry, Georgia (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9780857980045	K-2	Try to keep up with the bouncing ball as it travels down the street, between two cars, into a gutter and down a storm drain.
47247	Bouncing bouncing little joeys Gibbes, Lesley & Chang, Doris (ill)	Lothian Books	2017	9780734417565	K-2	It's Christmas time in the Australian bush and all the animals are out to celebrate. They are super busy getting ready for Santa to come by baking, making sweets and putting up the tree.
2835	Boundless sublime, The Wilkinson, Lili	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760113360	9plus	Ruby's younger brother has died and her family is torn apart. Ruby feels his death so personally that she has shut herself off from her usual world. When she meets Fox, an idiosyncratic but gentle loner, Ruby is drawn into his special, little community. Fox seems to understand what she's going through and offers her a chance to find peace. But, Ruby discovers that he lives in a terrifying, secretive cult community that is far from the ideal world she expected. Gripping, confronting read. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above.
121898	Bow-wow bugs a bug Newgarden, Mark & Cash, Megan Montague	Harcourt Children's Books	2007	9780152058135	3-4	Bow-wow may look like an average terrier, one that will face down every foe. However, there is one foe that Bow-Wow finds not only annoying but unusual. Bow-wow experiences the full gamut of emotions in this surreal, visual adventure.
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?
706547	Bowl full of peace, A Stelson, Caren & Susaka, Akira (ill)	Walker Books	2020	9781541521483	5-6	Grandmother's bowl has been passed from mother to daughter over generations. It sits on the table each evening between Sachiko's family who are grateful for the food they eat. One day soldiers arrive and planes begin flying overhead telling the people war is coming to the seaside town. The family and community are suddenly devastated at the dropping of the atomic bomb, and the effects follow the survivors for years to come. Later, when father returns to the rubble, grandmother's bowl is found miraculously in one piece. This true story was put together over several interviews with the real owner of the bowl who wanted to tell her family story of resilience, devastation and the quest for peace.

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6643	Box cars, The Vescio, Robert & King, Cara (ill)	EK Books	2019	9781925335835	K-2	Liam and Kai are the best of friends. They do everything together. Each day in the park they race around in their box cars, pretending to be everything from policemen chasing down bad guys to chauffeurs driving around movie stars! One day they notice a little girl watching them- she's keen to join in and they're happy to be her friends too, but with only two box cars to play with it seems someone's going to be left out.
9416	Box of chicks, A Moloney, James	Penguin	2002	9780141313610	3-4	Mervyn is entranced by the chicks as soon as he sees them at school, but he had not realised how many problems a box of chicks could cause.
7268	Box of tricks Cleminson, Katie	Jonathan Cape	2009	9780224083447	K-2	For her birthday, Eva is given a box. But, this is no ordinary box and Eva soon discovers that she's a magician who can conjure up all sorts of delights, some rather larger than others.
4650	Boy Cummings, Phil & Devries, Shane (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781760277055	K-2	The king's battles with the dragon were always mighty and loud. Boy lives in silence and couldn't hear the fighting. But he could see the fear around him...and how everyone would be much happier without it.
4480	Boy and the airplane, The Pett, Mark	Simon & Schuster	2013	9781442451230	K-2	When a little boy's prized toy airplane lands on a rooftop, he makes several rescue attempts before devising an unexpected solution. Wordless picture book.
1424111	Boy and the dog tree, The Wood, Fiona & Watson, Judy (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2026	9780702269226	5-6	'So, are you my dog?' Mitch whispered, hardly daring to ask. 'No,' said Argos. 'But you are my boy. For a time.' Mitch's life has been uprooted. Instead of the whole family moving to a new city, Mitch and his sister are staying with their gran while their parents are stuck on the other side of the world. As he struggles to fit in at school, with the Grade Five bully picking on him, Mitch knows the one thing that would make his life better is a dog. If only he could persuade his parents. Then Mitch discovers an old oak tree that seems to ... growl. And one night, a strange, majestic dog-like creature emerges from the trunk. His name is Argos. He has been bound in the tree by 'history, mystery, magic and chance' and he is here to help Mitch find his way. While at first Mitch looks to Argos for friendship and protection, there comes a time he must stand up for this wild and magical beast. A heart-lifting tale of friendship, courage and belonging by three-time CBCA Award-winning author Fiona Wood.

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846187	Boy and the elephant, The Blackwood, Freya	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9781460759998	3-4	The boy lives in a city, where everything is fast and loud. But amidst the bustle and the noise, the boy has a secret ... In the overgrown lot next to his apartment building, deep within the green, he has a friend. But one day progress arrives, bringing with it plans for something new, and the boy must find a way to save his friend before it's too late ...
5075	Boy and the spy, The Arena, Felice	Penguin	2017	9780143309284	7-9	Things have never been easy for Antonio, but now it seems like the war will never end. So when Antonio is caught up in the dangerous world of freedom fighters and spies, will it change his life or destroy him?
46277	Boy and the toy, The Hartnett, Sonya	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780670073627	3-4	A father invents the best toy in the world to keep his son company while he goes away. In the beginning, the boy also thinks that the toy is wonderful, it can do anything. But, over time, the boy starts to wonder about the toy and begins to change his mind.
569191	Boy at the back of the class, The Rauf, Onjali Q	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9781510105010	5-6	At the back of the class there was an empty chair, but then one day a new boy arrives. Everyone wants to know more about this boy. He disappears at break times, he speaks no English and he is really good at soccer. Alexa and her friends learn that Ahmet has a big problem so they set about trying to help. They devise a plan, but what happens when they try to follow through with the plan?
4812	Boy at the top of mountain, The Boyne, John	Corgi Books	2015	9780552573542	7-9	When Pierrot becomes an orphan, he must leave Paris to live with Aunt Beatrix, a servant in a household at the top of the German mountains. This is no ordinary time. It is 1935 and the Second World War is fast approaching. And, this is no ordinary house, it is the Berghof, Adolf Hitler's home. Pierrot is thrown into an increasingly dangerous world of terror, secrets and betrayal, from which he may never be able to escape.
567924	Boy called Bat, A Arnold, Elana K & Santoso, Charles (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780062445834	3-4	For Bixby Alexander Tam (nicknamed Bat), life tends to be full of surprises -- some of them good, some not so good. Today, though, is a good-surprise day. Bat's mum, a veterinarian, has brought home a baby skunk, which she needs to take care of until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter. But from the first meeting, he knows they belong together. And he's got one month to show his mum that a baby skunk might just make a pretty terrific pet.

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42791	Boy called Hope, A Williamson, Lara	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2014	9781409570318	7-9	Eleven year old Dan Hope has a list of things he wants to come true. He wants his sister, Ninja Grace, to go to university at the North Pole and only come back once a year. He wants his dog, Charles Scalleybones the First, to stop eating the planets from his solar system mobile and throwing them up on the carpet. He want to help Sherlock Holmes solve his most daring mystery yet. But, most of all, he wants his dad to love him.
120082	Boy from Bowral, The Ingpen, Robert	Walker Books	2008	9781921150647	5-6	Don Bradman's performances are unequalled by any batsman in the history of cricket. Read about his life from the early years playing with a makeshift bat in his Bowral backyard through to his famous bodyline series against England and his comeback after the War. Lots of statistics and illustrations.
789575	Boy from the Mish, The Lonesborough, Gary	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760525880	9plus	It's a hot summer, and life's going all right for Jackson and his family on the Mish. It's almost Christmas, school's out, and he's hanging with his mates, teasing the visiting tourists, avoiding the racist boys in town. Just like every year, Jackson's Aunty and annoying little cousins visit from the city - but this time a mysterious boy with a troubled past comes with them. As their friendship evolves, Jackson must confront the changing shapes of his relationships with his friends, family and community. And he must face his darkest secret - a secret he thought he'd locked away for good. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
660620	Boy giant: Son of Gulliver Morpurgo, Michael & Foreman, Michael	HarperCollins Australia	2019	9780008347925	5-6	"We were the truth of our own story. Me, and the two tiny people on my shoulder, in the middle of the sea..." War has forced Omar and his mother to leave their home in Afghanistan and venture across the sea to Europe. When their boat sinks, and Omar finds himself alone, with no hope of rescue, it seems as if his story has come to an end. But it is only just beginning. Because in the end, a little hope makes a big difference...

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1277818	Boy I love, The Hussey, William	Andersen Press Ltd	2025	9781839134821	9plus	1916. Returning to the Front after injury, 19 year old Stephen wonders what he's fighting for. Then he meets Private Danny McCormick, a smart, talented new recruit. From their first meeting, there's something undeniable between them. Something forbidden by both society and the army. As the summer ticks down to the Battle of the Somme, will their love save them or condemn them? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
636632	Boy in the big blue glasses, The Gervay, Susanne & Crosby-Fairall, Marjorie (ill)	EK Books	2019	9781925335996	K-2	Sam doesn't like his new glasses. They make his ears hurt. His parents say he looks handsome in them. But Sam just wants to look like himself. His teacher doesn't recognize him; she says he must be a new superhero. But Sam doesn't want to be a superhero. He just wants to be himself. At least his best friend George recognizes him and thinks he looks okay. Sam does everything he can to lose his glasses but they keep being found. And then things get even worse, and Sam has to cope with googly-eyed turtles and giant penguins! Eventually, with a bit of confidence and a lot of humour, Sam finds out that wearing glasses isn't so bad - and people still like him just the way he is after all.
18674	Boy in the burning house, The Wynne-Jones, Tim	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	2003	9780374408879	9plus	Ruth Rose, wild stepdaughter of the local preacher, believes he caused the disappearance of Jim Hawkin's father. Investigating the mystery puts both teenagers in mortal danger. A harrowing story with strong language in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
18452	Boy in the striped pyjamas, The Boyne, John	David Fickling Books	2006	9780385609401	9plus	Bruno is the naive, nine year old son of the Commandant of Auschwitz concentration camp. Through his covert friendship with Shmuel, a young Jewish boy, Bruno becomes aware of the cruelty and suffering. A touching, disturbing story. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
30340	Boy like me, A Hathorn, Libby & Whatley, Bruce	ABC Books	2013	9780733331350	5-6	Fragile and sometimes fleeting, peace can be lost and found in all of us, no matter who or where we are.
39322	Boy on the bus, The: a sing along storybook Dale, Penny	Walker Books	2007	9781406301472	K-2	A young boy goes driving on a bus one day and stops to pick up a number of animal passengers who make lots of noise. A unique take on a much loved nursery rhyme.
1941	Boy on the page, The Carnavas, Peter	New Frontier Publishing	2013	9781921928468	K-2	A small boy lands on the page and, quite by accident, discovers the joy and wonder of life.

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4596	Boy on the wooden box, The Leyson, Leon	Simon & Schuster	2013	9781471119675	7-9	Beginning in rural Poland, Leon Leyson's family's horrendous journey was similar to thousands of others, but what set his fate apart was his father's chance employment in the factory of Oskar Schindler, who is credited with saving up to 1200 Jews. The youngest person on Schindler's list, Leon describes how, despite the deprivation of food, clothing and general living conditions, this provided a small flicker of hope.
6097	Boy overboard Gleitzman, Morris	Penguin	2002	9780141308388	5-6	Jamal and Bibi are Afghani asylum seekers whose most precious possession is their soccer ball. They dream of being international soccer stars in a land where they don't have to worry about their ball hitting a landmine.
567944	Boy underwater Baron, Adam	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780008267018	7-9	Cymbeline Igloo doesn't know how to swim. He has NEVER been swimming. Ever. His mother won't let him near the water and he doesn't know why. After he tries (and fails) to swim on his own, he realises there is a bigger mystery to be solved. Cymbeline and his friends work together to find out why his mum has never taken him near the water.
	Boy vs beast series Park, Mac				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.
1345008	Boy who became Queen, The Balit, Christina	Otter-Barry books	2025	9781915659491	3-4	Young orphan, Jack, is snatched off the London streets to become a Blackfriars Boy, singing to lords and ladies up and down the river Thames, and even to Queen Elizabeth I. But William Shakespeare spots Jack's singing talent and takes him to work at his new Globe Theatre. And when Shakespeare needs a special boy to play the part of a fairy queen in his magical new play, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Jack has the chance of his life to star on stage...
88086	Boy who built the boat, The Mueller, Ross & Smith, Craig (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2006	9781741755886	K-2	Henry, his sister and teddy set out to build a boat from scratch. Rhythmic text celebrates the simple joy of making things.
8121	Boy who cried wolf, The Ross, Tony	Andersen Press Ltd	2008	9781842708330	3-4	Whenever Harry is made to do something he doesn't like, he shouts 'Wolf' and everyone runs away. This means that Harry is left to do exactly what he wants. A retelling of a famous fable, with an unexpected ending.

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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.
18449	Boy who disappeared, The Milton, Wendy	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2006	9780734408921	7-9	Rodney has powers to be a 'switcher' who can travel between parallel worlds. One world is highly developed and the other is almost medieval. The story follows the adventures across both worlds.
7822	Boy who fell off the Mayflower, The Lynch, J P	Walker Books	2015	9781406361636	5-6	In London, a young indentured servant, John Howland, is preparing for a sea journey to America. Religious persecution has fuelled the departure of many Pilgrims. By great good fortune, John survives falling overboard and earns his keep ashore by helping to scout a safe landing site. But, in the new land, food is scarce and living conditions are deplorable. Soon, John is forced to make a huge decision about his future.
903288	Boy who ran up a volcano, The Styan, Jared & Rayma, Albina (ill)	self-published	2022	9780646856827	K-2	The boy always wanted to run but because he was short and small, he was told he would never be a runner. When he sees the volcano, he knows he must run to the top. Does he make it and what does he learn along the way?
2735	Boy who sailed ocean in an armchair, The Williamson, Lara	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2015	9781409576327	5-6	Eleven year old Becket Rumsey is all at sea. In the middle of the night, his dad has run away with him and his brother, Billy. They've left everything behind, including their almost-mum, Pearl, who gives great hugs. Their father tells them they need not contact Pearl, not even to say goodbye, and that they're starting at a new school after their holiday. Becket just wants is his family to be whole again. With lots of stories, one thousand paper cranes and a snail, Beckett is determined to make his wish come true.

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803472	Boy who stepped through time, The Ciddor, Anna	Murdoch Books Australia	2021	9781760526443	5-6	When Perry steps into a crumbling ruin while on holiday in France, he is not expecting to be transported back 1700 years to Roman times. While he hunts desperately for a way home, he must blend in as a slave, even if it means eating mice for dinner! Gradually, Perry is caught up in the fascinating world of grand Villa Rubia and a life he could never have imagined. But when he makes a new friend, he thinks he might already know her terrible fate. Perry is faced with an impossible choice: to find his way home or stay and guard his friend's life and risk being trapped in the past forever!
53388	Boy who swam with piranhas, The Almond, David & Jeffers, Oliver (ill)	Candlewick Press	2013	9780763661694	5-6	As Stan journeys away from the life he's always known, he mingles with a carnival full of eccentric characters and meets the legendary Pancho Pirelli, the man who swims in a tank full of perilous piranhas. Will Stan be bold enough to dive in the churning waters himself and choose his own destiny.
863383	Boy who tried to shrink his name, The Parappukkaran, Sandhya & Pereira, Michelle (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2021	9781760509361	3-4	Not everyone has a name which is quick and easy to say, but a name is important and a name has a story. Zimdalamashkermishkada knows this more than many. Shortening his name would be easy for others, but something about that does not feel right. With a little confidence and a little patience, his name does not seem so
13297	Boy who would live forever, The Simons, Moya	Puffin Australia	2003	9780143300311	5-6	Daniel is cursed with the fate of staying twelve forever. He doesn't know how or why. For two hundred years he has coped with the joy, and more often grief, it has caused him. Then he meets Sally and her daughter, Holly. Now it really matters.

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862624	Boy with flowers in his hair, The Jarvis	Walker Books	2022	9781536225228	3-4	Everyone likes David, the boy with flowers in his hair. He's sweet and gentle, just like his colorful petals. David and his best friend have a great time together, finding the good puddles, making up songs, and running away from the bees. But one day David comes to school wearing a hat, and he is quiet. When he takes off the hat, his bright petals flutter down like butterflies. Now, where his flowers were looks twiggy and prickly, causing the other children to stay away. But David's best friend has an idea- a way to help David get his color back, wielding paintbrushes and plenty of love. Sensitively told and simply illustrated, Jarvis's story invites even the youngest children to talk about difficult subjects in an age-appropriate way- and feel inspired to support others when they face trying times.
7345	Boy with two lives, The Kazerooni, Abbas	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781743314838	7-9	Having fled conscription and survived time alone in Istanbul, ten year old Abbas arrives in England to start a new life. His troubles have only just begun. Abbas' violent cousin sends him to boarding school, where he blossoms. But, Abbas is threatened with deportation and forced to work at night to repay his cousin. At thirteen, Abbas is homeless. But, he is determined to survive and continue his education. Based on true events.
846058	Boy with wings, The Henry, Lenny & Ferrell, Keenon (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2021	9781529077315	5-6	Tunde is different. His friends are different too. But there is something amazing about to happen to Tunde. Wings! And an impossible mission. Could he be the only one who could save the Earth? Luckily, he has the support of his friends and family but will they all be able to fly in the face of danger?
833162	Boy, his bear and a bully, A Flannigan, Katie & Reece, P J (ill)	EK Books	2021	9781925820898	K-2	Scott takes his bear, Buttons, to school every day because Buttons helps him to be brave. When Buttons goes missing, Scott finally finds the courage to stand up to Duncan, with surprising consequences.
12419	Boy, the bear, the baron and the bard, The Rogers, Gregory	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2004	9781865087221	7-9	A dramatic tale, told in pictures, about a London boy who goes through a window to get back his soccer ball only to find himself in the middle of a Shakespearian production. In his efforts to escape, he is chased by the bard and joined by a bear.

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750998	Boy, the wolf and the stars, The Plozza, Shivaun	Puffin Australia	2020	9781760893453	5-6	In the land of Ulv, stars no longer exist. Legend says they were devoured by a greedy wolf. When night falls, the shadow creatures are free to roam, and the villagers must stay home and light candles to keep safe. Bo is a loner, shunned by the villagers because they don't understand how he survived a whole night in the woods, when his mother abandoned him as a baby. Mads the woodcutter is his guardian, but when he unexpectedly dies, Bo is sent on an epic quest. Accompanied by his only friend, Nix the fox, he must solve the riddles to find three magical keys, then find the wolf who stole the stars, and set them free. And if he manages to set them free, he can make a wish.
55	Boy: tales of childhood Dahl, Roald	Puffin UK	1999	9780141303055	7-9	Roald Dahl recounts his life as a child, growing up in England.
1423326	Boys can cry and Billy Dib does too Dib, Billy	Billy Dib	2025	9781764037402	3-4	Champions aren't just brave in the ring; they're brave to let their emotions shine. Join Billy on his journey from little guy to world champion, proving that real strength means letting your heart speak. Boys can cry is a reminder that it's okay to cry-because real champions know how to let it all out!
59506	Boys without names Sheth, Kashmira	HarperCollins US	2010	9780061857621	5-6	Eleven year old Gopal and his family leave their rural Indian village to find work in the big city, Mumbai. When a stranger promises Gopal a job, he jumps at the offer. But Gopal has been deceived. In a stuffy sweatshop, he and other boys are forced to work for no money, little food and without talking. Late one night, when Gopal shares kahanis, or stories, he realises that storytelling may help their survival, and escape.
130802	Boys' book, The: How to be the best at everything Enright, Dominique & Macdonald, Guy & Catlow, Niki (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2007	9781921288128	5-6	An informative book that provides a diverse range of fun facts. Easy to read, interesting snippets of information including how to perform magic, get rid of hiccups or read tea leaves.
90432	Brain full of holes, The Chatterton, Martin	Little Hare Books	2008	9781921272288	7-9	Theo Brain is the world's youngest super sleuth and he is on the trail of a missing truck driver who has driven into a mountain tunnel and completely disappeared. Theo lives in Switzerland where holes are going missing from the cheese and cows are starting to fly. Strange creatures appear from alternative universes and Theo is forced to intervene to stop a total outbreak of silliness.

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970697	Brain is (not) always right Stuart, Scott	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761204685	K-2	Heart loves puppies, and chocolate, and rollercoasters, and dancing along to music. Brain likes lists, and broccoli, and safety rails, and wearing sensible clothing. But, most of all, Brain likes always being right.
43525	Brainjack Falkner, Brian	Walker Books	2009	9781921150951	7-9	It would take a very special person to crack the computer systems of the White House. Someone like Sam Wilson, brilliant teenage computer hacker. But, Sam's obsession is about to lead him into a world of espionage and intrigue, of cybercrime and imminent war.
1395132	Bram Stoker's Dracula: A retelling Landman, Tanya	Barrington Stoke	2025	9780008718343	9plus	'Everything is going well for Jonathan Harker who is engaged to his beloved Mina and lands a new job with exciting opportunities for adventure and travel. He sets off to see the mysterious Count Dracula but soon finds himself in a world of trouble. Meanwhile, Mina is at home waiting to hear from her fiancé, while caring for her best friend Lucy who has been acting strangely. It is only once Jonathan is found in a hospital months later that the pieces of the puzzle fall into place. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
41497	Brambleheart Cole, Henry	HarperCollins US	2016	9780062245441	5-6	Twig is looking for who he will be in life. In the Hill, everyone studies a craft and becomes a Master's apprentice, but first you have to be good at something. Twig tries very hard in all his classes, but his imagination wanders to his favourite books or the delicious mayapples growing beyond the scavenge yard...and then, well, he loses his focus. Unsure if he'll ever amount to anything, Twig sets out on a journey to discover himself. However, instead of finding answers, he stumbles upon a dragon's egg which soon hatches. But when he learns that his secret might hurt others, he's forced to make a choice between his place in the world and the feelings in his heart. And will protecting his new friends help him discover who he is meant to be?
52700	Brand new baby Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2008	9781406316407	K-2	A new baby brother has arrived and Wendy and Edward are not quite sure what to make of the small bundle. It seems that everything has changed at home.

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869417	Brand new boy Almond, David & Altes, Marta (ill)	Walker Books	2020	9781406358087	5-6	The new boy is certainly strange. He is very polite and knows a lot of things in a very proper way. He is also amazing at soccer, but there is something odd about him. It could be the people who are always watching him and won't let him do things like eat chips. It could be that George just needs a chance to get away with the other kids and play if his minders only let him.
2724	Brave heart: lessons learnt from life Kirk, Brett & Kirk, Hayley S	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2012	9781742753256	7-9	After playing two hundred and forty-one games for his beloved Sydney Swans, Brett Kirk played his final game of AFL in 2010. Many know him as the courageous co-captain who helped his team win the grand final in 2005. What many people don't know is how he came to be such a tireless captain, honest teammate and admired role model, in both life and sport. Brett with his wife, Hayley, speaks about his life, and the challenges and triumphs that made him.
587621	Brave knight, The Gould, Sally & Hulme, Celeste (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2018	9781925594119	K-2	Determined to protect his castle, a little boy stands guard against enemy knights.
29589	Brave little penguin Pignataro, Anna	Scholastic Australia	2008	9781741690835	3-4	Little Penguin loves being with his dad. When Papa goes fishing, Little Penguin isn't happy but decides to be brave and have an adventure of his own.
	Bravelands 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.
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.

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1447472	Bravepaw and the fangstone of flintfall Wilkinson, L M & Naidu, Lavanya (ill)	Albert Street Books	2026	9781761182150	3-4	Titch knows that she must find the Gems of Harmony if she is to have any hope of fulfilling the prophecy of Bravepaw. If only she knew where to begin her quest! The magnificent Library of Lexhelm seems to hold the answers, or at least its books can help Titch and her friends ask the right questions as they journey into danger. But prophecies can be twisted, enemies can be slippery, and sometimes the person it is hardest to trust is yourself. With all of Alluria on the line, can Titch make the right decision?
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 Prophesy. Can she really be brave? LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to L.M. Wilkinson read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/3-4-book-list#bravepaw-and-the-heartstone-of-alluria-l-m-wilkinson
9478	Bravest ever bear, The Ahlberg, Allan	Walker Books	2001	9780744578645	3-4	A picture book about the bravest bear, the persistent penguin, opportunistic wolf, boastful bear and sly dragon. The problem is everyone wants to tell the story their own way.
871665	Bravest word, The Foster, Kate	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2022	9781760654719	7-9	Matt is having trouble on the football field. Real trouble. All the enjoyment has been sucked out of the game that was once his whole life and now his body seems to be seizing up. He is tired all the time and overwhelmed by thoughts that leave him sure he's second rate. Which is when Matt meets Cliff, an abandoned puppy that needs saving. Perhaps together, they can help each other discover how to be brave.

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31866	Bravo Waechter, P & Port, M; Spencer, S (trans)	Gecko Press	2011	9781877467721	3-4	Once upon a time, there was a little girl called Helena. Her life was almost perfect. Only one thing spoiled it. Helena's father couldn't speak normally. Everything he said came out in a roar and was way too loud.
6981	Bravo Billy Arena, Felice	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2000	9780207198342	5-6	Thirteen year old Billy is passionate about his guitar and his favourite band.
56	Bravo, Mr William Shakespeare Williams, Marcia	Walker Books	2001	9780744582376	7-9	The Globe Theatre is delighted to announce a new season of Mr. William Shakespeare's plays. See As You Like It, Antony and Cleopatra, Richard III, Twelfth Night, King Lear, The Merchant of Venice and Much Ado About Nothing. Each play is presented in dramatic comic-strip form, including Mr Shakespeare's own dialogue and the riotous remarks of the audience.
1498995	Break to you Shusterman, Neal	HarperCollins Children's Books	2026	9780062875761	9plus	Adriana knows that if she can manage to keep her head down for the next seven months, she might be able to get through her sentence in the Compass juvenile detention center. Thankfully, she's allowed to keep her journal, where she writes down her most private thoughts when her feelings get too big. Until the day she opens her journal and discovers that her thoughts are no longer so private. Someone has read her writings-and has written back. A boy who lives on the other side of the gender-divided detention center. A boy who sparks a fire in her to write back. Jon's story is different than Adriana's; he's already been at Compass for years and will be in the system for years to come. Still, when he reads the words Adriana writes to him, it makes him feel like the walls that hold them in have melted away. This title is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
5568	Break your chains: The freedom finders Conolan, Emily	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760294915	7-9	To find freedom, you must leave behind everything you've ever known. It is 1825. You and Ma have survived on the streets of London ever since the soldiers took Da away and you fled Ireland. Now, with Ma gone too, you find yourself facing life-and-death choices at every turn. Can you carry a secret treasure across the ocean and finally be reunited with Da? You'll be asked to betray your friends, survive storms at sea and attacks by bushrangers, and trust thieves. At every turn, the choice is yours. How far will you go for freedom?

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846090	Break, The Gwynne, Phillip	Penguin Books Australia	2021	9780143789383	7-9	Growing up with the famous Bali surf at his back door, sixteen year old Taj had an idyllic childhood, until ten years ago when his father was arrested for smuggling drugs. He's been on death row in Bali's infamous Kerobokan Prison ever since, leaving Taj in a weird limbo. When an execution date is set, Taj is left with one course of action, bust his dad out of jail and hightail it back to Australia. What follows is the desperate, dangerous rid of a father and son on the run. As events unravel and time runs out, Taj uncovers startling truths about his family, his girlfriend and the stranger he is rapidly falling for.
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?'.
916661	Breathe in and out Stradling, Jan & Robaard	ABC Books	2023	9780733342387	K-2	Big Ted is having one of those days ... His feelings are dark and stormy. Luckily, his friends are around to help him remember to breathe in and out. Soon he'll feel like his happy self again."

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1424052	Bree Boyd is a legend! Johnson, Leah	Scholastic UK	2025	9780702313455	5-6	It's not everyday your life gets turned upside down by magical powers! Boyds are born to stand out: Bree's dad is celebrated professor, her mum is a state senator, her brother is on his way to professional basketball stardom and her sister is a prima ballerina. But where does Bree fit in? Sure, she just won the Regional Spelling Bee and is well on her way to Nationals, but lately something doesn't feel quite right. With her new friends Ellie, Abby and Sam, Bree is realizing that there's more to life than being the best. Not to mention this tiny, pesky thing she keeps trying to forget about - her newfound powers! But when an old friend comes back to town, things get out of control. So many feelings from Bree's past come bubbling to the surface, and Bree starts to lose controlof her powers. Will Bree find her way back to who she used to be? Or will she finally embrace who she is?
38505	Brian Banana Duck Sunshine Yellow McKimmie, Chris	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2007	9781741147414	K-2	Brian Banana Duck sees colours brighter than others, and even sees things which others can not see. When he gets lost one day his Nana finds him, but when he gets lost the second time, he makes his way home, but this time with a surprise.
17484	Brian the giant French, Vivian & Heap, Sue (ill)	Walker Books	2005	9781844289639	3-4	Brian, the Giant, has made muffins but they keep disappearing. Brian needs to find out who is responsible for the thefts.
57	Bridge to Terabithia Paterson, Katherine	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2003	9780064401845	7-9	Jessie and Leslie are close friends who create a magical world for themselves, until a tragedy happens.
58	Bridge to Wiseman's Cove, A Moloney, James	University of Queensland Press	1996	9780702228841	9plus	Karl and his wild young brother are taken in by their aunt, after their mother abandons them. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
3853	Bridge, The Higgins, Jane	Text Publishing Co	2011	9781921758331	9plus	The city is at war. Southside, the hostiles live in squalor and are hungry to cross the river. Cityside, ISIS is in charge, keeping the hostiles at bay. Nik has spent his life training to join ISIS but, when his college is blown up and his friend kidnapped, he must cross the bridge into hostile territory. Nik and his friends must choose their loyalties in a war that is not as clear as they were brought up to think. Some language in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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2951	Bridget Fidget hold on tight Berger, Joe	Puffin USA	2010	9780141501819	K-2	Bridget Fidget is in a fix. She forgot to hold on tight to her beloved toy, Captain Cat, and lost him in a shop. It's disaster. Luckily, her friend, Billy, is there to save the day.
6276	Bridget, a new Australian Moloney, James	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781742990989	5-6	During the Irish potato famine, Bridget's family has been turned out of their home and their only refuge is the workhouse, where living conditions are hard and the food sparse. For Bridget and her sister, Maeve, their one chance is to take a ship to a new country and become Australians. They must survive the journey then face the many challenges that await them in a new, far away land.
2601	Bridie's boots Cummings, Phil & Acton, Sara	Working Title Press	2014	9781921504723	K-2	Bridie loves her gumboots. They are just right for splashing and twirling. But Bridie gets too big for her beautiful boots, so sets them free on a big adventure across the seas.
15386	Bridie's fire Murray, Kirsty	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2003	9781865087276	9plus	Bridie starts a new life in a new country, a young, orphaned, Irish girl sadly separated from her brother. Working in the theatre on the Australian goldfields is a very hard life. Bridie finds a way to use her talents and meets her true love. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
123078	Brief candle Pennington, Kate	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2004	9780340873700	9plus	Based on the adventures of the Bronte sisters, Charlotte and Emily, and their brother, Branwell. Cooped up inside the bleak parsonage in winter, they write adventures for the heroes of their secret worlds. One day, Emily escapes to the moor and finds a mysterious outcast, Heslington, whose story of lost love intrigues her. She resolves to help him. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
3338	Brief history of the island of Dipsquittie, A Martin, Carol Ann (aka Professor Walter Loder-Bull)	Omnibus Books	2008	9781862917620	3-4	A cautionary tale set on an imaginary island with monsters, heroes and interesting characters and events. What the islanders do to each other when they declare war on each other, involving custard and Christmas puddings among other things is one thing, but, once the real enemy is let loose, ordinary people do extraordinary things.

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1424056	Brielle & Bear, Volume 1 Doku, Salomey	Random House Graphic	2025	9780593711170	9plus	First-year student Brielle, a daydreamy book lover, knows everything there is to know about fairy tales. Returning to the city of Rosebridge four years after moving away, she attends Once Upon a Time University, with the intention of living her fairy-tale dream. And when she meets Bear, shy vice-captain of the Princes rugby team, at the bookshop where she works, Brielle's dream is off to a good start. Determined to forget the past, and with an unexpected new relationship blossoming, Brielle feels she's finally living the dream. That is, until she discovers that she's not the only one hiding something. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
5273	Brigadista year, My Paterson, Katherine	Candlewick Press	2018	9780763695088	7-9	When thirteen-year-old Lora tells her parents that she wants to join Premier Castro's army of young literacy teachers, her mother screeches to high heaven, and her father roars like a lion. Lora has barely been outside of Havana - why would she throw away her life in a remote shack with no electricity, sleeping on a hammock in somebody's kitchen? But Lora is stubborn: didn't her parents teach her to share what she has with someone in need? Surprisingly, Lora's abuela takes her side, even as she makes Lora promise to come home if things get too hard. But how will Lora know for sure when that time has come?
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.
1209941	Brightest wild Crampton-Larking, Tania	Lothian Books	2025	9780734420657	5-6	When eleven-year-old Alex moves to Adelaide from London after her mother gets engaged to a man across the globe, Alex must negotiate a new country, a new school, and a new stepbrother, the prickly teenaged Koen. What sustains Alex in this strange new world is the wonder of the natural world around her, particularly a magnificent tree that comes to represent magic, resilience and strength. Alex discovers the mystery of the bush, the true impact of climate change and a passion to fight for what is right.

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751219	Brightly woven Bracken, Alexandra	Quercus Children's Books	2021	9781786541567	5-6	Extraordinary things just don't happen to fourteen-year-old Sydelle Mirabil, a talented weaver who dreams about life outside of her tiny village. But that all changes when a mysterious young wizard named Wayland North appears and asks for Sydelle's help. He's got a shocking secret that could stop a war between kingdoms-if he can reach the capital with the news in time. North needs a navigator who can mend his magical cloaks, and Sydelle is perfect for the job. As Sydelle and North race against the clock to deliver their message, they must contend with unusually wild weather and a dark wizard who will do anything to stop them. But the sudden earthquakes and freak snowstorms may not be a coincidence. As Sydelle discovers more about North's past and her own strange abilities, she realizes that the fate of the kingdom may rest in her fingertips.
13782	Brilliant Billy does his bit Hutton, Simon & Glicksman, Caroline (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842708552	3-4	Billy has been learning about World War II at school and, in particular, about rationing, allotments and how to make something out of nothing, including bananas out of parsnips.
5204	Brilliant fall of Gianna Z., The Messner, Kate	Bloomsbury	2018	9781681195476	7-9	All Gianna Zales wants to do is compete at the cross-country finals, but there is something standing in her way- a science project. She has less than a week to collect and document twenty-five leaves, and she'll lose her spot on the team if she can't pull it off. With a forgetful grandmother, a hearse-driving father, a mean-girl running rival, and new feelings toward her best friend, Gianna wishes life would just leave her alone to finish the project. Can Gianna Z get the stroke of brilliance she needs to make it all work out?
660318	Brilliant ideas of Lily Green, The Sibrerry, Lisa	Hardie Grant Egmont	2019	9781760503659	5-6	Twelve-year-old Lily Green has brilliant ideas. She loves concocting unusual beauty products -- sure, they're often disasters, but every inventor has to start somewhere! And her family's salon seems like just the place. If only it still had customers... When Lily accidentally mixes up a string of wild and wonderful gloop from the mysterious plants in her neighbour's garden, she thinks she's struck gold. Her products work like magic, and she's sure they'll save the failing salon. But are Lily's creations as enchanting as they seem?

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5573	Brindabella Dubosarsky, Ursula & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760112042	5-6	Pender lives with his father, in a honey coloured sandstone house with green shutters, on the edge of the bush. While out walking, Pender finds a kangaroo shot by hunters and with a joey in her pouch. Pender and his father rescue the young kangaroo, Brindabella, and take her home. Soon they form a close and touching friendship, but kangaroos are not dogs and Brindabella yearns to be free. Their paths do cross again but not how you would imagine.
43479	Bring it on Stanley, Jo	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2017	9781760409470	5-6	Sarah loves to crack jokes, but no one at her new school is laughing, not even her first day buddy Hanh. Even worse, no one at Milsborough West Primary surfs and that's Sarah's favourite thing in the world! Sarah is a big fan of Aussie Rules football, but she has never played. Will coach Shawna let Sarah join the Flyers and be part of the team?
1021250	Britannica all new children's encyclopaedia Lloyd, Christopher (Ed) & Ruffle, Mark & Tite, Jack (ill)	Britanica Books	2020	9781912920471	5-6	Britannica's All New Children's Encyclopaedia is a treasure trove of information for people who love facts. With detailed colour illustrations, whether you are fascinated by ancient history, the outer reaches of space or sustainability, this encyclopaedia has something for you!
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.
4585	Bro Chebatte, Helen	Hardie Grant Egmont	2016	9781760125509	9plus	What happens when you mix teenage boys, a fight club and ethnic rivalries? You get war. Romeo Makhlouf knows the rules. Stick with your own kind. Don't dob on your mates or your enemies. Respect the family. But even unwritten rules are made for breaking. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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1301599	Brock the croc: Make it snappy! Beck, Adrian & Rankine, Dean	Larrikin House	2025	9780648894599	3-4	Brock the Croc loves BUSTING MOVES on the D-FLOOR, adores CARVING IT UP on his MOTORBIKE and lives to SHRED his GUITAR till his claws bleed! On top of all that, these days he's trying to be a good leader too, but life in Saltbush Swamp isn't always ONE BIG PARTY. It's hard to keep everybody happy.When small helpful robots turn up during a swamp disco, all of Brock's friends are THRILLED, but Brock wonders why these metallic creatures have REALLY arrived... Brock discovers the robots have been sent by the evil Mayor Grunter when they all combine to create a giant furious metallic beast called GRUNTZILLA! If Brock can't figure out a way to lead his friends to overcome GRUNTZILLA, their home will be stomped flat by the huge angry robot! Brock needs a solution and he'd better MAKE IT SNAPPY!
59	Brocky's bananagram Metzenthen, David	Scholastic Australia	2003	9781865045788	5-6	Matt Brock and his friend write a message on a banana which is to be shipped out from his dad's plantation. What a surprise when they receive a reply.
18719	Broken bird, a tale of true love Broad, Michael	Puffin Australia	2006	9780141381589	K-2	Broken Bird is born with only one wing but he refuses to believe he will never fly. His brothers tease him but he puts his best foot forward and sets off to explore the world, from the ground.
12717	Broken glass Grindley, Sally	Bloomsbury	2008	9780747586159	7-9	Brothers, Suresh and Sandeep, end up as street kids in a city far from their home village. They become glass collectors, searching through the rubbish dumps and dirty alleys to find glass to sell in order to survive. But, when Suresh realises his younger brother isn't coping as well as he thought, he must find a way to save Sandeep and himself from a terrible fate.
60	Bronte girls, The Kilworth, Gary	Egmont Childrens	1995	9780749726928	9plus	A father keeps his family locked in a time warp, away from the 20th century. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
568873	Brontide McPherson, Sue	Magabala Books	2018	9781925360929	9plus	Brontide is a coming of age story about four boys and their lot in life. Recounted through storytelling sessions at their school over a period of five days, these boys chronicle their lives. They are at times demanding, occasionally rude, always funny and unexpectedly profound. The boys like to challenge themselves and the rules, and soon realise that not everything goes to plan. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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12548	Bronze and Sunflower Wenxuan, Cao & Wang, Helen (trans)	Walker Books	2015	9781406348460	5-6	In China, during the Cultural Revolution, Sunflower, a young city girl, moves to the country. Life is lonely and isolated until she meets Bronze, who, unable to speak, is ostracised by the village boys. The pair becomes inseparable. When Bronze's family agrees to take Sunflower in, she is overjoyed and Bronze has got the sister he always wanted. But, life is hard and Bronze's family can barely afford to feed themselves.
6003	Brooding YA Hero: Becoming a main character (almost) as awesome as me DiRisio, Carrie & Gear, Linnea (ill)	Sky Pony Press	2017	9781510726666	7-9	Broody McHottiepants is our brooding YA hero and he has decided to write a book about how to become a main character. He certainly seems to know every trick in the YA novelist's trade. But his evil ex-girlfriend, Blondie DeMeani, has sneakily added her own two cents worth within the pages of his book to keep him honest. This is part guide book, part clever exploration of all the YA tropes.
660691	Brother moon McCarthy Yoelu, Maree & Fry, Samantha (ill)	Magabala Books	2020	9781925936827	K-2	Great Grandpa Liman lives in a house by the sea. There are no lights, just the stars. He lives in a shack and hunts for his food. One night sitting by the fire, he looks up to the sky and tells Hippy-boy a story about his brother.
	Brotherband 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.
3814	Brothers from a different mother Gwynne, Phillip & Crosby-Fairall, Marjorie (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2017	9780670078486	K-2	Tapir lives in the jungle. Pig lives in the village. But when they meet at the waterhole, they discover they are the same in so many ways. They might even be brothers from a different mother!
20242	Brothers Quibble, The Blabey, Aaron	Penguin Books Australia	2014	9780670076000	K-2	Spalding Quibble ruled the roost. He did not have to share anything. But, then, his parents introduced a brand new baby brother.
12147	Brown bear, brown bear, what do you see Martin, Bill Jnr & Carle, Eric (ill)	Penguin	1995	9780140502961	K-2	Questions and answers take the reader through a range of animals and colours - a big green frog, a plump purple cat or a cheeky brown monkey. Colourful pictures and rhyming words.

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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.
9624	Brown bread and honey Allen, Pamela	Penguin	2002	9780140568257	K-2	The King loves to run, jump and ride his horse. He also loves to eat and eat and eat until he becomes too fat to have fun any more. When the King sacks all his cooks, he will have a problem with what to eat.
4147	Brown dog, The Inverarity, Gina & Holfeld, Greg (ill)	Working Title Press	2017	9781921504747	3-4	The brown dog often visits Henry on rainy, grey afternoons. Usually he doesn't hang around for long. But this time the brown dog decides to stay, and Henry needs to find a way to make him leave.
	Brownies series Plaisted, Caroline				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.
72328	Brucie saves Christmas Morrison, Yvonne & Pike, Michelle (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781741692266	3-4	Brucie, the joey kangaroo, loves reading books and doing science reports. When a catastrophe occurs that will prevent Santa from delivering the presents, Brucie must use all his smarts to help Santa fly the ute on Christmas Eve.
622507	Bruiser Shusterman, Neal	Harper	2010	9780061134104	7-9	The twins, Tennyson and Bronte, are very different in how they approach the world. This is best seen by the different reactions both have to the large, brooding and mysterious Brewster. While many in the school believe he is a dark and dangerous menace, Bronte befriends him and they begin dating. This is how both siblings notice the horrible scars on Brewster and suspect he is being abused at home. The truth is far stranger.

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649005	Bruno the boisterous blue dog from the bush Osborne, Robyn & Phillips, John (ill)	Big Sky Publishing	2018	9781925675504	5-6	Barefoot Bob and Bruno live together in a broken down barracks surrounded by the beautiful Aussie bush. Although they don't have much in the bank, they are the best of buddies and life is bonzer. Then one day Bob hits the bonanza and everything changes. Without a backward glance, Bob and Bruno move to the big smoke. But is this fancy new life better than the one they had in the bush? An alliterative, humorous tale which celebrates mateship and introduces young readers to the quintessential language of the Australian bush.
9449	Bruno Trask and the dark lady's jewels Pryor, Michael	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780733614415	7-9	In a world where humans live alongside elves, dwarves, werewolves and ogres, Bruno Trask accidentally gets hold of one of the Dark Lady's jewels. He finds himself on the run from the world's most famous, rich and influential Elf. Fast and satirical.
660689	Bubbay's desert adventure Wowolla Boyle, Josie & Martins, Fern (ill)	Magabala Books	2020	9781925936797	K-2	Bubbay was lonely. He lived alone with his goat herd in the Australian desert. He slept under the stars, who were his friends and knew they kept him company through the night. He wished for a family to love. One night a talking star and his magical grandma came to help him on an adventure to make his wish come true.
643201	Bubbles and Buddy Kidd, Denver	Denver Kidd	2019	9780646800257	K-2	Two kitten brothers, who are also good buddies - but do they always get along?
17489	Buck and his truck French, Vivian & Lacome, Julie (ill)	Walker Books	2005	9781844289387	K-2	Buck and his truck and Harry and his lorry are rival removalists. One day, they turn up for the same job and trouble starts.
7805	Buddy Jones, V M	HarperCollins NZ	2002	9781869504311	9plus	Josh appears a typical teenager, resentful of his parents' divorce and dad's new girlfriend. Despite a crippling fear of the water, he learns to swim so that he can take part in the Iron Kid Triathlon, Sensitive treatment of mental retardation. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
10347	Budinge and the Min Min lights Kirk, Uncle Joe & Casey, Greer & Harrold, Sandi (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781743628577	K-2	Budinge lives with his grandmother, deep in the Australian bush. One night, he notices a bright light twinkling through the trees. Budinge's grandmother had often warned him that if he didn't behave, the Min-Min lights would come and lead him away. Budinge is frightened and begins to run.
15059	Buffy, an adventure story Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2001	9780744577853	K-2	Buffy is a wonderful performing dog, rejected by his magician owner. He journeys the world until he realises that he can only be who he is and then he finds a family.

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617011	Bug collector, The Griffiths, Alex. G.	New Frontier Publishing	2019	9781925594539	K-2	George loves bugs. Small ones, leggy ones, ones that glow. So he decides to become the world's best bug collector. But fabulous creatures aren't meant for life in a bottle.
989	Bugalugs bum thief, The Winton, Tim	Penguin	2003	9780143300847	3-4	Skeeta Anderson woke up one morning to find that his bum was gone. And not only his bum, but the bum of every single person in the town of Bugalugs.
12035	Bugliest bug, The Shields, Carol Diggory & Nash, Scott (ill)	Walker Books	2002	9780744556858	K-2	Damselfly Dilly uncovers a plot by a group of sinister spiders who are holding a bugliest bug contest and secretly planning to eat the contestants, including Tumblebug, the Dung Beetle, who prefers to be called the Original Pooper Scooper.
4898	Bugs Bone, Emily & Battistel, Cinzia (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2016	9781474907163	K-2	Ever wanted to learn all about the different bugs out there? Readers can learn all about lots of different bugs, from honey bees to wolf spiders. Did you know that some spiders can breathe underwater or that ants carry their babies when they move nests? Learn so much more about bugs in this enthralling book.
	Building blocks of science series Midthun, Joseph & Hiti, Samuel (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.
3476	Building boy, The Montgomery, Ross & Litchfield, David (ill)	Faber & Faber	2016	9780571314096	K-2	The boy's work was done. He looked into the eyes he'd built and said, "Grandma, wake up." All at once the stars leapt closer. Grandma grabbed the boy, raising him high above the roof tiles on her head. She was alive.
47248	Building site zoo Masson, Sophie & Wood, Laura (ill)	Lothian Books	2017	9780734417527	K-2	Every morning on our walk we see an amazing zoo, full of astonishing animals. Come and see them too! With a little imagination, a building site can come to life, bringing all kinds of animals into the busy town.
18462	Bullies, bigmouths and so-called friends Alexander, Jenny	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2006	9780340911846	5-6	Bullies push you around, bigmouths make sarcastic comments about you and so-called friends tell your secrets. Don't feel like a loser, just build up your defences. This book shows you how.
6348	Bully chip, The Wood, Glenn	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9781921977640	5-6	A year after they defeated the evil Lester Smythe, Callum, Sophie and Jinx are having problems with two bullies who are targeting them at school. The friends do not back down and take on the bullies. But could the bullies' evil power be the work of Lester Smythe again.

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2569	Bully on the bus Apel, Kathryn	University of Queensland Press	2014	9780702253287	3-4	Each day Leroy, who's in grade one, and his older sister, Ruby, catch the bus to school. On every trip, DJ, an angry high school student, makes Leroy's life a misery through bullying, along with threats of what might happen if he tells anyone. Ruby encourages Leon to tell either his teacher or their parents, but Leroy resists. DJ's power is too strong.
10309	Bumblebee Wilson, J V & Kennaway, Adrienne (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2011	9781847800084	3-4	A bumblebee queen's life is a busy one. She pollinates plants, builds wax honey-pots and lays eggs to produce future queens, male drones and the workers who make honey and defend the colony. Sadly, bumblebee numbers are in dramatic decline.
	BumbleBunnies series Various				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.
61	Bumface Gleitzman, Morris	Puffin Australia	1998	9780140387971	7-9	While his irresponsible, actress mother lives a jolly life, Angus is literally left holding the babies, his younger siblings. It's a bit much for an eleven year old. Humour masks the adult themes in this story that is suitable for mature readers.
18400	Bumpus jumpus dinosaurumpus Mitton, Tony & Parker-Rees, Guy (ill)	Orchard Books	2003	9781841212944	K-2	Story builds to a thumping, stomping crescendo as the many different dinosaurs dance and play together.
6477	Bungawitta Rodda, Emily	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781862918337	5-6	The town of Bungawitta is so dry that the youngest resident, Glory-Alice, has only ever seen rain on television. The residents have to work out how to bring people to the dying town, where the sun always shines.
12272	Bunny cakes Wells, Rosemary	Puffin UK	2000	9780140566673	K-2	Ruby is making a cake for grandma's birthday. Max, her little brother, has to make repeated trips to the grocer to make up for disrupting Ruby's project and to get the perfect ingredients for the special cake he is making for grandma.
12271	Bunny money Wells, Rosemary	Puffin UK	2000	9780140567502	K-2	Max and his sister, Ruby, are shopping for Grandma's birthday present. Ruby has saved up a walletful of money, and, as usual, she's in charge or thinks she is. She has plans for an elaborate gift but Max is sure that Grandma would prefer his choice.

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750941	Bunnygirl: The first adventure Jayne, Holly	Berbay Publishing	2020	9780648785118	K-2	Bea likes helping her friends and has the perfect superhero sidekick. Bea is close to being the superhero she wants to be. All she needs is the right suit.
2963	Bureau of Mysteries Harper, H J & Ziersch, Nahum (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2012	9781742752143	5-6	George Feather lives an uneventful life. That is, until he falls down a chimney and discovers the Bureau of Mysteries, an eccentric group of investigators and codebreakers who live between the floors of a hotel. George is recruited and with his partner, Imp, must follow trails of evidence and try to crack the codes left behind by the suspects. The tricky cryptic clues must be solved in time to save the city.
9358	Burglar Bill Ahlberg, Janet & Allan	Puffin UK	1999	9780140503012	3-4	When Burglar Bill is burgled by Burglar Betty and finds a baby in a box, he changes his wicked ways.
26551	Buried ark, The Bradley, James	Pan MacMillan	2018	9781743549902	9plus	Callie risked everything to try to save her sister Gracie from the Change, but she failed. Now she has to risk everything simply to stay alive in the Zone where the Change is everywhere and nothing is what it seems. Until she stumbles across a secret from her past that might hold the key to defeating the Change. Hunted and alone, she finds refuge in the most unexpected of places, only to find that she is in more danger than ever. This book is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
614652	Buried moon, The: And other tales of bright young women Forsyth, Kate & Carrington, Lorena (ill)	Serenity Press	2019	9780648400004	7-9	All of the seven tales in this collection have one thing in common. They are stories of young women who face darkness and danger, but who prevail against the odds because of the brightness of their spirit and the strength of their resolve. The Moon is saved from the bog by the courage of those who love her bright light... Fenella stays silent for seven years and weaves cloth from nettles to save her brothers... Nastia must learn to survive alone in the land of the midnight sun... Jiayang, daughter of the Emperor of China, devises an impossible quest for her unwanted suitors...Jennet holds fast to her beloved, despite the cruel enchantments the Faery Queen casts upon him... Sofiya outwits the Tsar and so wins his love and respect... Molly Whuppie outwits a giant and saves her sisters... These stories of bright young women will remind readers of their own inner radiance, which gives them power to illuminate the whole world.
62	Buried secrets Harris, Christine	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1996	9780091827489	7-9	Fourteen very different stories in this collection cover topics such as x-ray vision, senility and coping with braces.

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708363	Burn Ness, Patrick	Walker Books	2020	9781406375503	9plus	Set in middle America in the 1950s, Sarah and her father have hired a belligerent dragon of Russian heritage to clear their land. His arrival signals the beginning of a destiny that spirals beyond anyone's control. This story explores race, sexuality, gender stereotypes and how dragon power can be used for good or for evil. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1980	Burning the bails: the story of the ashes Bell, Krista & Walters, Ainsley (ill)	One Day Hill Pty Ltd	2013	9780987313980	5-6	When Russell witnesses his mother burning wooden bails from a friendly cricket match between Australia and England, little does he know just how important that night becomes in sporting history.
63	Burnt stick, The Hill, Anthony & Sofilas, Mark (ill)	Penguin	1996	9780140369298	5-6	An Aboriginal boy is removed from his mother, despite her desperate efforts to disguise his fair skin by rubbing him with charcoal from a burnt stick.
24726	Bus called Heaven, A Graham, Bob	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2011	9781406334197	K-2	One morning, a broken old bus appears, from nowhere, right outside Stella's house. Everyone wonders how it got there. When Stella climbs on board, she sees everything that it could become. So the lonely old bus becomes the place to hold meetings, play games and share stories. But one day, a tow truck arrives, threatening to take away not just the bus, but everything the community has worked hard to create.
88674	Bus to the zoo, The Murphy, Mary & Lee, Josh (ill)	Omnibus Books	2009	9781862917286	K-2	There's a funny, blue bus going to the zoo today. The passengers are all special animals and the bus is filling up very quickly.
5837	Bush and beyond: stories from country Mia, Tjalaminu & Lister, Jessica & Kickett-Tucker, Cheryl & Tucker, Jayon	Fremantle Press	2018	9781925591132	3-4	Grandparents are special. In these four short stories from Western Australia, four Aboriginal Australian writers have crafted stories featuring grandparents with their families. Fun, adventurous tales, featuring Noonga and Wongutha words, illustrations and local knowledge.
12400	Bush babies Dale, Kim	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734408754	K-2	A beautifully illustrated, lift-the-flap book which describes fourteen animal babies found in the Australian bush.
903390	Bush birds Milroy, Helen	Fremantle Press	2023	9781760992422	K-2	Little birds, big birds, all different kinds. How many bush birds can you find?
1244439	Bush bubs Milroy, Helen	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760994471	K-2	So many joeys, puggles and pups. Let's discover our precious bush bubs.
2693	Bush Christmas, A Dennis, C J & Huxley, Dee (ill)	Black Dog Books	2011	9781742032078	5-6	It's Christmas in the bush and the sun burns hotly through the gums. Down the road old Rogan comes for a bite of tucker and a beer. Mum's in the kitchen cooking up a turkey and plum pudding. A famous Australian poem revisited.

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75199	Bush concert, The Visser, Helga	Omnibus Books	2011	9781862919150	3-4	There has been a terrible drought and a multitude of Australian birds put on a gala concert to cheer themselves up. There is singing and dancing and magic tricks, but the final performance is the perfect end to a wonderful bush concert. Told in humorous rhyme.
15996	Bush jumper, The Chapman, Jean & Beck, Ali (ill)	ABC Books	2005	9780733307492	K-2	Koala knits Mitti a jumper the colour of wattle blossom. The only problem is that she runs out of wool and has to knit a multi-coloured sleeve. Mitti is not keen on the result but the other animals help to change her mind.
871580	Bush magic Howarth, Kylie	Walker Books	2022	9781760650827	K-2	Jarrah and her grandfather love to spend time together in the bush, but one day the sun forgets to come out. Fortunately, grandpa does not forget to visit and Jarrah takes them both on an adventure starting with some leaves and flowers taken from the backyard and ending in a most unexpected way.
5936	Bush Santa, The Foot, Mandy	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9780734416858	K-2	As the sun sets on Christmas Eve, the Bush Santa's big night begins. He travels around Australia, delivering special presents to all the Australian animals, from the cockies in Cairns and the crocs of the Top End, to the wallabies in Canberra and the quokkas of Rottnest Island.
23803	Bush tracks Moriarty, Ros, & Balarinji (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760297824	K-2	What can you see? Follow the clues that landscape, seasons, weather, the stars, the moon and the sun give to navigate bush tracks and find the Australian animal. A colourful exploration of country along a bush track, featuring illustrations by Balarinji, Australia's leading Indigenous design studio.
120128	Bush tucka, good tucka Brown, Jan & Madden, Robert (ill)	Indij Readers	2007	9780980359367	5-6	An hilarious trip to the supermarket for two Aboriginal kids and their weary Nan to buy bush tucka, sees the children being both cheeky and rambunctiously helpful. Contains bush tucka recipes for banana jelly and fried scones.
28038	Bush tucker and medicine of the Nyikina Milgin, Annie Nayina & Watson, Dadakar John & Thompson, Liz	Pearson Education Australia	2009	9781740703994	5-6	Two elders share the stories and knowledge of food and medicine from Jarlmadangah Burru and the Nyikina people who live there.
1013731	Bush turkey Temple, Kate & Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761124655	3-4	The Bush Turkey, or Scrub Turkey as he is sometimes known is always busy and this one is building a best-ever nest. Find out what happens when this bird takes charge. Lots of fun is sure to follow.

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1399471	Bush turkey: Christmas chaos Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761521690	K-2	Ho-Ho... Uh Oh! Christmas is coming really, really soon and Turkey needs decorations by this afternoon! He heads off to the store; Bin Chicken's there too. Watch out, Santa Claus! It's a Christmas Hullabaloo!
1424057	Bush turkey: Easter hunt Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761640124	K-2	Bush Turkey is building, flinging mess far and wide, when suddenly he spies shiny eggs there outside! Turkey gathers them up and takes off with a run... and crashes into a pile of hot cross buns! 'Stop!' yells the baker. But Bush Turkey's long gone.
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!"
751046	Bushfire book, The: how to be aware and prepare Marsden, Polly & Nixon, Chris (ill)	Lothian Books	2020	9780734420077	3-4	Australia is a big country with all sorts of weather and sometimes extreme weather, like bushfires. Bushfires can make a real mess of things. The air fills with smoke, the sky turns red and precious things burn. We don't need to be scared of bushfires, we just need to make sure we are ready for them. Learn about what causes bushfires, the clever people who keep an eye on them, and how to be prepared - not scared!
8850	Bushrangers Rushby, Pamela	Harcourt Education Australia	2003	9781740659789	5-6	Interesting information about some of the more colourful characters in Australia's bushranging history.
15060	Bushrangers, heroes, victims or villains Bruce, Jill B & Wade, Jan (ill)	Five Senses Publications	2013	9780731811915	5-6	Read about what made people choose to become bushrangers. Readers can decide whether the bushrangers' actions made them victims, villains or heroes.
574737	Business pig Zuill, Andrea	Sterling Publishing Co	2018	9781454926849	3-4	Jasper would rather draw graphs than play in the mud. Can this cutie pig find someone to adopt him who means business, too?
587727	Busted Ciocca, Gina	Sourcebooks Inc	2017	9781492654292	9plus	Marisa catches her best friend's boyfriend cheating and, before she knows it, she's got another friend setting up a website for her to catch out love rats for a living. But life starts getting complicated when the boy she is spying on for one friend turns out to be everything she has ever looked for in a guy. To make matters even worse, she is then asked to spy on her ex by his new love interest! How could Marisa ever come out of this unscathed? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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995959	Buster follows his nose Stevenson, Paula & Hale, Jenny	Exisle Publishing	2023	9780648964070	K-2	Tilly and Buster are the best of friends. They do everything together. When Tilly gets lost, Buster will keep her safe.
4593	Busting Blabey, Aaron	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781743812389	K-2	Lou was busting for the loo. But the loo had quite a queue. What on earth was Lou to do.
778311	Busy beaks Allen, Sarah	Affirm Press	2020	9781925972948	K-2	Spend a day with Australia's most vibrant and unique feathered friends. Full of splashing shorebirds, clattering cockatoos, parading penguins and greedy galahs, Busy Beaks is the perfect introduction to birds of all shapes and sizes.
5320	Busy life of Ernestine Buckmeister, The Ravin Lodding, Linda & Beaky, Suzanne (ill)	Flashlight Press	2011	9780979974694	3-4	Ernestine is in over her head. From Monday through to Sunday, Ernestine's week is packed with after-school lessons. She does tuba, knitting, sculpting, water ballet, yoga, yodelling and karate. Overwhelmed and exhausted, Ernestine decides to take matters into her own hands.
32266	Busy little creatures Bowden, Fiona	Little Book Press	2017	9780648115601	K-2	A fun way to explore movement, colour, patterns, sizes and numbers whilst supporting your child's learning and encouraging outdoor play and adventure.
779553	But excuse me that is my book Child, Lauren	Penguin	2006	9780141500539	K-2	Beetles, Bugs and Butterflies is Lola's absolute favourite book ever in the whole wide world. But someone else has borrowed Lola's book! Can Charlie help Lola find her next absolute favourite book?
8230	Butcher paper, texta, blackboard and chalk Hunter, Ruby & Roach, Archie	One Day Hill Pty Ltd	2012	9780980794847	K-2	Warning: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander's are warned that this book and CD/DVD contains images and voices of deceased persons. A book of children's songs, captured beautifully with paintings by Ruby Hunter. You can listen to the CD while reading the book. Great resource for teachers.
807	Butter Lange, Erin	Bloomsbury	2013	9780571294404	9plus	Butter is overweight and he knows it. He is unpopular at school and sits alone at lunch. Then he decides to eat himself to death live over the net. Suddenly he is the centre of attention with the coolest group at school - he knows it is only because of his site but he is no longer alone. Will he go through with his dare and will his new found 'friends' let him or make him. Contains mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
15304	Butterflies Harley, Diana & Yates, Sue-Ellen (ill)	Sapphire Coast Press	2003	9780975145005	K-2	Allow your imagination to move with the butterflies in this engaging and beautifully illustrated book. Useful text for increasing students' understanding of vocabulary.

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9500	Butterflies and other insects Morgan, Sally	Thameside Press	2001	9781930643420	3-4	The life span, mating behaviour, diet and self defence of butterflies and other insects, are revealed with amazing facts, relevant definitions and key terms.
33951	Butterflies close up Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2014	9781742033044	5-6	Butterflies undergo one of the most amazing transformations experienced by any living creature. Take a closer look at these beautiful, flying insects.
9543	Butterflies fly Winer, Yvonne & Lloyd-Jones, Karen (ill)	Margaret Hamilton	2000	9781876289010	3-4	This beautifully illustrated poetry book accurately describes fifteen different species of butterfly.
72124	Butterflies in my stomach and other school hazards Bloch, Serge	Koala Books	2008	9780864618924	3-4	On his first day of school, a little boy struggles with missing his dog and the oddities of the English language. Perhaps he really will be in a big pickle on the bus. He doesn't want to open a can of worms but it is all a bit confusing.
641421	Butterfly garden, The Torres, Michael & Martins, Fern (ill)	Magabala Books	2019	9781925936995	K-2	An entertaining introduction to the life cycle of a butterfly - played out by a fat caterpillar, a hungry kookaburra and a supporting cast of beautiful butterflies.
1019763	Butterfly girl Kwok, Ashling & Li, Arielle (ill)	EK Books	2023	9781922539564	K-2	Olivia and her butterfly friends are inseparable, until she moves to a grey, gloomy city with her mother. Heartbroken to leave her butterflies behind, Olivia struggles to make new friends as the city's residents stay indoors. Missing her butterflies, she calls for them from her empty balcony, but they don't come. Realising butterflies need plants, water, and resting spots, Olivia builds a butterfly garden using what she can find. Despite her efforts, no butterflies arrive, until a gust of wind scatters her flowers to neighbouring balconies. People of all ages and backgrounds come out to collect them, and Olivia suddenly understands how to attract new friends, both butterflies and people with a little colour, kindness, and creativity.
3037	Butterfly heart, The Leyden, Paula	Walker Books	2011	9781406327922	9plus	In Zambia, time is running out as Bul-Boo and Madillo try to work out a way to save their friend, Winifred, from a terrifying fate. In desperation, they ask the advice of Ifwafwa, the snake man, who promises to think about the problem. Ifwafwa is wise and has a gift with snakes, but he does not like to hurry and Bul-Boo becomes impatient. Some adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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682622	Butterfly yellow Lai, Thanhha	University of Queensland Press	2019	9780702262890	9plus	There are steps that must be done, and once done, another step awaits. The last step, after six years of minute planning by her grandmother, is a bus ride away. In A-ma-ri-lo her baby brother has to be waiting. In her imaginings, he is always waiting. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
56138	Butterfly's circus Goldstein, Nikki & Contreras, Melissa (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2010	9780733322594	3-4	Butterfly is no ordinary girl. On the day she is born, jealous Romola casts a wicked spell that causes little Butterfly to grow wings. She is different from all the other children, but when the future of the circus is put in danger, Butterfly finds a way to save it from closing.
76454	Button boy Young, Rebecca & deGennaro, Sue	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781741697971	K-2	Banjo is so fixated with button collecting, he doesn't join in the activities of the other neighbourhood children. When he returns home, his grandmother sews each button on his favourite jumper. But, the buttons once belonged to someone and, each morning, Banjo finds the owner of the buttons and detaches the relevant one from his jumper.
704535	Button war, The Avi	Walker Books	2019	9781406380835	7-9	The boys of a small Polish village are used to the occupying Russian soldiers, but this fragile peace is shattered when a German plane drops a bomb on the school house and signals the coming invasion. The discovery of a soldier's discarded button begins a contest between the friends to get the best button and become king. This contest gets more and more daring as the intensity of battle for the village increases.
64	Buzzard breath & brains Moloney, James	University of Queensland Press	1998	9780702229565	5-6	The funny and moving sequel to, Swashbuckler. When the principal's prized rose garden is vandalised, Rex and Tony, get the blame. But it is a set-up, and Tony is ""making enquiries"". Rex discovers a dilemma, a new friend and even netball.

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1019913	Buzzing Sattin, Samuel & Hickman, Rye (ill)	Hachette Australia	2023	9780316628419	7-9	Isaac Itkin can't get away from his thoughts. As a lonely twelve-year-old kid with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), everything from studying to looking in the mirror becomes a battle between him and a swarm of unhelpful thoughts. The strict therapy his mother insists on doesn't seem to be working, but when a group of friends invites him to join their after-school role-playing game, the thoughts feel a little less loud, and the world feels a little brighter. But Isaac's therapist says that exposure to games can have negative effects on kids with OCD, and when his grades slip, his helicopter mother won't let him play anymore. Now Isaac needs to find a way to prove to himself, to his mother, and to the world that the way to quiet the noise in his head may have been inside him all along.
9266	By heart, 101 poems and how to remember them Hughes, Ted	Faber & Faber	1997	9780140867497	7-9	An anthology for reciters of poetry.
32219	By royal command Hooper, Mary	Bloomsbury	2008	9780747588856	7-9	Lucy works as a serving maid for Dr Dee, court magician and consultant to Queen Elizabeth 1. In return for saving the Queen's life, Lucy is told that she is to work as a spy for Her Grace. When Lucy hears unexplained cries in the house, she suspects Dr Dee of foul deeds to make money and curry favour with the Queen.
4634	By the light of the moon Percival, Tom	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408852118	K-2	Ivan's old house had always been so warm and friendly. But, his new house is strange and Ivan can't sleep. From his window, he sees a shimmering light land in the garden. It's a creature called Moji who takes Ivan on a fabulous night-time adventure, up high into space, bounding through starlit forests and down deep into the oceans. The magical Moji shows Ivan that, soon, the new house will feel like home.
1021	Cabbage patch war, The Jennings, Paul	Penguin	1996	9780140382433	3-4	Chris is in the middle of a feud between her Dad and her neighbour. It is a very funny fight over a cabbage which turns into an out and out war.

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6378	Cabinet of curiosities, The Dowswell, Paul	Bloomsbury	2010	9781408800461	7-9	When fourteen year old Lukas de Boodt is orphaned, his uncle takes him as an apprentice in Prague, a refuge for Europe's greatest alchemists and natural philosophers. The uncle is court physician to the reclusive, unstable Emperor, and also curator of his bizarre Cabinet of Curiosities, four halls full of wonders and scientific marvels. When Lucas learns of a sinister plot, his life is in great danger.
653169	Caesar's last breath Kean, Sam	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2017	9781784162931	7-9	Each moment, we inhale and exhale sextillions of different molecules. Some of these molecules are undoubtedly the same molecules exhaled by Julius Caesar, the long extinct dinousaurs, and even some of the perfume molecules from Cleopatra. This book tells the story of our atmosphere, what it is made of, and how it came to be this way. Even though the science can be incredibly complex, the author clearyly explains just enough and in an entertaining way.
1022	Cafe on Callisto, The French, Jackie	Koala Books	2001	9780864613325	3-4	An amusing story about a light-hearted journey through space and time, with a father and his daughter searching for the perfect planet.
	Cairo Jim series McSkimming, Geoffrey				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.
12431	Call of the Osprey Jorgensen, Norman & Harrison-Lever, Brian	Fremantle Press	2004	9781920731854	5-6	When Tom offers to help the captain restore an old steam boat, he enters a world of blisters and barnacles, pirates and gun-runners, shipwrecks and sea creatures. As Tom works side by side with the captain, their friendship grows and strengthens.
66	Call of the wild London, Jack	University of Queensland Press	2008	9780192728012	7-9	Buck is a family pet and life is good in Santa Clara Valley, where he spends his days eating and sleeping in the golden sunshine. But, one day, a treacherous act of betrayal leads to his kidnap, and he is forced into a life of toil and danger as a sledge dog in the harsh and freezing cold Yukon, Buck must fight for his survival. This is a classic story of cruelty, kindness and survival in a harsh environment.

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1360091	Callers 2 : The hidden forest Thomas, Kiah	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460768631	5-6	The shocking truth about Calling has been revealed: the magical ability to conjure something out of thin air actually steals resources from another place. This leaves Quin on the run. Management will do everything in their power to catch him, the last of the Vine-touched and the only hope left to bring life back to a dying planet. His sister Davinia finds herself in the difficult position of playing a double agent. She must fool everyone, even her own mother, the head of the Council, if she is to find evidence to clear her brother's name. A single slip up will cost either of them their lives. It's a good thing that there's a friendly dragon-like creature, a long lost family member and a small village of stubborn citizens who have their backs. The Hidden Forest and all its life giving secrets is waiting to be explored and the Vine is running out of time.
871638	Callers, The Thomas, Kiah	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9781460762141	5-6	In Elipsom, Calling is a coveted skill. Despite being born into a family of Callers, Quin doesn't have the gift. But everything changes when instead of summoning an object, Quin makes something disappear. The discovery this leads to changes his whole world and he must decide where his loyalties lie and follow his moral compass.
1034	Callie Park, Ruth	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2009	9780732289218	5-6	A reissue combining two books, Callie's castle and Callie's family. Callie's castle is already on the PRC booklist with ID 67. You can read Callie's family using the ID number 1034. Callie is an ordinary child living in an extraordinary old house. She is bitterly disappointed when she is just one month too old at twelve to be able to go to Denmark with her dad as no-one can afford the adult fare she now needs.
67	Callie's castle Park, Ruth	HarperCollins Australia	1994	9780207186240	5-6	Callie's Grandpa Cameron discovers a secret room in the roof of her house and it becomes her secret hideaway.
901458	Calling of Jackdaw Hollow, The Gordon, Kate	University of Queensland Press	2022	9780702263484	5-6	When Jackdaw Hollow is orphaned by a lightning strike, he is taken in by the headmistress of Direleafe Hall. Even though he grows up with her love and care, he feels undeserving, as if the universe made a mistake in sparing him. As he searches for the reason he survived the storm, he befriends Angeline, a wildling girl who knows where her destiny lies - the circus. But when he goes too far in trying to find his own calling, will he lose sight of what's most important?

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693086	Calm down, zebra Kuenzler, Lou & Woolf, Julia (ill)	Faber & Faber	2020	9780571351718	K-2	Annie is helping baby Joe learn about colours. Frog fetch the green paint. That's perfect. Well done! And Lion, youre yellow, as bright as the sun. But Zebra is rather keen on patterns, and he is getting a little over excited.
1301	Calpepper's place Trewin, Trudie & Gynell, Donna (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2014	9781922081322	K-2	Calpepper has had enough of plodding through the hot desert sand and sets out for excitement and far away places, searching for the perfect home.
68	Came back to show you I could fly Klein, Robin	Puffin Australia	1998	9780140342543	9plus	Eleven year old Seymour meets Angie, who is older and beautiful, a dream girl. Seymour is unaware that Angie is a drug addict. Their friendship, and the revelation of this secret, changes both their lives. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
15418	Camel rider Mason, Prue	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2004	9780143300823	9plus	Set in the panic and confusion of a wartime attack, two boys from different cultures must rely on each other to survive in the desert. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
18382	Cameras in Narnia Brodie, Ian	HarperCollins NZ	2005	9781869505806	5-6	Detailed book of the making of the film, 'The Chronicles of Narnia'. A fascinating look at the process of film-making.
2948	Camp crazy Trewin, Trudie	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9781922077998	5-6	Daks and his mates are camping. No parents, just four mates alone with nature. But then they find a hidden camp. Is it the legendary Jungle Jim or someone much more sinister.
38087	Camp croc Trewin, Trudie	Walker Books	2011	9781921720031	5-6	Camp Trib is legendary and Daks is finally there after years of waiting. So, too, are some wildlife smugglers. It's a jungle out there and Daks and his mates are in for an unexpected adventure at camp. Perhaps, they should be more afraid of the smugglers than the wildlife.
1414437	Camp spooky: Attack of the aliants Harry, Pip & Foster, Kate & Bartel, Joanna (ill)	Larrikin House	2025	9781923345157	3-4	Being chosen for the Sensational Sports Superstars of the Future Sports Camp is a dream come true for aspiring swim champion Archie, but for music-loving Isla, it's the last place she wants to be. But when a repulsive stench sweeps over the camp, devices keep disappearing, and kids start to act like zombies, Archie and Isla team up to solve the mystery. Can they uncover an alien invasion, foil a secret government agency, and have the courage to go after their dreams?
5188	Can a skeleton have an x-ray Hughes-Odgers, Kyle	Fremantle Press	2015	9781925162691	3-4	From the practical to the philosophical, the interesting and big questions in this book are guaranteed to fire your imagination.

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846261	Can bears ski? Antrobus, Raymond & Dunbar, Polly (ill)	Walker Books	2022	9781406394627	K-2	Dad Bear stops and looks directly at me. 'Your friend was saying hello. Why did you ignore him?" I didn't, I didn't. Then Dad Bear asks again "CAN BEARS SKI?" Is he really asking me that? This multilayered, skillfully woven book provides an insight into how children cope when the world doesn't seem to make sense.
1096745	Can cats swim even if they don't like water? World Book Editors	World Book		9780716638254	3-4	World Book answers all of your pet related questions, and not only questions about pets. World Book answers questions about a range of other topics too, such as technology, outer space, and oceans, too. This book can tell you why dogs sniff butts, why cats swim even though they don't like water and why do glowworms glow? World Book help you make sense of the world with informative and funny answers. Well . . . at least they think they are funny. I am sure you will too.
31588	Can I cuddle the moon? Brown, Kerry & Stewart, Lisa (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781741695540	K-2	A little owl who is searching for someone to cuddle discovers that the cuddle may not be very far away at all.
5752	Can I touch your hair? Latham, Irene & Walters, Charles & Allko, Selina & Qualls, Sean	Carolrhoda Books	2018	9781512404425	7-9	Two young children from different racial and cultural backgrounds are asked to collaborate on a set of poems. They write about lots of different subjects showing their very different perspectives on issues such as religion, identity and friendship, finally coming to some kind of understanding of each other and the world they live in.
23535	Can we lick the spoon now? Goess, Carol & Ainslie, Tamsin (ill)	Working Title Press	2010	9781921504167	K-2	Share in the fun as Dad and the children get busy in the kitchen. They're making a chocolate cake and lots of things go wrong in the process.
923439	Can we really help the dolphins? Daynes, Katie & Hahessy, Roisin (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781474997881	K-2	A message in a bottle turns a seaside holiday into a worldwide campaign to save the ocean. Join six friends as they meet the dolphins... and discover what's really going on under the sea.
21346	Can we save the tiger Jenkins, Martin & White, Vicky (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781406319095	5-6	Tigers are big, beautiful and fierce. But, like many other animals, they are in danger of becoming extinct, with fewer than two thousand five hundred breeding adult tigers left in the world. But, the outlook is not all gloomy. Positive action is taking place to protect this threatened species as well as other endangered animals such as the bison, the Antarctic fur seal and the kakapo.

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17975	Can you catch a mermaid Ray, Jane	Orchard Books	2003	9781841212968	3-4	Eliza befriends a mermaid named Freya and loves to play with her. When Freya loses her special mirror, she is unable to return to the sea. Eliza finds the mirror but hides it so Freya will stay with her. Eventually, she realises her mistake.
4000	Can you cuddle like a koala? Butler, John	Orchard Books	2003	9781843623625	K-2	I wonder if you can cuddle like a koala, hug like a bear or do all the other things the animals in these beautiful pictures can do on their way to bed.
774120	Can you do this? Wagner, Michael & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	ABC Books	2021	9780733335723	K-2	It's not easy being good at all the things our big brothers and sisters can do. Big kids are good at everything, right? Aren't they? Step into this gorgeous book to see if this big brother can do all the daring things his little brother gets up to.
638716	Can you find 12 busy bees? Winch, Gordon & Shirvington, Patrick (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2019	9781925594560	K-2	Can you find 12 busy bees? Take a closer look into Australian nature and appreciate the beauty of the natural world.
41520	Can you find me? Winch, Gordon & Shirvington, Patrick (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2017	9781925059793	K-2	Can you find all the creatures hiding in this book?
43046	Can you growl like a bear Butler, John	Orchard Books	2008	9781846163241	K-2	Try trumpeting like an elephant, growling like a bear and chattering like a chimp as you look at lots of different animals and the noises they make.
9625	Can you keep a secret Allen, Pamela	Penguin	2000	9780670844050	K-2	The King has lost his crown. He can't find it anywhere. Follow him through this picture book and see how silly he's been.
6079	Can you keep a secret Carthew, Mark & Murphy, Jobi	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9781741662481	K-2	For anyone who loves nursery rhymes, and for anyone yet to discover their wonders, this book includes a collection of action verse, playtime and counting rhymes, all brought to life with bright illustrations.
69	Can you keep a secret Pausacker, Jenny	Dutton Children's Books	2001	9780525458401	9plus	An historical, political thriller set in Melbourne during the Depression in the 1930s. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1080152	Can you teach a fish to climb a tree? Godwin, Jane & Denton, Terry (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2023	9781760508661	K-2	So... can a fish climb a tree? Can a horse drive a car? Can a baby bake a cake? And if they can't, what wonderful things can they do?
15553	Can you whistle, Johanna Stark, Ulf	Gecko Press	2005	9781571430571	3-4	Berra doesn't have a grandfather and Ulf suggests there are plenty of old men at the retirement home who would do as a grandfather. They go there to find a grandfather, ideally one who eats pig's trotters, invites you to tea and who can teach you to whistle.

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12065	Can't you sleep, Little Bear Waddell, Martin & Firth, Barbara (ill)	Walker Books	2001	9780744581669	K-2	Little Bear can't sleep. Even with the biggest lantern at his bedside, he is frightened of the dark. But Big Bear finds a way to reassure him by taking him out to see the moon and the stars.
70	Candle for Saint Antony, A Spence, Eleanor	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1993	9780340605479	9plus	An intense story about the developing, close relationship between Justin, an Australian boy, and Rudi, a sensitive boy from Austria. Their emotional interdependence causes trouble in their peer group as others question the nature of the relationship. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1338011	Candle island Wolk, Lauren	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761721243	5-6	Lucretia and her mother move to a small island town where they hope to get away from the sadness of losing Lucretia's father, and avoid people trying to disrupt the artist life they both want to live. This small island comes with great beauty, music, and nature, but it is not the quiet paradise they hoped it would be. They find themselves in the midst of old rivalries, secrets and tragedies.
13193	Candles at dawn Ural, Serpil	Limelight Press	2004	9780956935274	7-9	An in-depth study of Gallipoli and what it meant to Australia, New Zealand and Turkey. A lesson in how futile war can be and the improbability of war if people from both sides really knew each other.
124556	Candyfloss Wilson, Jacqueline	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2006	9780385608374	7-9	Floss has a special bond with her penniless father with whom she shares a humorous relationship. By ignoring the teasing from her peers, she is able to discover true friendship.
846197	Cane warriors Wheatle, Alex	Andersen Press Ltd	2020	9781839131127	9plus	Moa has spent his life toiling on the Frontier sugar cane plantation fearing the vicious whips the overseers. When he hears of an uprising, he is ready to be a cane warrior and fight to free his people. He is still only a boy and will have to confront terrifying tasks to survive and succeed. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1045	Cannily, cannily French, Simon	Penguin	1999	9780141305240	5-6	Constantly moving, Trevor is always the new boy. His home is a caravan and school is a strange desk in an unfamiliar classroom. He has his way of coping, of fitting into each new place but this time it's different and things start to go horribly wrong.
1047	Caps for sale Slobodkina, Esphyr	HarperTrophy	1987	9780064431439	K-2	A peddler walks around selling caps from a tall, tottering pile on his head. One morning, when he has not been able to sell a single cap, he sits down under a tree and falls asleep. When he wakes up, the caps are gone and the tree is full of cap-wearing monkeys.

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9940	Captain Abdul's pirate school McNaughton, Colin	Walker Books	2005	9781844281381	3-4	Adventure story about Maisy Pickles who is sent to pirate school. At the school, she uncovers a sinister plot and uses her pirate skills to try to avoid disaster.
	Captain Congo series Starke, Ruth & Holfeld, Greg (ill)				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.
26342	Captain Cook and the Endeavour Lefroy, Mike	Black Dog Books	2010	9781742031286	5-6	Captain Cook was from a poor farming family and his ship, the Endeavour, was originally named the Earl of Pembroke. After their voyages around the world, both came to be celebrities in history.
120129	Captain Cook's apprentice Hill, Anthony	Penguin Books Australia	2008	9780143004820	5-6	When young Isaac Manley sailed from England with Captain James Cook on the Endeavour in 1768, no one knew if the mysterious southern continent really existed. During his three years at sea, Isaac witnessed floggings, huge storms, press-gangs and violent clashes as well as the tropical beauty of Hawaii and the wonders of New Zealand.
5879	Captain Crabclaw's crew Watts, Frances & Legge, David (ill)	ABC Books	2008	9780733321801	K-2	When Captain Crabclaw advertises for a fearsome crew for his new ship, the Speedy Squid, he doesn't get quite the crew he expects. But, it's hoist the mainsail and anchors aweigh with a most unusual pirate crew.
18337	Captain Fact's human body adventure Knife & Packer	Egmont Childrens	2005	9781405217699	5-6	Fantasy characters travel through the body explaining various organs and their functions. A fun and matter of fact look at the internal functions of the human body, both pleasant and unpleasant.
95547	Captain Flinn and the pirate dinosaurs: Smugglers Bay Andreae, Giles & Ayto, Russell (ill)	Puffin UK	2010	9780141501321	K-2	While exploring a cave on a school excursion to Smuggler's Bay, Flinn and the other children stumble upon the nefarious Pirate Dinosaurs. Captain T Rex and his crew are smuggling sausages out of a secret cove and their favourites are children chipolatas. Captain Flinn must thwart the horrible plan, rescue their friend and get back to the beach before Miss Pie notices they are missing.
527	Captain Gallant Alexander, Goldie & Hamill, Dion (ill)	MacMillan	2005	9780732995973	3-4	In his dreams, Guy becomes Captain Gallant, a hero with a devoted crew who have unusual powers. Answering a distress call, Gallant rushes to rescue stranded Martian children whose parents have been kidnapped.

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27590	Captain Jack and the pirates Bently, Peter & Oxenbury, Helen	Puffin UK	2016	9780723269281	K-2	Jack, Zak and Casper, brave mariners three, are building a galleon down by the sea. A family day out at the beach turns into a swashbuckling pirate adventure.
31009	Captain Jimmy Cook discovers Third Grade Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Foye, Jon (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760291938	3-4	Jimmy Cook believes he is related to Captain James Cook and has plans to become an explorer. He decides to start in Hawaii. But, first, Jimmy has to navigate Third Grade and win the Wheetblocks competition to get there. That means beating the world's most annoying person, Alice Toolie.
4059	Captain Jimmy Cook discovers X marks the spot Temple, Jol & Temple, Kate & Foye, Jon (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760291945	3-4	Captain Jimmy Cook knows even the greatest explorers have problems. To start with, everyone in the school wants to help with the Secret Dinosaur Dig, so it's just a matter of time before Ms Fennel puts a stop to everything. And also, a large smelly cat is sitting in the dinosaur hole. But Jimmy has found a map of the school with a great big giant X on it. And everyone knows what that means- treasure! Is Captain Jimmy Cook about to make the discovery of a lifetime (again)?
71	Captain Mack Roy, James	University of Queensland Press	1999	9780702231070	5-6	Danny has a difficult time at school. The school bully picks on him and Danny's friend, Captain Mack, still thinks that he is a POW and wants to return home.
17993	Captain Pepper's pets Grindley, Sally & Parkins, David (ill)	Kingfisher	2004	9780753410424	3-4	Captain Pepper wants a new pet. He wants to be famous so a boring old parrot just won't do. The Captain gets his pirate crew to find the perfect pet. When they bring him a python, Captain Pepper is delighted but it may not prove to be the perfect pet.
124718	Captain Pugwash Ryan, John	Frances Lincoln	2007	9781845078218	3-4	Captain Pugwash and cabin boy, Tom, spy a ship with a mound of treasure and set off in hot pursuit. They must beware of Cut-throat Jake and his crew.
1986	Captain Sneer the buccaneer Morrison, Penny & Evans, Gabriel (ill)	Walker Books	2016	9781922179609	K-2	Ahoy there, me hearties, meet Captain Sneer, he's a most boastful buccaneer. Captain Sneer and his hardy crew of buccaneers are in for adventure and a big surprise in this rollicking, rhyming treasure hunt.

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3797	Caraval Garber, Stephanie	Hodder & Stoughton	2017	9781473629158	9plus	Scarlett has never left the tiny isle of Trisda, pining from afar for the wonder of Caraval, a once-a-year week-long performance where the audience participates in the show. Caraval is Magic. Mystery. Adventure. And for Scarlett and her beloved sister Tella it represents freedom and an escape from their ruthless, abusive father. When the sisters' long-awaited invitations to Caraval finally arrive, it seems their dreams have come true. But no sooner have they arrived than Tella vanishes, kidnapped by the show's mastermind organiser, Legend. Scarlett has been told that everything that happens during Caraval is only an elaborate performance. But nonetheless she quickly becomes enmeshed in a dangerous game of love, magic and heartbreak. And real or not, she must find Tella before the game is over, and her sister disappears forever. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
825557	Caravan at the edge of doom, The Beckett, Jim	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9781405298285	5-6	Four exploding grandparents. Twenty four hours in the Land of the Dead. One Epic adventure. An action packed, magical story full of humour and heart.
901546	Caravan at the edge of doom, The: Foul prophecy Beckett, Jim & Muza, Olia (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9781405298292	5-6	Twelve year old Harley just wants a normal life, but it is her destiny to be a Legendary Hero in the Land of the Dead. Now it is time for Harley to travel back through the Portal of Doom and rescue her best friend, battle with a massive fish and solve a mysterious prophecy. This is an incredible adventure including a dangerous toilet and a perilous rescue.
18535	Caravan kids Hathorn, Libby & Connor, Julie (ill)	National Museum of Australia Press	2006	9781876944445	3-4	A family holiday in a caravan leads to an adventure for Sally and her family. Sally dreams of being a writer and so her Mum suggests she make her own story about the trip.
751103	Carbon-neutral adventures of the indefatigable Enviroteens, The FIrst Dog on the Moon	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760526122	3-4	Together they are the EnviroTeens and they are going to get very angry, because ... Singleuse Plastic Brendan may have an evil plan to destroy all the world's turtles but there is something else going on. Climate change. The EnviroTeens will do anything to stop this terrible disaster. Can they save the whole world, they sure will give it their best.
18484	Carbonel: the prince of cats Sleigh, Barbara	Penguin	2005	9780141319735	5-6	A young girl buys a broom that belonged to a witch and a black cat, Carbonel, comes along as part of the deal. With the help of a little boy, they try to break a spell to help Carbonel reclaim his position as king of cats.

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667561	Cardboard kingdom Sell, Chad	Random House Children's Books	2019	9781524719388	5-6	With a lot of cardboard, tape and imagination, the neighbourhood has become transformed into a kingdom of magic, mayhem, heroes and villains. Everyone has a role to play!
29511	Cardboard palace, A Webster, Allayne L.	MidnightSun Publishing	2017	9781925227253	7-9	Jorge is from Romania. When he was very young, his parents sold him to Bill, a controller, who keeps Jorge in a small hut in a shanty town on the outskirts of Paris with other children. Jorge is forced to steal to stay alive and to give everything to Bill. When Jorge meets Australian chef Ricky, he finally has hope of redemption. But he must also save his friends Ada and Gino, before Bill finds out.
59956	Cardturner, The Sachar, Louis	Bloomsbury	2011	9781408808511	7-9	Alton's girlfriend has dumped him, he has no money and no job, so it looks like a long summer holiday ahead. Then he is asked to drive his old, blind and sick uncle to play bridge. His parents are desperate for him to get in his uncle's good books, but Alton soon finds himself enjoying his uncle's company, as well as playing bridge.
5305	Care and feeding of a pet black hole, The Cuevas, Michelle	Simon & Schuster	2018	9781471170188	5-6	Stella Rodriguez learns the hard way that caring for a black hole can be a rather complicated thing. They are fantastic at swallowing stuff - all the stuff she no longer wants around, like scratchy sweaters and her brother Cosmo's annoying toy. More importantly Stella finds that she can get rid of other things, things that remind her of her dad, who died recently, things that remind her to be sad. It's gets even more interesting when the black hole accidentally swallows something far too precious to lose and Stella has to go deep inside on an epic, interstellar adventure to save her whole world. Who knew that have a pet black hole could be so much trouble?
630458	Carl and the meaning of life Freedman, Deborah	Penguin USA	2019	9780451474988	K-2	Carl is an earthworm. He spends his days happily tunneling in the soil until a field mouse asks him a simple question that stops him short: "Why?" Carl's quest takes him on an adventure to meet all the animals of the forest, each of whom seems to know exactly what they were put on this earth to do, unlike the curious Carl. But it's not until the world around him has changed that Carl begins to realise everyone, no matter how small, makes a big difference just by being themselves.

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39615	Carla's sandwich Herman, Debbie & Bailey, Sheila (ill)	Flashlight Press	2004	9780972922524	K-2	Carla's lunch box is filled with odd combinations such as olive, pickle and green bean sandwich, and chopped liver, potato chips and cucumber combo. To Carla, they are delicious and creative but her classmates are unconvinced and leave her to eat her bizarre sandwiches alone. One day, the tables turn when Buster forgets his lunch on the day of the picnic.
23038	Caro was here Farrelly, Elizabeth	Walker Books	2014	9781922244833	7-9	One match, one chance, she thinks. Make it count. Skipping school to lead a group of friends - and enemies - on an adult-free excursion to an island in Sydney Harbour is Caro's idea of a twelfth birthday outing. Marooned overnight? She can handle that too. But the challenges multiply. They're not alone on the island, and Caro must save her friends from life-threatening danger.
1019842	Caroline Wilson, Mark	Windy Hollow Books	2023	9781922081018	5-6	You may have heard the name of Caroline Chisholm but her devotion to the poor and needy is a part of Australian history that is not often told. 'Caroline' is an inspiring retelling of the life of one of Australia's most famous women. Her selfless devotion to people in need changed the lives of many for the better and she is an inspiring hero deserving of recognition.
2961	Carousel, The Dubosarsky, Ursula & Di Qual, Walter (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2011	9780670074624	K-2	A small girl and her dad go down to see the carousel and ride on the wooden horses. So begins the magical journey, a journey of music and mirrors, of green hills and sunlit skies, of wishes and freedom.
12494	Carp for Kimiko, A Kroll, Virginia & Roundtree, Katherine (ill)	Charlesbridge Publishing	1993	9780881064117	K-2	Kimiko very much wants a calico carp kite to fly on Children's Day. She can't have one because she's a girl and Japanese tradition dictates that only boys get colourful kites. Luckily, Kimiko has understanding parents.
73	Carrie's war Bawden, Nina	Oxford University Press	1997	9780198312956	7-9	Carrie is evacuated to a Welsh mining town during the bombing raids on British cities in World War II.
6185	Carrum sailing club, The Saxby, Claire & Booth, Christina (Ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2011	9781921136849	K-2	Join the family on their walk, exploring the beach, on their way to visit the Carrum Sailing Club. .

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571642	Carry on Rowell, Rainbow	Pan MacMillan	2016	9781250135025	9plus	Simon Snow might be the worst Chosen One ever, at least according to his roommate, Baz. And Baz might be evil and a vampire, but he could also be right. Most of the time, Simon can't make his wand work, he mostly can't find his mentor, and there's a magic-eating monster causing mayhem. Baz would be loving it, except he hasn't even bothered to come back to school for the final year. Carry On is a ghost story, a love story and a mystery. You think you've read this book before, but you haven't. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
9477	Cars, trains and motorcycles Oxlade, Chris	Watts Publishing Group	2003	9780749647308	3-4	The basic scientific theory behind land transport with information on wheels, engines, suspension and steering. Plans and instructions for a working model car are included. Diagrams and cutaway artwork reveal how cars, trains and motorcycles work.
806	Cartboy and the time capsule Campbell, L.A.	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743314807	5-6	Hal Rifkind wonders why he can't have the easy life he craves - a room of his own, time to play video games with his best mate Arnie and most of all, surviving grade six. Instead he has to share his room with his twin baby sisters, is only permitted 15 minutes of video games on weekends and he has a year-long history assignment to complete.
1366471	Cartographers, The Zhang, Amy	Greenwillow	2024	9780062383082	9plus	Seventeen-year-old Ocean Sun moves to New York City to start college, but she defers her enrolment, keeping it a secret from her immigrant mother, and instead uses the time to deal with her ambivalence about her place in the world. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
12808	Caruso's song to the moon Jaunn, Adele	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2004	9780734406248	K-2	Caruso, a music-loving cat, fancies himself as a crooner. He sings a scale to the moon and admires each lovely note. Unfortunately, the neighbourhood doesn't appreciate his nocturnal noise.
1019793	Casander Darkbloom and the threads of power Staff, PA	Walker Books	2023	9781529506280	5-6	When Cas meets a girl named Warrior, he enters a magical world that is waiting for Cas to save it. But first, Cas must master his magical abilities at Wayward School.
82640	Case of the diamond shadow, The Masson, Sophie	ABC Books	2008	9780733323300	7-9	Daisy and George find themselves caught up in a world of mystery and glamour when they try to unmask the jewel thief before it's too late.
31826	Caspar and the night sea Binks, Alison	Windy Hollow Books	2016	9781922081629	K-2	While everyone is sleeping, a little boy and his dog embark on a sailing journey.

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8088	Casper Candlewacks in death by pigeon Brett, Ivan	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2011	9780007411559	3-4	Most villages have an idiot, but Casper Candlewacks' village is full of them. So, being bright and the only boy with any sense makes poor Casper something of an outsider. When famous magician the Great Tiramisu curses the village, Casper's father is blamed and sentenced to death by pigeon. It's up to Casper and his best friend to find the magician, reverse the curse and save the day.
110684	Cassandra's sister Bennett, Veronica	Walker Books	2006	9781844281473	9plus	In Austen's society, there are two outcomes to love. Either your heart is broken or your love is returned leading to a lifetime of child-bearing and preserve-making. Find out whether Jane Austen ever met her real life Mr Darcey. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
	Casson family series McKay, Hilary				7-9	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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13850	Cassowary's egg, The Fleming, Garry	Brolly Books	2006	9781877035081	3-4	Carla, a very bossy cassowary, leaves her partner, Calvin, to look after their egg for twenty-one days. But, the egg gets stolen and Calvin must find a way to get it back before Carla returns.
803481	Cast away: poems for our time Nye, Naomi Shihab	Greenwillow	2021	9780062907707	7-9	This collection of trash-inspired poems will have you thinking about what you use, what you re-use, what you throw out and how your choices about refuse impact you and the world around you. Lost buttons. Buried treasure. Wanton filth. Are we taking enough responsibility for our choices?

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1424065	Castle crashing Rowe, Andrea & Sommerville, Hannah	Little Hare Books	2025	9781761214073	K-2	Bonnie knows how to build sandcastles best, but her friends insist on building their own castles, every way but Bonnie's way. When Bonnie's frustration boils over, her emotions come crashing down and she storms off into the whisper-quiet dunes. Her friends are patient and understanding as they wait for her to navigate her feelings. But can Bonnie show herself the same kindness? A story celebrating friendship and self-discovery.
9428	Castle diary: journal of a young page Platt, Richard & Riddell, Chris (ill)	Walker Books	2001	9780744582208	3-4	The thirteenth century journal of eleven year old, Tobias Burgess. In 1285, Tobias was a page at the castle of his uncle, John Burgess, Baron of Strandborough. Colourful renderings of the castle, the hunt, a tournament and harvest time are included.
619992	Castle Hill rebellion Michaels, Chrissie	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781742991863	5-6	When Joe is dragged into a deadly plot by rebellious convicts at the Castle Hill prison farm, he quickly realises it does not pay to be their enemy. He has been quietly working out his sentence as a shepherd boy and does not want to draw any additional attention. However, Joe eventually finds himself amidst a desperate bid for freedom in the first convict uprising against the colony of New South Wales.
18613	Castles Baillie, Allan & Magerl, Caroline (ill)	Penguin	2005	9780670041848	K-2	An imaginative story of princesses and pirates and a magical world.
119514	Castles Thompson, Colin	Red Fox	2007	9780099439424	5-6	A totally creative picture book which will fascinate children. Thompson's imaginary castles will provide endless hours of enjoyment for the readers as they move from page to page.
2834	Cat Dumbleton, Mike & Smith, Craig (ill)	Working Title Press	2007	9781876288808	3-4	Sometimes this adventurous cat is the victim and sometimes it is the victor. The story is told through the illustrations more than the words with lots of humour. A great book for reading the pictures.
846241	Cat & Cat adventures: The quest for snacks Yi, Susie	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780063083806	3-4	When their owner goes to work, Squash and Ginny eat all the snacks in the house but still want more. Ginny can use magic to create unlimited snacks, but they need some crucial ingredients to finish the potion which sets both cats off on a big adventure.
12311	Cat and fish Grant, Joan & Curtis, Neil (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734404817	K-2	Cat and Fish discover each other one night and spark a most unlikely friendship. As they teach each other about the worlds of the land and the sea, they find they share a common sense of adventure. They learn new things from each other.

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17142	Cat and Fish go to see Grant, Joan & Curtis, Neil (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734407719	K-2	Cat and Fish go on a voyage and get sea sick. They find a lighthouse and compare what each other needs to overcome the seas. They both realise that being themselves is best.
10142	Cat and the dog, The Dahan, Andre	Brolly Books	2008	9781921346521	K-2	When a playful cat squirts a dog with a hose, he gets chased for his efforts, over fences, rooftops, through a lake and a playground.
4738	Cat at the wall, The Ellis, Deborah	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781760112448	7-9	On Israeli's West Bank, a cat sneaks into a small Palestinian house that has just been commandeered by two Israeli soldiers. The house seems empty until the cat realises that a little boy is hiding beneath the floorboards. This is no ordinary cat and she wonders what to do. When the boy's teacher comes looking for him, tensions rise quickly and, as Israeli tanks approach, the cat realises she must diffuse the situation.
47175	Cat Balloon Morgan, Palo	Fremantle Press	2009	9781921361654	K-2	Everyone tells Cat Balloon he'll never fly to the moon. But where there's a will there's a way. This enchanting picture book is about a cat who dared to dream.
596826	Cat called Trim, A Fenton, Corinne & Smith, Craig (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760631840	5-6	Trim was a cat born for adventure...This is the true story of a courageous, mischievous and fearless cat called Trim, who sailed with Matthew Flinders on his voyages to map the coastline of Australia and beyond.
1089	Cat chocolate Darling, Kate	Scholastic Australia	2000	9781862913776	3-4	An amusing tale of chocolate and revenge.
846094	Cat dog Fox, Mem & Teague, Mark (ill)	Penguin	2021	9781761045868	K-2	There was a cat, right? And a dog, right? What about a mouse? And what were they all doing? An interesting tale of three animals doing some crazy stuff!
1091	Cat in the hat comes back, The Seuss, Dr	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1982	9780001713048	K-2	The mischievous cat returns on a snowy day to wreak more havoc. Lots of predictable rhyme, rhythm and fun.
12031	Cat in the hat, The Seuss, Dr	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1983	9780001713031	K-2	The scariest part of this story isn't the terrible cat and all the zany things he does in the house, but what mum will say when she comes home.
16757	Cat kin, The Green, Nick	Faber & Faber	2007	9780571234813	7-9	Ben and Tiffany overcome their own problems when they take on the human vermin of London using their amazing martial arts skills. These skills, learnt from the unnervingly cat-like and unlikely Mrs Powell, come from an age of cat-worship.
4642	Cat mummy, The Wilson, Jacqueline & Sharratt, Nick (ill)	Corgi Books	2009	9780440864165	5-6	Verity is devastated when Mabel, her adored cat, dies. School lessons about the Ancient Egyptians lead Verity to attempt to honour Mabel with an Ancient Egyptian mummification. Verity's mum died during childbirth and her dad and grandparents have avoided speaking to her about it, but now it is time to talk.

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102559	Cat on the island Crew, Gary & Warden, Gillian (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2008	9780207200700	7-9	The true story of David and his father who came to Stephens Island, a remote and pristine New Zealand island, in 1894. They built a lighthouse to protect ships, chopping down the trees and demolishing the habitat of the birds. But worse than that, they also brought their pregnant cat and the island's tiny flightless wrens were wiped out in less than two years.
88543	Cat on the mat is flat, The Griffiths, Andy & Denton, Terry (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2006	9780330422604	3-4	Funny stories with silly pictures about a rat with a bat and a flat cat, also a duck with a truck that sucks up muck. A wonderful spoof on simple readers.
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.
846140	Cat problems John, Jory & Smith, Lane (ill)	Walker Books	2021	9781529506136	K-2	Are you here to give me treats? Or scratch my neck? Or dish up some wet food and neck scratches and dry food and more treats and back scratches? Did I mention that I'm a cat? If I'm honest I'm a bit stressed out. Like, I have to take a nap right now, and then I'll need a cat bath, and this is all building up to another nap. This being a cat thing is exhausting. Seriously. You think you've got it bad? Try walking a mile in my paws someday. Sigh.
46416	Cat tale Hall, Michael	Greenwillow	2012	9780061915161	K-2	Follow the adventures of three cats as they rumble and tumble in a confusing journey of words.
23583	Cat wants cuddles, The Crumble, P & Gifford, Lucinda (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781743811412	K-2	Kevin doesnt want a pat. He doesnt want a tickle. And he definitely does NOT want a cuddle. There's absolutely no way this hilarious cat is going to change his mind about that. Or will he?

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623326	Cat wants custard, The Crumble, P. & Gifford, Lucinda (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781760155780	K-2	Meet Kevin, the opinionated feline who is full of cat-titude. Kevin has a craving. He wants custard, and he wants it NOW!
570812	Cat wants kittens, The Crumble, P. & Gifford, Lucinda (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742769097	K-2	Kevin has some new playmates. They are cute and cuddly and they're here to stay; but not if Kevin has anything to do with it! See what happens when two adorable kittens barge into Kevin's life and make themselves at home. How will this fussy feline cope?
18338	Cat who got carried away, The Ahlberg, Allan & McEwen, Katharine (ill)	Walker Books	2005	9781844280988	3-4	Gus and Gloria have a lot of running to do, Mrs Gaskitt hardly ever gets out of bed and something dreadful happens to Horace. A fast-paced family comedy.
7586	Cat with the coloured tail, The Mears, Gillian & Dabarera, Dinalie (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9781922077400	3-4	Mr Hooper and The Cat with the Coloured Tail travel through the countryside in their ice-cream van. They enjoy looking for heart shapes, and making people happy with their delicious moon-creams. But, a dark feeling is following the cat. Something is wrong. When the ice-cream van enters the forest, Mr Hooper and the cat realise the heart of the world is in danger. They must try and save it.
1289024	Cat's Cradle: Suri's dragon Rioux, Jo	First Second	2024	9781250625410	5-6	Suri gets a chance to show off her monster-taming skills as her journey with Caglio, Kolya, and her giant-sized lap dog, Byron, continues. With the caitsiths in hot pursuit, can this ragtag crew make it to the Monster's Cradle? To get to the Cradle, Suri and her friends must pass through Bridgetown, but the tollbooth charges an outrageous entrance fee! Luckily, monster tamers may pass through for free. All Suri needs to do is help the town with its "little monster problem." When she learns this problem involves a vengeful and strangely familiar dragon, her courage is put to the test
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.
1209897	Cat's cradle: The mole king's lair Rioux, Jo	First Second	2023	9781250625380	5-6	Suri, Caglio and Byron continue their journey to the Monster's Cradle but their epic journey requires money and provisions, and they have neither. When Suri discovers a mole king's lair and meets a thief who knows the way to its treasure, she's sure she has found the solution to their problem. She wasn't counting on an ancient curse, a monster-hunting prince and a mighty mole queen to stand in the way!

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14111	Cat, the dog, Little Red, the exploding eggs, the wolf and Grandma's wardrobe, The Fox, Diane & Fox, Christyan	Words & pictures	2014	9781910277003	3-4	Cat starts reading to Dog, explaining that it's a story about a little girl who always wears a red cape with a hood. Dog loves stories about superheroes and wants to know her special power. When Cat advises that the little girl doesn't have any special powers and it's not that kind of a story, the fun begins.
1423956	Catalpa: Escape to freedom Lefroy, Mike & Lefroy, Joy	Fremantle Press	2026	9781760996673	5-6	A true story of the audacious attempt to free six Irish prisoners from a remote British prison. From half a world away, supporters and spies hatched a plot to return the men to freedom. But could it work? It would take the courage of one captain and his crew to pull off the daring rescue.
17205	Catalyst, The Coggan, Helena	Hodder & Stoughton	2015	9781444794670	9plus	For eighteen years, the world has been divided into the magically Gifted and the non-magical Ashkind. Rose Elmsworth's identity is far more dangerous. At fifteen, she has earned herself a place alongside her father in the Department, a brutal law-enforcement organisation, run by the Gifted to control the Ashkind. But, an old enemy is threatening to start a catastrophic war and Rose faces a challenging choice and a test of her loyalties. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
4590	Catawampus cat, The Carter Eaton, Jason & Gordon, Gus (ill)	Penguin	2017	9780143785583	K-2	The catawampus cat walked into town one day and that's when everything began to change.
1423925	Catch Brill, Sarah	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761182037	9plus	Sometimes people fall. It happens. Sometimes people are pushed. Sometimes people jump. And sometimes there's someone there to catch them. The summer Beth turns sixteen, she grows. She grows so fast her bones hurt and she feels like throwing up. Everyone - including Etienne, the boy who lives over the road - looks at her differently. Then she starts catching people. People who are falling out of trees or from tall buildings. Soon Beth discovers that helping strangers sometimes hurts. Sometimes it also hurts or annoys the people she loves. It isn't great for her school grades, either. Is there a way to balance family and friendship and basketball and romance and... catching? An extraordinary story about finding out who you are, and discovering who you want to be. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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587871	Catch a falling star McKinlay, Meg	Walker Books	2019	9781925381207	7-9	It's 1979 and the sky is falling. Skylab, that is. Somewhere high above Frankie Avery, one of the world's first space stations is tumbling to Earth. And rushing back with it are old memories. Things twelve-year-old Frankie thought she'd forgotten. Things her mum won't talk about, and which her little brother Newt never knew. Only ... did he? Does he? Because as Skylab circles closer, Newt starts acting strangely. And while the world watches the sky, Frankie keeps her own eyes on Newt. Because if anyone's going to keep him safe, it's her. It always has been. But maybe this is something bigger than splinters and spiders and sleepwalking. Maybe a space station isn't the only thing heading straight for calamity.
751079	Catch me if I fall Jonsberg, Barry	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760877613	5-6	Brother and sister Ashley and Aiden share a special bond as identical twins. While much of the world has been drastically changed by environmental catastrophe, they live a privileged life thanks to the work of their scientist mother. When Aiden comes to Ashley's rescue he is hurt and their life gets turned on its head.
126166	Catch that goat Alakija, Polly	Barefoot books	2005	9781846860577	K-2	Ayoka, a little girl living in Nigeria, loses her goat. Of course, the goat wanders off through the market where it can cause the most mischief. Interesting mix of realism and fun.
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.

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581451	Catching Teller Crow Kwaymullina, Ambelin & Kwaymullina, Ezekiel	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760631628	9plus	Nothing's been the same for Beth Teller since she died. Her dad, a detective, is the only one who can see and hear her - and he's drowning in grief. But now they have a mystery to solve together. Who is Isobel Catching, and what's her connection to the fire that killed a man? What happened to the people who haven't been seen since the fire? As Beth unravels the mystery, she finds a shocking story lurking beneath the surface of a small town, and a friendship that lasts beyond one life and into another. Told in two unforgettable voices, this gripping novel interweaves themes of grief, colonial history, violence, love and family. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
14151	Caterpillar and butterfly Kwaymullina, Ambelin	Fremantle Press	2009	9781921361579	K-2	Caterpillar lives alone and, in fear of her surroundings, forms a chrysalis where she can hide away. After a while, she misses the other animals and starts to wonder what it might be like to explore the outside world. When she emerges, she discovers that not only is she different but she is not alone.
685292	Caterpillar summer McDunn, Gillian	Bloomsbury	2019	9781526606266	5-6	Cat seems to be the only one to be able to understand, calm, and even find her lilttle brother Chicken when he is having a meltdown. Since the death of their father, Cat takes on the role of a parent more and more as her mother spends more time at work. When a job opportunity arises for their mum, Cat and Chicken find themselves spending the summer with grandparents they've never met on an island they have never visited before. It might be terribly awkward or it might be a chance to come together as a family.
9493	Caterpillars Watts, Barrie	Franklin Watts	2003	9780749650001	3-4	One of the Minibeasts series, describing the physical characteristics, behaviour and habitat of a variety of caterpillars.

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660694	Catfishing on CatNet Kritzer, Naomi	Pan MacMillan	2019	9781250165084	9plus	I know quite a lot about people. Let's start with you. Obviously, I know where you live. I know where you are right now. I know where you buy your clothes and where you eat for lunch. I know what all your fandoms are, who your OTPs are and where you wish you could go on vacation. Lots of people have gadgets that pretend to be an AI. Those gadgets are listening all the time, day and night to everything people say around it. They're not really AIs. But if they listen to you, then so can I. I know you all so well. And sometimes... Sometimes I wish somebody knew me. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
74	Catherine, called Birdy Cushman, Karen	Pan MacMillan	2001	9780330397797	7-9	Set in the Middle Ages, Catherine objects to marrying the rich suitors her father has arranged for her to meet.
76	Cathy Freeman Dolan, Beth	Heinemann	1997	9781863918619	5-6	A biography of one of Australia's most famous athletes and one of the books in the Young Achievers series.
18688	Catland Starke, Ruth	Penguin	2005	9780143302018	5-6	Having to stay with her Dad, his new wife and two stepdaughters when her mum goes to India is not as bad as Rose first thinks. Her stepmother is mounting a campaign against cats and a neighbour who has lots of them. Rose finds a solution.
943152	Cats in chaos Bently, Peter & Bond, John (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780008469184	K-2	Cats adore eating and snoozing and snuggling. They also like acrobats, tightropes and juggling. Roll up, Roll up! Catsby's Great Circus is in town! See the mighty Purrcules Claw, conjuring Kitty Kadabra and fearless Evel Katnevel in this brilliant story from a stellar author and illustrator duo that will have you laughing out loud!
15365	Cats in Krasinski Square, The Hesse, Karen & Watson, Wendy (ill)	Scholastic US	2004	9780439435406	5-6	The cats in Krasinski Square once belonged to someone and so did a young girl whose family has been destroyed by war. Even as she and her sister struggle to survive amid the war's chaos, they risk their lives in a plan to help others.
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?

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599697	Catwoman: Soulstealer Maas, Sarah J	Penguin	2018	9780141386898	9plus	When the Bat's away, the Cat will play. It's time to see how many lives this cat really has . . . Two years after escaping Gotham City's slums, Selina Kyle returns as the mysterious and wealthy Holly Vanderhees. She quickly discovers that with Batman off on a vital mission, Batwing is left to hold back the tide of notorious criminals. Gotham City is ripe for the taking. Meanwhile, Luke Fox wants to prove he has what it takes to help people in his role as Batwing. He targets a new thief on the prowl who seems cleverer than most. She has teamed up with Poison Ivy and Harley Quinn, and together they are wreaking havoc. This Catwoman may be Batwing's undoing. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
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!
930288	Cave baby Donaldson, Julia & Gravett, Emily	Pan MacMillan	2011	9780230743083	K-2	A hairy mammoth takes a cheeky little baby on a thrilling ride through a moonlit landscape populated by a sabre-toothed tiger, a leaping hare, a laughing hyena and eve, just maybe, a big brown bear... But where are they going? And what has it to do with the baby's scribblings on the cave wall?

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1192360	Cave, The Kelleher, Victor	Eagle Books	2024	9780645378863	7-9	Irian, Ulana and their Clan have made the cave their home ever since they used fire to drive off the Beast, a sabre-toothed tiger that had been preying on them. Protected by an ongoing fire at the cave mouth, they continue to keep the Beast at bay until one fateful night when the fire goes out! What happens next shatters the Clan and leaves Ulana badly injured and Irian too traumatised even to speak. Alone and adrift in their dangerous prehistoric world, they have little hope of survival. What saves them is a chance meeting with a prickly old woman called Trug. Grudgingly, she takes them on a strange, unexpected journey of discovery, flinging them into the many wonders and hard realities of ancient times. And that hazardous journey will eventually lead them full circle: back to the challenge of the cave, and the enduring reality of the Beast.
659292	Caveman next door, The Tinn-Disbury, Tom	New Frontier Publishing	2019	9781925594850	K-2	Trying to fit into the modern world when you are a caveman isn't easy. Ogg always seems to get things wrong...with hilarious results. Poor Ogg, he just wants to fit in. Luckily he has his best friend Penny to help him.
9490	Caves Llewellyn, Claire	Heinemann	2002	9781588109682	3-4	An introduction to how sea and underground caves are made and the unusual rock formations and animal life that are found in them.
1112	Cay, The Taylor, Theodore	Puffin Australia	1995	9780140366204	7-9	A classic story of race relations, shipwrecks and survival when a young boy and an older man find themselves stranded on an isolated cay in the middle of the ocean.
4303	Cedar, seals and whaling ships Nicholson, John	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2007	9781741750034	5-6	Explores the developing technology and economy of Australia at the hands of the new white settlers: whaling, sealing, farming, timber-felling, ship-building, exploring and transporting goods by land and sea.
53654	Celebrate Hanukkah Heiligman, Deborah	National Geographic Society	2008	9781426302930	3-4	Find out about the history, meaning, symbols and celebration of Hanukkah, a special event in the Jewish calendar. Eye-catching photographs show Jewish children all over the world preparing for and celebrating this special time of year.
21693	Celebrating Australia: a year in poetry Marwood, Lorraine	Walker Books	2015	9781925081022	5-6	A collection of poems connected by many of the key days and celebrations throughout the year in Australia. It includes special days such as Chinese New Year, Harmony Day, Diwali, Ramadan and ANZAC Day, as well as important days like your birthday and the first day of school.

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1426197	Celebration festival Kelly, Alysia & Smith, Ruth-Mary (ill)	Larrikin House	2026	9781923345232	K-2	Evie loves celebrating! This year, she's judging the grand Celebration Festival, with her cheeky pup, Biscuit (who does not like fireworks!). With so many wonderful cultures to learn about and celebrations to discover, how will Evie choose a winner? Join Evie on her Celebrations adventure as she learns Mandarin, plunges into freezing water and squelches tomatoes!
1352580	Celeste express: The war of the wurms Slater, Alexander	Puffin Australia	2025	9780241670583	5-6	In the Kingdom of Galaxandria, Princess Celeste is in big trouble. As a punishment for her rotten behaviour, Celeste is sent to work at the ramshackle Intergalactic Post Office. But when she gets there, she quickly realises her problems are way worse than just towering piles of unsent letters. Cosmic magic is in the air -- and something is upsetting the balance of the universe. Now it's up to Celeste and her new friends to uncover the mysteries of the post office, save the galaxy -- and maybe deliver a parcel or two while they're at it. This out-of-this world story is stuffed full of incredible adventure, brilliant intergalactic worlds, and amazing cartoon-style artwork - perfect for fans of Amelia Fang, Peanut Jones and Super Mario Brothers.
14391	Celeste sails to Spain Lester, Alison	Hachette Children's Books	2006	9780733621062	K-2	Celeste and her family members have different experiences while going to the museum, to the park, to the show, celebrating and dreaming.
1303684	Celestial monsters Thomas, Aiden	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781035057191	7-9	Teo never thought he could be a Hero. Now, he doesn't have a choice. The sun is gone, the Obsidian gods have been released from their prison, and chaos and destruction are wreaking havoc on Reino del Sol. All because Teo refused to sacrifice a fellow semidis during the Sunbearer Trials. With the world plunged into perpetual night, Teo, his crush Aurelio, and his best friend Niya must journey to the dark wilderness of Los Restos, battling vicious monsters while dealing with guilt, trauma, and a (very distracting) burgeoning romance between Teo and Aurelio. Determined to rescue the captured semidioses and retrieve the Sol Stone, the trio races against the clock to return Sol and their protective light so order can be restored. Now the future of the whole world is in their hands.

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587879	Cells to organ systems Midthun, Joseph & Hiti, Samuel (ill)	World Book	2014	9780716618409	5-6	If you have ever wondered what a cell is, or how they make life, this book will explain it all. Go on a journey of discovery with humorous, colourful cartoon characters, to learn what cytoplasm, vacuoles, and chromosomes are, and how they form part of you.
779490	Cemetery boys Thomas, Aiden	Swoon Reads	2020	9781250250469	9plus	When his traditional Latinx family has problems accepting his true gender, Yadriel becomes determined to prove himself a real brujo. With the help of his cousin and best friend Maritza, he performs the ritual himself, and then sets out to find the ghost of his murdered cousin and set it free. However, the ghost he summons is actually Julian Diaz, the school's resident bad boy, and Julian is not about to go quietly into death. He's determined to find out what happened and tie off some loose ends before he leaves. Left with no choice, Yadriel agrees to help Julian, so that they can both get what they want. But the longer Yadriel spends with Julian, the less he wants to let him leave. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
720988	Center of gravity Grimes, Shaunta	MacMillan	2021	9781250763075	5-6	Tessa has always been anxious, but it's become worse since her mother died a few months ago. To calm herself down she cuts out photos of missing kids from milk cartons and keeps them in a file. It helps her feel like she's not alone. Her friends are drifting away. Then worst of all, Tessa's dad announces suddenly that he's getting married - and that his fiance is pregnant. His fiance's parents gift them a house at the beach, and Tessa must move. As Tessa navigates new friendships with a group of misfit boys and a new stepmother, she realizes she must let go of old friends and old habits if she wants to regain control of her life.
12242	Centipede's 100 shoes Ross, Tony	Andersen Press Ltd	2002	9781842701072	K-2	When a centipede trips over and hurts his foot, the only thing to do is to get a set of shoes for all of his forty-two feet. That's a lot of shoes. Follow centipede and have fun with numbers as he shares his shoes with various beetles, spiders, earwigs and other creatures.

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587746	Centre of magic, The Freeman, Pamela & Gamble, Kim (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1998	9781864488548	5-6	A power-hungry wizard has let loose the Wild Magic, and every creature in its path is transformed. An earl becomes a cat, a coachman turns into a ferret, the chancellor is suddenly a hobgoblin, even King Max begins to change. Will Floramonde ever be the same again? Princess Betony and Prince Basil are determined to find the wizard and rescue their country, braving wolves, giants and other dangers along the way. But they need help, and it comes from a surprising source.
855859	Ceremony Goodes, Adam & Liang, Ellie & Hardy, David (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781761065064	3-4	A joyful celebration of family and culture, the Welcome to Our Country series introduces First Nations history to children. From Australian of the Year Adam Goodes, co-writer Ellie Laing, and Barkindji illustrator David Hardy. Welcome, children! Nangga! Nangga! Yakarti! Tonight will be our Ceremony. Our family gathers as the fire burns. The smoke rises up as we take it in turns . . . Then clapsticks tap - one, two, three - but a stick is missing! Where could it be? Joyful and full of fun, Ceremony invites you to celebrate the rich traditions of dance, family, community and caring for Country from the world's oldest continuous culture.
42065	Certain music, A Walters, Celeste & Spudvilas, Anne (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741663334	5-6	In 1823, a young, lonely girl spends much of her time hiding in the Vienna Woods. She spies an old man, a composer, and they form an odd friendship which develops through their mutual love of music. A story of how she triumphs over difficult circumstances and how people can help each other.
2228	Chains Anderson, Laurie Halse	Bloomsbury	2008	9780747598657	9plus	This story follows two very different battles for independence, that of slave girl, Isabel, and the American War of Independence. Presents a realistic view of prejudice and slavery in 18th century America and includes some violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
568097	Chalk Boy Wild, Margaret & Ord, Mandy (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760630683	3-4	Barnaby is a pavement artist. This morning he started drawing me, Chalk Boy. I have a head that can think, eyes that can see, ears that can hear and legs that can run. Best of all, I have a heart that can feel. Thank you, Barnaby.

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17778	Chalk rainbow, The Kelly, Deborah & Jones, Gwynneth (ill)	EK Books	2017	9781925335453	K-2	Zane is different to other kids. He has his own made-up language. He likes to line things up. And he is frightened of things that don't seem to bother other people - like the colour black. Things are looking pretty bleak for him and his family, until his sister starts to draw a chalk rainbow on the front steps of their house...
88507	Chalkline Mitchell, Jane	Walker Books	2009	9781406315172	9plus	It's an ordinary morning at school in rural Kashmir when the silence of dawn prayers is ripped apart by gunfire. Freedom Fighters are raiding his village and Rafiq is the first boy to cross the chalkline into a life of brutality and violence. Rafiq's memory of his family has been all but obliterated by his forced training, indoctrination and terrorist actions and is unrecognisable as the boy who left the village. Includes violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
728798	Challenger deep Shusterman, Neal	Walker Books	2020	9781406396119	7-9	Caden is both a high school student finding it harder and harder to fit in at school and keep friendships, and a member of an unusual crew aboard a ship headed to the Marianas Trench under the command of a captain who may or may not be trying to destroy them all. As these two narratives come together, Caden must make decisions with very real and substantial consequences.
870885	Champ, The Do, Anh & Atze, Dave (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526870	3-4	Summer loves sport. Her dream is to charge down the field towards an open goal, or soar through the air over the basket. But instead she always seems to be the last one picked. That is until the day her life changes forever...
77	Champion & other stories, The Sykes, Helen (ed)	Phoenix Education	2003	9781875695621	9plus	Helen Sykes has combined a selection of stories by some of Australia's best-known authors. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
	Champion Charlies series Beck, Adrian & 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.

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1017746	Champion: a memoir of tennis and teamwork Barty, Ash	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9781460762738	7-9	This is a tennis story. It is a family story. It is a teamwork story. It is the story of how Ash Barty got to be who she is today. It is her story about the power and joy of doing that thing you love and seeing where it can take you. This book reflects on her whole tennis journey, from the first time she picked up a racquet to packing her bag after winning the Australian Open in 2022. It explains how she worked through self-doubt, homesickness and a break from the sport to realise her tennis dreams, winning Wimbledon and ranking number 1 in the world. Ash is hoping her story will inspire you to follow your dreams.
660194	Change of heart Weetman, Nova	Hardie Grant Egmont	2019	9781760502522	7-9	Talented Mack loves being in her band at her city high school. She lives between houses - either with her dad and his annoying girlfriend or her easygoing mum. During the holidays, she also loves spending time with her beloved grandmother, riding horses and baking at her country farm. In this pick a path story, you get to make Mack's decisions for her. Potential romance and friendship, break-ups and make-ups lie in store - you have the power to choose, and then choose again!
78	Change the locks French, Simon	Penguin	2005	9780143301721	7-9	Steven has to assume much of the responsibility for his little brother when his young mother can't cope. Steven's fears, and the memories that accompany them, are explained as he becomes closer to his mother. Some strong language in context.
79	Changeover, The Mahy, Margaret	HarperCollins Australia	2003	9780007155019	9plus	Laura has premonitions and senses what is about to happen. She is encouraged to 'change over' and become a witch so that she can help save her brother from an evil spirit. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1123	Changes Browne, Anthony	Walker Books	1997	9780744554281	3-4	Joseph Kaye is beset by bizarre and threatening changes occurring around him, including the arrival of a new baby.

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5593	Changing gear Gardner, Scot	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760631468	9plus	Merrick Hilton has done a runner. On his postie bike. With his swag and a need to clear his head before the HSC. He plays his parents and hits the road. But there's no telling how he'll handle life's potholes when things don't go as planned. Thankfully Victor - an old bloke he meets on the road - knows a bit about broken postie bikes, and broken hearts. Will Victor, Merrick, and the dog survive road-kill, the kindness of strangers, a rave, mindless violence and unexpected romance? There's only one way to find out. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
9347	Changing stories Mellor, Bronwyn & Hemming, Judith & Leggett, Jane	Chalkface Press	1990	9781875136018	7-9	A collection of different versions of folk and fairy stories designed to encourage secondary students to consider different points of view and the ways stories can change over time.
7814	Chantelle's cloak Marwood, Lorraine & Bell, Jocelyn (ill)	Puffin Australia	2011	9780143306382	3-4	When Mum's new baby is born, Chantelle doesn't want to be a big sister. All she wants is a special, magical cloak so she can make herself invisible.
	Chanters of Tremaris series Constable, Kate				9plus	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.
1423808	CHAOS! which way will you choose? Cranna, Andrew	Walker Books	2025	9781760658380	3-4	'I'm tiny. Too tiny. I'm really too small. The world is so big. The people too tall. There's nothing to do down here on my own, But wait for the day when I've finally grown. Come on a magican adventure when a little girl longs to be big but shrinks instead, and discovers that the world for tiny creatures is perfect. and perfectly wonderful.
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?
578088	Charlie Ghosh, Ronojoy	Penguin Random House Australia	2018	9780143785026	K-2	Charlie's a very clever lion. He loves art, fancy restaurants and travelling. Or at least, he thinks he would. It's hard to tell, since he's stuck in a zoo. If Charlie is ever going to explore the world, he'll need a cunning disguise.

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1128	Charlie and the chocolate factory Dahl, Roald	Puffin UK	2002	9780141311302	5-6	Willy Wonka, the eccentric chocolate-maker, opens his doors to the public. Young Charlie Bucket and four unworthy fellow winners, have the opportunity to discover some extraordinary secrets. For Charlie, life will never be the same again.
4599	Charlie and the great glass elevator Dahl, Roald	Puffin Australia	2007	9780141322698	5-6	Charlie Bucket has won Willy Wonka's chocolate factory and is on his way to take possession of it, in a great glass elevator. When the elevator makes a fearful whooshing noise, Charlie and his family find themselves in splendid orbit around the Earth. A daring adventure has begun, with Willy Wonka leading the way.
14199	Charlie and the karaoke cockroaches Brough, Alan	Pan MacMillan	2017	9781743548448	5-6	"I didn't want the exterminator to be flattened by a flying sink. I just wanted a home for the cockroaches." Charlie is thrown into an adventure when his new friend Vivien hands him a mysterious box and makes him swear to look after it no matter what
1267	Charlie and the war against the grannies Brough, Alan	Pan MacMillan	2016	9781743540121	5-6	"I didn't want Mrs Cyclopolos to explode. I just wanted a paper round." Charlie find himself at war with the grannies after they squirt hot sauce in his face and make him think he's dead. Throw in a glass eye, snot-covered hankies and some mysterious underground people, and you have a fantastic adventure!
80	Charlie Carver stacks it Stiller, Laurie	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1997	9780091832964	5-6	Quirky tales and scientific principles are included in the bizarre disasters that befall the Carver family.
617176	Charlie changes into a chicken Copeland, Sam & Horne, Sarah (ill)	Penguin	2019	9780241346211	5-6	Charlie McGuffin is just an ordinary boy dealing with a range of typical problems. However, one day his life is completely turned upside down when he discovers he can transform into different animals! How will Charlie find a way to deal with his new powers and keep clear of the resident school bully?
18528	Charlie Cook's favourite book Donaldson, Julia & Scheffler, Axel (ill)	MacMillan	2005	9781405034692	3-4	A fun, entertaining stroll through eleven books woven into one. Charlie reads his favourite book, in which a character reads a favourite book, in which another character reads another favourite book.

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902211	Charlie's swim Wright, Edith & Ledden-Lewis, Charmaine (ill)	Magabala Books	2022	9781922613103	5-6	Imagine you are faced with a life-or-death situation. Do you run and hide? Or do you selflessly dive into shark infested waters with bullets flying to save a woman and child from drowning? Charlie's Swim is the kind of book that makes you question "What would I do?" Set during World War II in Broome, Western Australia, this incredible picture book tells the true story of Charlie D'Antoine -- a young Aboriginal man who showed bravery beyond belief when Broome was attacked by Japanese fighter planes in 1942, It's a story of courage, kindness, and doing what's right -- with only a split second to decide. Charlie's Swim is short but powerful and helps us remember that sometimes, the bravest people are the ones who quietly dive in to help others.
1319675	Charlie's war Bennett, Vicki & Worley, Debbie Taylor (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2023	9780645323573	3-4	A young Aboriginal boy's dream of shearing sheep turns into reality. Then war breaks out in Europe. Despite initially not being able to enlist, he and his two best friends eventually sign up and their lives are changed forever.
12645	Charlotte and me Gould, Sally	Windy Hollow Books	2007	9781921136054	K-2	At kindergarten, a little boy meets Charlotte, a little girl from Paris, and they become great friends. When Charlotte has to return to Paris, the boy must deal with his loss.
3811	Charlotte and the rock Martin, Stephen.W. & Cotterill, Samantha (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2017	9780143785309	K-2	When Charlotte asked her parents for a pet, a rock wasn't exactly what she had in mind. But she loves her new pet anyway. If only he could love Charlotte back...
14338	Charlotte and the starlet Warner, Dave	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2007	9781741661248	5-6	Charlotte is a thirteen year old girl with aspirations of joining the Junior Olympic Equestrian Squad. She loves riding and knows she is good but nothing has prepared her for the dirty tricks that other competitors have up their sleeves.
1019894	Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre: Abridged for younger readers Lawrence, Patrice & Bronte, Charlotte	Walker Books	2024	9781529506624	5-6	A delightful retelling of the classic story Jane Eyre. The story follows orphan Jane and her courage to be brave throughout her time at the mysterious Thornfield Hall. Even when things are unexpectant Jane shows resourceful to follow her vision to be loved and wanted.
81	Charlotte's web White, E B	Puffin USA	1973	9780140301854	5-6	Charlotte, the spider, spins messages in her web to help save her friend, Wilbur, the pig.
1134	Charm school Fine, Anne	Corgi Books	2000	9780440864004	3-4	Robust, no nonsense Bonny has a healthy attitude to herself and others that enables her to survive a day at Charm School although she is involved in some hilarious episodes along the way.

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1141	Charmed life Jones, Diana Wynne	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2001	9780007118519	7-9	Everyone says that Gwendolyn Chant is a gifted witch with astonishing powers, so it suits her enormously when she is taken to live in Chrestomanci Castle. Her brother, Eric, better known as Cat, is not so keen for he has no talent for magic at all.
18616	Chasing Charlie Duskin Crowley, Cath	Pan MacMillan	2005	9781760784294	7-9	Charlie Duskin is fleeing from failures, friends and running towards a father who won't 'see' her. Rose is suffocating in her small town, trapped by parents who couldn't chase their own dreams. When they get the chance to get to know each, other their lives will change forever.
	Chasing the valley series Melki-Wegner, Skye				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.
56355	Chat room Biggs, Barbara	Micklind enterprises	2006	9780764228230	9plus	Sam is thirteen and has recently moved from Sydney to Melbourne with her high powered, busy parents. She has started at a new school and feels lonely and isolated. Sam logs onto chat rooms for company and begins a friendship with Chatman, a charming seventeen year old. But, Chatman is not what he seems and the developing friendship takes a sinister turn. Addresses contemporary problems associated with the anonymity of chat rooms and internet predators. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
18705	Chatterbox Wild, Margaret & Niland, Deborah (ill)	Penguin	2006	9780670029327	K-2	Max's baby sister, Daisy, is gorgeous. But when is she going to talk? Mum wants her to say moo, Dad wants her to say neigh, Nana wants her to baa and Max wants her to quack. But Daisy says nothing, until one day she surprises everyone.
5604	Chaucer the cat and the animal pilgrims Borlenghi, Patricia	Bloomsbury	2002	9780747547907	3-4	A group of pilgrims gather in Paris at Notre Dame. Their leader, Chaucer, the cat from London, suggests they pass the time by retelling stories from their countries of origin, including Australia, the West Indies, Africa, North America, China and India.

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75725	Chaucer's Canterbury tales Williams, Marcia	Walker Books	2007	9780744570076	5-6	Nine classic tales of Chaucer, including The Knight, the Miller, the Reeve, the Wife of Bath, the Franklin, the Clerk, the Summoner, the Pardoner and the Nun's Priest, are presented in comic style format. Chaucer is also represented as a character, who greets and farewells the readers.
1972	Check on me Daddo, Andrew & Bentley, Jonathan (ill)	ABC Books	2009	9780733324192	K-2	A favourite bedtime story to read to a very young child. All the best bedtimes include stories that are read and stories that are told plus a few other things that make them special.
628160	Cheeky dogs: To Lake Nash and back Bell, Johanna & Beasley, Dion (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760528119	5-6	Meet deaf artist, Dion Beasley, and the people he calls family. Dodging road trains by day and giant blue monsters at night, Dion weaves his way through life on an electric scooter, collecting rocks and dogs to make art. In his dreams he sees animals from overseas and his mother's country, Lake Nash, but every morning, without fail, he puts on his favourite socks and gets ready to feed the dogs. Is it time yet?
5933	Cheeky monkey Daddo, Andrew & Quay, Emma (ill)	ABC Books	2008	9780733321009	K-2	Dad wakes his small boy and it's time for a bath, dressing, hair combing and breakfast.
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.
28581	Cheer up your teddy bear, Emily Brown Cowell, Cressida & Layton, Neal (ill)	Orchard Books	2011	9781408308486	K-2	Emily Brown and her side-kick rabbit, Stanley, are on a mission to cheer up one very unhappy teddy bear. But, no matter what they try, the teddy bear is still miserable. Emily Brown has had enough.
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?
39360	Cheese belongs to you Deacon, Alexis & Schwarz, Viviane (ill)	Walker Books	2013	9781406339666	K-2	A small white rat learns about 'rat law' as bigger, quicker and stronger rats lay claim to a wonderful piece of cheese.
7475	Cheese trap, The Cowley, Joy & McClelland, Linda (ill)	Scholastic New Zealand	1995	9781869433185	K-2	Two little mice go cheesing and the old, grey meow is watching. This wise cat knows a thing or two and she plans to catch those mice.
937	Cheetah can't lose Shea, Bob	HarperCollins Children's Books	2013	9780061730832	K-2	Cheetah doesn't realise how skillful his little friends are when they set him up to lose the big race.

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1217	Chelonia Green: champion of turtles Mattingley, Christobel	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2008	9781741751710	5-6	Michelle, alias Chellie, (Chelonia is the scientific name for the green turtle), lives with her parents on a remote island off the coast of Queensland. When a cherished loggerhead turtle dies after being choked by a carelessly discarded fishing line, Chellie sets out on a clean-up campaign, using some very effective letter writing and emailing.
628975	Cherries Gallasch, Carrie & Acton, Sara (ill)	Little Hare Books	2018	9781760128593	K-2	Summertime. Long, lazy days. Fishing. Stargazing. And waiting for cherries.
4487	Cherry pie princess, The French, Vivian & Kissi, Marta (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781406368970	3-4	Princess Peony has had a bad feeling that her father might be a tyrant. She doesn't want to believe it, but he has a nasty habit of throwing people in dungeons...There's a royal party coming up, and the king is in an even worse mood than usual. He flat out refuses to invite the wicked hag, which can mean only one thing: TROUBLE!
5370	Chess nuts Lawrinson, Julia	Puffin Australia	2010	9780143304708	5-6	Jackson is sporty and popular. Anna is number one in the school chess squad. These two will have to get along once the game changes. Includes schoolyard banter.
8184	Chester and Gil Faulkner, Carol & James, Ann (ill)	Omnibus Books	2009	9781862915848	K-2	Chester and Gil live in the same goldfish bowl. While Gil just floats around the same old place, Chester knows he can save the world. A funny story of a fishy odd couple and the power of thinking big.
616954	Chester Parsons is not a gorilla Ford, Martyn	Faber & Faber	2019	9780571332236	5-6	When Chester discovers he can mind jump, he becomes a hit on his sister Amy's YouTube channel. An instant star, he does his most daring mind jump yet, into the brain of Tito the gorilla. The trouble is, when he tries to return to his own body - it's gone! Has it been stolen? But who would want it, and why? And how come Chester suddenly wants to search Amy's hair for fleas? The quest to find the answers takes him on a journey beyond his wildest imagination.
10869	Chewing-gum kid, The Dawe, Bruce	Penguin	2002	9780143300052	5-6	Simon Bright has a feeling that this week is going to be different and he's right. After the discovery of the Super-Gum, his life changes.
12403	Chick called Saturday, A Dunbar, Joyce & Granstrom, Brita (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2003	9780552547437	K-2	Saturday is fed up with being a little chick as he wants to do more than just cluck, scratch and peck. So, Saturday sets off on a farm adventure and discovers something that really interests him.

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1078778	Chicken called hope, A Parker, Danny & Teou, Tamlyn (ill)	Dirt Lane Press	2023	9780648899686	K-2	Hope is a chicken who relies on hope to survive. The trouble is, she's the captain of the ship Courage, and she needs more than hope to survive on the high seas. Written by award-winning Danny Parker and illustrated by Tamlyn Teow, A Chicken Called Hope is a delightful fable about care and resilience.
3909	Chicken clicking Willis, Jeanne & Ross, Tony (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2015	9781783440528	3-4	One night, Chick hops into the farmer's house and has a little browse on his computer. Soon, she's bought a funny teapot, a frilly blouse, scooters for the sheep and a car for the cows. She just can't stop clicking. But, when she arranges to meet up with a friend she makes online, Chick discovers that all is not as it seems.
28139	Chicken dance Sauer, Tammi & Santat, Dan (ill)	Sterling Publishing Co	2009	9781402753664	3-4	Marge and Lola are two chickens on a mission. They must win the barnyard talent contest to win tickets to see the famous singer, Elvis Poultry. But, first, they have to summon up enough talent to score higher than those heckling ducks.
9252	Chicken Stu Luff, Nathan	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781741695564	5-6	Stu is a wuss, a weakling, a soft city kid. His cousins are tough farm kids who are daredevils. When Stu is packed off to the country for the summer, he has to face the dangers that lurk behind every tree, demonic lambs, yabby-infested tanks and, worst of all, his cousins.
65987	Chicken thief, The Rodriguez, Beatrice	Gecko Press	2009	9781877467318	K-2	The fox steals the chicken and is pursued by the bear and the rabbit. Eventually, when the pursuers find the fox and the chicken, it's not quite what they expected.
660744	Chicken's curse, The Watts, Frances	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760525569	5-6	Felix works for the general, but not for much longer! He escapes the generals camp and runs straight into Livia. When they realise, they are both heading to Rome, they decide to travel together, along with a sacred chicken, that has also left the general's camp. The journey takes them across several lands, with many adventures and new people, both good and bad. Will the sacred chicken help to get them to their final destination or will he be side-tracked by his love of cake?

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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.
82	Chickpea Syme, Marguerite Hann	Scholastic Australia	1998	9781863886420	5-6	Hooman, a young Iranian Australian boy, lives with his widower father and irritating younger sister, Mina. His pet hen, Chickpea, becomes broody over a clutch of infertile eggs and refuses to leave the nest.
1019837	Chico the Schnauzer Brumfitt, Taryn & George, Levi (ill)	Penguin	2024	9781761343988	3-4	Chico the Schnauzer goes on the biggest playdate of his life, spending time with all his dog friends. There's Susie the Sausage Dog, Penelope the Poodle and Digby the Dalmatian, just to name a few. Chico is amazed to learn about all the things their bodies are good at. He may not be able to do all that they can, but Chico discovers all the incredible things his own body can do!
15137	Chidi only likes blue: an African book of colours Onyefulu, Ifeoma	Frances Lincoln	1997	9780711211674	3-4	Nneka's little brother, Chidi, is always saying his favourite colour is blue. Could it be that he just doesn't know any others? Nneka decides to teach him nine colours seen in their African village, from pink flowers to the yellow gari they eat.
15819	Chief Rhino to the rescue Lloyd, Sam	Orchard Books	2008	9781846169410	K-2	Firechief Rhino and his men answer a fire call and, by mistake, put out Great Granny Wrinkles' one hundred birthday candles. However, because Granny's teeth are not so good anymore,she is quite happy with the soggy cake. It turns out to be the most super-sizzling party ever.
29168	Child of books, A Jeffers, Oliver	Walker Books	2016	9780763690779	K-2	A little girl sails her raft across a sea of words, arriving at a small boy's house. She calls him away on an adventure and, through forests of fairy tales and across mountains of make-believe, they travel together on a fantastical journey, which unlocks the boy's imagination.

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647189	Child of St Kilda Waters, Beth	Child's Play International Ltd	2019	9781786281876	5-6	Norman John Gillies was one of the last children ever born on St Kilda, five years before the whole population was evacuated forever. People had lived on these islands for over 4000 years, developing a thriving, tightly-knit society. Why and how did this ancient way of life suddenly cease in 1930?
83	Child of the May Tomlinson, Theresa	Yearling	2000	9780440415770	7-9	A revolt against King John's rule, with characters including Robin Hood and his men.
84	Child's dreaming Gilbert, Kevin	Hyland House	1992	9780947062972	5-6	Kevin Gilbert is an Aboriginal artist and poet and his poems focus on the Australian outback, in particular, the fauna.
25924	Child's garden, A: A story of hope Foreman, Michael	Walker Books	2009	9781406312072	3-4	In a ruined village, torn apart by war, a barbed wire fence cuts off a little boy from the hills he loved to walk in. One day, after rain, he sees a tiny, green shoot breaking through the rubble.
983	Child's introduction to ballet, A Lee, Laura & Hamilton, Meredith (ill)	ABC Books	2007	9780733323447	5-6	Experience dance in a whole new way by listening to the accompanying CD while reading about the history of ballet and its most famous dancers, composers and choreographers. Find out about the different ballet steps and positions, and read the wonderful stories of the world's greatest ballets.
1369491	Childish Gleitzman, Morris	Penguin	2025	9781761343759	5-6	Me and Dot reckon it's just a word for being a child. And having a crack at solving a big problem using only a really good friendship and the world's best dumplings and a thousand kilos of plasticine. Like we're doing now.
5443	Children of blood and bone Adeyemi, Tomi	MacMillan	2018	9781509871353	9plus	Under the orders of a ruthless king, anyone with powers was targeted and killed, leaving Zelie without a mother and her people without hope. Only a few people remain with the power to use magic, and they must remain hidden. Zelie is one such person. Now she has a chance to bring back magic to her people and strike against the monarchy. With the help of a rogue princess, Zelie must learn to harness her powers and outrun the crown prince, who is hell-bent on eradicating magic for good. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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616952	Children of the dragon: The race for the red dragon Lim, Rebecca	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760297374	5-6	On their way to the Wudang Mountains to discover the fate of Qing's father and sisters, Qing and Harley make an unscheduled stop after they hear rumours of an ancient vase emblazoned with a red dragon. Enemies are everywhere, and Harley and Qing must race evil forces across Hong Kong and Southern China to find the legendary vase. Qing's magic is growing in power, but is it enough to counter the human and otherworldly forces that are determined to stop them at all costs?
571053	Children of the dragon: The relic of the blue dragon Lim, Rebecca	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760297367	5-6	Harley Spark is just an ordinary thirteen-year-old kid who lives with his mum, Delia. Rumour has it that his dad, Ray, is an international crime figure with a talent for nicking old, valuable things. So when Harley finds an antique Chinese vase on the footpath, something compels him to stuff it under his school jumper and run for home. Little does he know he's about to reignite a centuries-old war between two ancient, supernatural families...
7984	Children of the king, The Hartnett, Sonya	Penguin	2012	9780670076130	5-6	Cecily, Jeremy and a young refugee, May, have been sent to live with Uncle Peregrine in the country, safe from the war in London. But, when Cecily and May find two mysterious boys hiding out in a nearby castle ruin, and Jeremy runs away to London to help in the war effort, several destinies come together to make an extraordinary adventure.
36871	Children of the lost, The Whitley, David	Penguin	2010	9780141330129	7-9	Mark and Lily have been banished from Agora, the ancient city-state where everything is for sale, memories, emotions and even children. Lost and alone they discover Giseth, a seemingly perfect land where everyone is equal and possessions are unknown. Lily believes they will find the secret of their entwined destiny. But paradise comes at a price.
9315	Children of the new forest, The Marryatt, Captain F	Wordsworth Editions Ltd	2002	9781853261107	5-6	Cavaliers and Roundheads battle it out in the turbulent setting of the English Civil war, providing the background for this classic tale of four orphans trying to survive in the forest.

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903378	Children of the Stone city Naidoo, Beverley	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2022	9780008471774	5-6	Adam, his sister Leila and their friend Zac live as Nons under the Permitted ruling class. But when Adam and Leila's father dies unexpectedly, their mother faces losing her permit to live in the Stone City and risks being sent back to where she was born, on the other side of the Wall. Before music loving Adam can implement his plan to save Mama, Zac is arrested for a bold prank that goes wrong, with repercussions for them all.
43449	Children of Willesden lane, The: A true story of hope and survival during World War II Golabek, Mona & Cohen, Lee	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760630805	7-9	A story about the strength of one young girl separated from her family during the 2nd World War and sent to live with strangers in England. While the war drags on over years and Lisa dreams of seeing her family again she clings to the one gift her mother told her to never loose, her music. Lisa's piano playing would go on and brighten the lives of all those around her in the darkest of times and her story reminds us not just of the power of music, but of the amazing resilience and humbling kindness of the human spirit. For anyone who enjoyed The Diary of Anne Frank.
5367	Children who loved books, The Carnavas, Peter	New Frontier Publishing	2012	9781921928161	K-2	Angus and Lucy love books. They have hundreds of them. Then, one day, all the books are taken away and the family discovers they need books more than they could ever have imagined.
85	Children's house of Belsen, The Verolme, Hetty	Fremantle Press	2001	9781863682527	9plus	A true account of the author's time spent as a prisoner in Belsen concentration camp, 1943-1945. The fear and uncertainty of the time are depicted simply, focusing on the positives not just the horrors associated with this period and place. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
4445	Children's treasury of Milligan, A Milligan, Spike	Viking UK	2001	9781852278915	5-6	A rare and delightful collection of Spike Milligan's humour for children that includes 'Best of silly verse for kids', 'Milliganisms' and more.
76676	Children: a first art book Micklethwait, Lucy	Frances Lincoln	2008	9781845074999	K-2	A perfect introduction to great art. Each of the 18 paintings depicts childhood activities such as dancing, reading, singing, eating, washing and sleeping.
846141	Chime seekers, The Montgomery, Ross	Walker Books	2021	9781406391190	5-6	Yanni resents being a big brother but when his baby sister is stolen by an evil faerie, Yanni must race against time before she is lost forever. Battling goblins and dodging potentially fatal faerie trickery, Yanni, with the help of his cousin Amy, discovers that courage, trust and love can be powerful weapons against the darkest evil.

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5309	Chimp rescue: a true story French, Jess & McKenna, Virginia (intro)	Orion	2016	9781510100541	3-4	This is the story of Chinoise, the baby chimpanzee who was rescued by Born Free and their supporters in 2014. After spending her early life isolated and in captivity, Chinoise now lives in a special nursery for rescued primates where, at last, she has made friends and learned how to play.
10910	Chimpanzee book: apes like us, The Litchfield, Carla	Black Dog Books	2009	9781742030746	5-6	They look cute and cuddly but don't underestimate them. Our closest living, animal relatives use tools to hunt, can hold a grudge and even use computers to communicate.
86	China coin, The Baillie, Allan	Penguin	1999	9780140347531	7-9	The horror of Tiannaman Square confronts Leah when she is searching for her ancient links in China.
54490	China: land of dragons and emperors Mah, Adeline Yen	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2008	9781741754674	7-9	Paper, gunpowder, silk, porcelain, stirrups for riding horses and many other wonderful and extraordinary things were first used in China. Read about the rise and fall of dynasties, the superstitions and beliefs of the people and the famous people who are part of the great story of China.
	Chinese Calendar Tales series Brennan, Sarah				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.
1173	Chinese Cinderella Mah, Adeline Yen	Penguin	1999	9780141304878	7-9	The plight of a young girl who, because of traditional Chinese beliefs, is rejected by her family at birth.
14255	Chinese Cinderella and the secret dragon society Mah, Adeline Yen	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2004	9781865088655	7-9	A young girl is thrown out of her home by her cruel stepmother onto the dangerous streets of Shanghai. She takes refuge in a Martial Arts Academy and becomes part of a new family. A secret mission changes her life dramatically. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
7787	Chinese Cinderella: the mystery of the Song Dynasty painting Mah, Adeline Yen	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2009	9781741146363	7-9	Following a fall, and in hospital where Chinese Cinderella sees a copy of an ancient painting. She is haunted by vivid dreams that seem strange, yet somehow familiar, recalling a life lived eight hundred years ago during the Song Dynasty. Hypnosis is used, leaving open the concept of reincarnation.

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4040	Chip Howarth, Kylie	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760400736	K-2	Chip, like most other gulls, would do anything for fish and chips. When he's banned from his favourite food, he is desperate to get it back on the menu. So Chip hatches a brilliant idea to solve his problem, but has he gone too far this time?
593298	Chip the lifeguard Howarth, Kylie	Little Hare Books	2019	9781760682316	K-2	Chip is back! His mission: to become a lifeguard! But his dreams soon go soggy when he's chased off the beach. So Chip and his friends fashion a plan to sneak him in to the surf club. Will their stunt earn Chip a place between the red-and-yellow flags?
901577	Chippy chasers: Chippy jackpot Cotton, Sam	Puffin Australia	2022	9780143778547	3-4	Stevo, Stanley and Tracey are cheeky seagulls who love hot chips. they become tired of having to steal and beg one chip at a time. One day, outside the best chip shop in Australia, they concoct a plan in the Sydney sunshine to convince the best chippy stealer in the world to help them get a whole serve of chips. They face danger and challenges in a hilarious quest to meet their ultimate goal.
837	Chloe McCarty, Peter	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2012	9780061142918	K-2	Chloe has twenty siblings and she is happy in the middle. They all enjoy family time, until Dad brings home a television, which looks like it will spoil their time together.
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.
21228	Chocolate factory ghost, The O'Connell, David & Powell, Claire (ill)	Bloomsbury	2018	9781408887066	3-4	Archie McBudge has just inherited a fortune, a huge house and a chocolate factory. But something suspicious is going on at the McBudge Confectionery Company. If Archie can't solve the mystery the factory will be shut down and his sweet fortune will be over.
21422	Chook called Harry, A Gwynne, Phillip & Denton, Terry (ill)	Puffin Australia	2009	9780143303473	5-6	There are ten chooks in the chook house and Chris collects the eggs every day. When his favourite chook, Happy Harry, stops laying, Chris's Dad says that she's not pulling her weight and will have to go. Chris must work out a way to save her. Some derogatory language used in context.

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	Chook Chook series Chim, Wai & Lord, Aileen (ill)				3-4	Heartfelt tales of love, loss, belonging, family, friendship, and the power of kindness set against the backdrop of rural China. Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen.
	Chook Doolan series Roy, James & Gifford, Lucinda (ill)				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.
6243	Chooks in dinner suits Jackson, Diane & Smith, Craig, (ill)	Museums Victoria	2016	9781921833380	K-2	A waddle of Little Penguins live on a tiny island. But, their numbers are dwindling. Swampy Marsh knows what to do but no one will listen to him. Soon, he can count the last few penguins on the fingers of one hand. The desperate townsfolk give Swampy and his friends, Max and Mimi, one chance to solve the problem. Based on a true story.
	Choose your own adventure series Montgomery, 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.
1388266	Choose your own evolution: Go extinct or survive? You decide! Howard, Jules & Wright, Gordy (ill)	Nosy Crow Ltd	2025	9781839945533	5-6	Think of an animal, any animal at all. It could be a shark or a squid or a snail, or even a human like you! Every single animals has a secret history. A death-defying adventure that has happened across millions of years, called evolution. You will discover a new animal with its own exciting story to tell, and it's up to YOU to make the decisions that will lead to their next evolutionary step. Can you survive to the present-day or will you face extinction along the way? Will you grow a backbone, take to the skies, or dive deeper for your dinner?

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723884	Chosen ones Roth, Veronica	Hachette Australia	2020	9781529330243	9plus	What happens when you've saved the world and now you have to go back to being an ordinary person? What happens if saving the world has left you with significant trauma and you find ordinary life hard to live? What happens if 15 years after saving the world the evil reappears and you are called upon once more to be the hero? Can you do it all again? Are you strong enough? Are you sane enough? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
81625	Christian the lion Bourke, Anthony & Rendall, John & Knowles, Ruth (adapt)	Random House Children's Books	2009	9781862309562	5-6	Two young Australian men, Ace and John, who were living in London in the swinging 60s, bought themselves a real lion cub from Harrods department store. This book follows their journey to raise a lion cub in a big city and then attempt to return him to the wild, with the support of famed lion expert, George Adamson.
7234	Christina's Matilda Wignell, Edel & Botte, Elizabeth (ill)	IP (Interactive Publications Pty Ltd)	2011	9781921479878	5-6	Most people know the words to the song Waltzing Matilda and that it was written by the poet Banjo Paterson. But, not many know the origin of the tune. In 1885, Christina Macpherson played an old Scottish marching tune and Banjo Paterson, who was visiting the family, liked it and wrote words to accompany the music. Banjo and the song became famous but Christina's role was forgotten until the 1970s.
846105	Christmas always comes French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2021	9781460757895	K-2	'Joy comes in the morning' It's Christmas Eve in 1932, and Joey, Ellie and their parents are droving cattle in the drought. How will Santa find them on the long and dusty road? And will there be pudding and presents and a tree in the morning? But Joey knows that Christmas always comes.
4632	Christmas at home Saxby, Claire & Dawson, Janine (ill)	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760402952	K-2	The tree is decorated, the presents are wrapped and the neighbourhood Christmas lights blaze against a warm December sky in Australia. It's Christmas time at home, the very best time of the year.
20551	Christmas carol, A Dickens, Charles	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2007	9780141031736	7-9	It is the 24th of December and mean, old Ebenezer Scrooge sits in his freezing office, refusing to acknowledge that it's Christmas. But, that night, the miser has a terrifying visitor, his dead business partner, Marley, who comes to warn that the ghosts from Scrooge's past, present and future are about to arrive.

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12457	Christmas day kitten, The Herriot, James & Brown, Ruth (ill)	Pan Macmillan London	1988	9780330304634	K-2	Debbie is a very independent, stray cat. She visits a certain house, a few times a week, to get some food and to spend a little time in front of the warm fire. One Christmas morning, Debbie comes to the house again but this time she is not alone.
1019640	Christmas days in the sunshine Stephen, Byll & Stephen, Beth & Howe, Simon (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780733342745	K-2	Every year in December Christmas lights go up in this neighborhood. The children wait up until it is darker to see the moonlight. They also say goodbye to their school friends until the next year and enjoy their holidays. This book is a celebration of summer and the joys of an Australian Christmas.
6218	Christmas rose, The Blaxland, Wendy & Hennessy, Lucy (ill)	Walker Books	2014	9781921720406	3-4	The fields near Bethlehem are filled with joy when angels appear telling of the birth of a very special baby. Men are travelling to give the baby gifts, but Madelon has nothing, what could she possibly give him when she meets him.
1395165	Christmas tree catastrophe, The Bowd, Emma & Shanks, Matt (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9781460765883	K-2	This is an occasion story with a difference! Watch naughty Kitty McCatty create complete Christmas Eve chaos! 'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house...Kitty McCatty was chasing a mouse. It's Christmas Eve and the baubles are bickering over the best spots on the Christmas tree when an unexpected visitor appears. A tree-toppling catastrophe seems certain...unless the decorations can set aside their differences and work together?
20747	Christmas wombat French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2011	9780732291716	K-2	Christmas comes but once a year, and it's just as well for Santa's reindeer, who have to fight with Mothball for the carrots left out for them by the local children. And, when Mothball takes an unexpected sleigh ride, it's not just Santa who faces the prospect of getting stuck in the chimney. Christmas from a wombat's eye view is always going to be interesting.
660768	Christmasaurus, The Fletcher, Tom	Penguin	2017	9780141373348	3-4	Forget everything you thought you knew about the North Pole. This book will change how you think about Christmas. Get ready to meet: a boy called William Trundle, his dad Bob, an elf named Snozzletrump, the meanest girl in school named Brenda Payne, a nasty piece of work called the Hunter, a most unusual dinosaur and the real Santa.

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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.
1337792	Chronicles of a lizard nobody: The hat of great importance Ness, Patrick & Miller, Tim (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529517965	5-6	Zeke is worried - and not just because his best friend Daniel has started wearing a hat. A mysterious Guidance Counsellor and a fishy new student have joined the school, and somebody keeps melting Zeke's house with a Death Ray of Death. Who is trying to zap Zeke's life into oblivion - and can he stop them?
	Chronicles of ancient darkness series Various				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.
	Chronicles of Krangor series Pryor, Michael				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.
	Chronicles of Narnia series Lewis, C S				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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	Chronicles of Vladimir Tod series Brewer, Heather				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
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.
4970	Chronologica: Incredible years that defined history, The Bloomsbury & Powell, Debbie (ill) & Hancher, Adam (ill)	Bloomsbury	2016	9781472932945	5-6	Chronologica is an informative and entertaining glimpse into history, beautifully illustrated and full of incredible facts. This book has a combination of both major and lessor known historical events, ranging from Napoleon Bonaparte, the first emperor of France, to Adolphe Sax, who patented the Saxophone. Chronologica is full of facts and figures, and will entertain history buffs and inspire some new ones.
9555	Chrysanthemum Henkes, Kevin	Hodder & Stoughton	1998	9780340727942	3-4	Chrysanthemum thinks that she has a perfect name, until she goes to school. Victoria says her name is a flower and only just fits on her badge. School gets worse until she meets the music teacher, Mrs Delphinium Twinkle, and suddenly blossoms.
9395	Church mice in action, The Oakley, Graham	Pan Macmillan London	1997	9780333493366	3-4	The Church Mice are involved in one of their madcap schemes to earn money by entering Sampson in cat shows. Unfortunately, Sampson gets kidnapped by a couple of criminals on a tandem bike and the mice have to go to his rescue.
9396	Church mice take a break, The Oakley, Graham	Hodder & Stoughton	2000	9780340727881	3-4	The church mice become stowaways but things go wrong when they find themselves stranded, alone, miles from home. The weather breaks and they almost give up hope of getting back until they find a fossil which holds the answer.
569144	Cicada Tan, Shaun	Lothian Books	2018	9780734418630	7-9	Cicada tell story. Story good. Story simple. Story even human can understand. Tok Tok Tok!

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36171	Cicada summer Constable, Kate	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2009	9781741758283	5-6	Two years ago, Eloise's mother died and, over time, sadness has taken her voice. Her father, preoccupied with grandiose schemes that allow him to run from his own grief, ignores what is happening with Eloise's quietness. When Eloise meets Anna, a girl from another time, things begin to change as Eloise finds the peace and safety she needs to heal.
3096	Cici: Truth in sight Doerrfeld, Cori & Page, Tyler (ill)	Graphic Universe	2016	9781512411560	3-4	Cici has a lot to figure out. She's learning how to make friends. She's learning how to be a better big sister. Oh, and she's learning how to use her fairy powers. Things look easy for Kendra, a popular girl at Cici's school. So when Cici finds Kendra's lost doll, she uses her magic to play a trick; change the doll and Kendra changes too. It's only a joke but the changes could last forever if Cici doesn't learn to see the best in people.
753972	Cinderella is dead Bayron, Kalynn	Bloomsbury	2020	9781526621979	7-9	It's 200 years since Cinderella found her prince, but the fairytale is over. Sophia knows the story though, off by heart. Because every girl has to recite it daily, from when she's tiny until the night she's sent to the royal ball for choosing. And every girl knows that she has only one chance. For the lives of those not chosen by a man at the ball are forfeit. But Sophia doesn't want to be chosen - she's in love with her best friend, Erin, and hates the idea of being traded like cattle. And when Sophia's night at the ball goes horribly wrong, she must run for her life. Alone and terrified, she finds herself hiding in Cinderella's tomb. And there she meets someone who will show her that she has the power to remake her world ...
7576	Cinderfella Bates, Dianne & Viska, Peter (ill)	Puffin Australia	2001	9780141312651	3-4	Cinderfella from the Planet Jetsonia meets Princess Esmerelda of the Planet Earth and strange things happen.
	Cinders and Sparks series Kelk, Lindsey & Curnick, Pippa (ill)				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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751162	Cinders and sparrows Bachmann, Stefan	HarperCollins US	2020	9780063060562	5-6	Orphaned housemaid Zita Brydgeborn receives a letter delivered by a scarecrow and discovers that she has inherited a castle and a magical legacy as a witch. Her new guardian, Mrs Cantanker reluctantly begins teaching Zita charms & spells. She soon forms friendships with the servants and some of the castle's more friendly supernatural occupants, including a talking statue and the ghost of a dog. As Zita explores the castle's quirky changing landscape and embraces her newfound magical skills she becomes determined to solve the mystery of what has really happened to her family.
34385	Circle Baker, Jeannie	Walker Books	2016	9781406338010	5-6	Each year, bar-tailed godwits undertake the longest migration of any bird. They fly from Australia and New Zealand to their breeding grounds in the Arctic, and then back again. The godwits follow invisible pathways that have been followed for thousands of years, while braving hunger and treacherous conditions to reach their destination.
7313	Circle: Shapes trilogy Barnett, Mac & Klassen, Jon (ill)	Walker Books	2019	9781406384222	K-2	This book is about Circle. This book is also about Circle's friends Triangle and Square. When they all play hide-and-seek, Circle makes a rule. But, when Triangle breaks that rule, Circle has to rescue him.
8973	Circus pony, The Lester, Alison & Harvey, Roland (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2007	9781741148879	3-4	When Bonnie and Sam find a fabulous picture of a girl balancing on a horse, they decide to enter the local Talent Night with some trick riding of their own. They decide that Tricky and Bonnie will make the perfect team. When they find out that animals are not allowed in the talent night. it seems like the end of their dream.
89141	City of Ember, The DuPrau, Jeanne	Corgi Books	2008	9780552559980	5-6	Endless darkness is threatening the underground city of Ember. Food is in short supply, corruption is spreading and the lights keep failing. Soon Ember could be engulfed by darkness. Lina and Doon must find a way to escape before the lights go out forever.
	City of orphans trilogy series Jinks, Catherine				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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35556	City of secret rivers, The Weinstein, Jacob Sager & Cook, Euan (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781406368857	5-6	Hyacinth is not at all pleased to move to London with her mother, partly because she still hopes her parents might get back together. Even her love of history does not make London more appealing, even less so when she opens her grandmother's farewell gift of a book titled A History of the Sewers of London (which she is bored enough to actually read), although she is puzzled, intrigued and a little anxious when the accompanying card foretells terrible danger, with no clue as to what it might be. She soon discovers a world of magic and strange creatures and places. All is definitely not what it seems and it is not at all certain whom she can trust. With her mother's life at stake Hyacinth must use all her skills to find the right path to prevent a catastrophe.
62419	City, The Greder, Armin	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9781742371429	9plus	A woman takes her only child to live in seclusion so that he should be spared the terrible things that happen in life. She cares for him and is happy. But, one moonless night she dies. The art is sombre but highly original. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
12451	Clair de lune Golds, Cassandra	Penguin	2004	9780143300007	7-9	Clair-de-Lune has lived with her grandmother since her mother died. She lives a sheltered life until she meets Bonaventure, a brave talking mouse, who takes Clair-de-Lune on adventures of which she had only dreamed.
9663	Clancy & Millie and the very fine house Gleeson, Libby & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Little Hare Books	2009	9781921541193	K-2	When there is a very big house, two small children and a huge stack of cardboard boxes that become a game, friendship can help turn a house into a home.
15305	Clancy of the Overflow Paterson, A B (Banjo) & Niland, Kilmeny (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2002	9781865045276	3-4	This classic Australian poem, more than a hundred years old, comes alive with fresh illustrations of the outback that Paterson loved so well.
2784	Clancy of the Undertow Currie, Christopher	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781925240405	9plus	In a dead-end town like Barwen, sixteen year old Clancy feels like a freak. She has a dysfunctional family, a real interest in Nature Club and a big crush on the local hot girl. Then, her dad is involved in a smash that kills two teenagers and the family must deal with the hostile town. Clancy meets someone who might become a friend and Sasha starts to show what may be a romantic interest. This is the summer when Clancy has to figure out just who she is. Adult themes, language. Usually read by years 9, 10 or above.
18438	Clancy the courageous cow Hume, Lachie	Scholastic Australia	2006	9781862915633	K-2	Clancy, the cow, is born with different markings from all the other 'Belted Galloways' in her herd. Being different, it turns out, has certain advantages and she may be able to save the herd.

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660045	Clancy the quokka Wilkinson, Lili & Mutton, Alison (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760634711	K-2	Clancy the Quokka is super cute, but also has a super cheeky habit of raiding picnic food, so when he spots a magnificent birthday cake, how can he resist? After the mayhem he creates, will Clancy learn his lesson?
11560	Clancy's long, long walk Gleeson, Libby	Puffin Australia	2007	9780143302889	3-4	Sam decides to walk to Steamers, a fantastic beach about six kilometres away from home. Sam's little brother, Clancy, wants to go too. Mum and Dad say it's too far and that Clancy isn't big enough. But, Clancy is very determined.
751931	Clap when you land Acevedo, Elizabeth	HarperTeen	2020	9780062882769	9plus	Camino Rios lives for the summers when her father visits her in the Dominican Republic. But this time, on the day when his plane is supposed to land, Camino arrives at the airport to see crowds of crying people... In New York City, Yahaira Rios is called to the principal's office, where her mother is waiting to tell her that her father, her hero, has died in a plane crash. Separated by distance - and Papi's secrets - the two girls are forced to face a new reality in which their father is dead and their lives are forever altered. And then, when it seems like they've lost everything of their father, they learn of each other. In a dual narrative novel in verse that brims with both grief and love, award-winning and bestselling author Elizabeth Acevedo writes about the devastation of loss, the difficulty of forgiveness, and the bittersweet bonds that shape our lives. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1423340	Clara capybara Darlison, Aleesah & Smith, Ruth-Mary (ill)	Wombat Books	2025	9781761111952	3-4	Clara the capybara loves pleasing others. But she is so busy taking care of everyone else, she forgets to look after herself. Can she find a balance between being kind to others and being kind to herself?
18681	Clara caterpillar Edwards, Pamela Duncan & Cole, Henry (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2004	9780064436915	K-2	A carefree caterpillar named Clara becomes a common cream-coloured butterfly and competes with a conceited caterpillar, Catisha, who becomes a captivating, crimson-coloured butterfly.
3951	Clare's Goodbye Gleeson, Libby & Pignataro, Anna (ill)	Little Hare Books	2017	9781760127527	K-2	We all have our own way of saying goodbye. Libby Gleeson tells a poignant story about letting go, with brooding evocative illustrations by acclaimed illustrator Anna Pignataro.

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	Clarice Bean series Child, Lauren				3-4	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.
	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.
1423394	Claris: Dazzling diamond egg Hess, Megan	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2025	9781761215193	3-4	In her latest adventure in Paris, Claris must find a missing Fabergé egg with her best friend, Monsieur!
2690	Clarrie's pig day out Storer, Jen & de Gennaro, Sue (ill)	ABC Books	2016	9780733334443	K-2	Clarrie the farmer plans a day out and tries to coax his dog, Bert, into coming with him. But, the day doesn't go quite the way that Clarrie plans. There are adventures, mishaps, chickens and a fox, but no Bert to come to the rescue. This mayhem is nothing compared to the lack of unity between Clarrie's mind and his mouth.
857907	Clash: A Click graphic novel Miller, Kayla	Walker Books	2022	9781760655174	5-6	Natasha is going to be one of the coolest kids in Year 6. Everyone wants to be her friend, including Olive. Olive tries her best but they always seem to clash, whats going on? Olive feels that her friends are starting to like Natasha more than her ... who could blame them, she is so cool. Olive is just well, Olive.

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783569	Class full of lizards, A Hart, Alison	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760877378	5-6	It's the first day back at school and I've already got three questions: 1. When is my family's disgusting diet going to end? 2. How will I finish my group project on time? 3. Why is my best friend Alex suddenly not talking to me? If that's not bad enough, the classroom is overrun with lizards. At least things can't get worse, right?
8415	Class Three all at sea Jarman, Julia & Chapman, Lynne (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2008	9780340944653	K-2	On the day Class Three went to sea, they saw donkeys dancing on the quay, some sea lions skimming stones but they didn't see the skull and crossbones. Watch the pesky pirates plotting to take over Class Three's school trip to the sea. But don't worry, rescue is at hand.
8552	Class Two at the zoo Jarman, Julia & Chapman, Lynne	Hachette Children's Books	2007	9780340911617	K-2	Join Class Two as they wander round the zoo. They see all sorts of animal antics but are unaware of the very large snake that's determined to make a meal out of them.
	Classic books with holes series Various				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.
17984	Claude all at sea Smith, Alex T	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2016	9781444903676	K-2	When Claude leaves the taps running, a quiet bath time turns into a seafaring adventure.
	Claude the dog series Smith, Alex T				3-4	Claude is no ordinary dog - he leads an extraordinary life! He's a small, plump dog who wears a beret and a lovely red sweater. He has a best friend, Sir Bobblysock, a striped sock who is grubby and smells a bit like cheese. Come along on his adventures! Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you 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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12842	Claydon was a clingy child Cowell, Cressida	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2001	9780340757239	K-2	Claydon is a clingy child who won't let go of his mother's leg. This is a bad idea because his mother is into dangerous sports. Claydon's bear thinks it is a bad idea too.
18481	Clean break Wilson, Jacqueline & Sharrat, Nick (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2005	9780385608350	5-6	Em and her siblings are devastated by their dad's departure. Em escapes to a fantasy world with the help of a reindeer glove puppet.
18361	Clemency Pogue: fairy killer Petty, J T & Davis, Will (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2005	9780689872365	5-6	When Clemency is attacked by a mean fairy, she shouts, 'I don't believe in fairies' and accidentally kills six of them. This funny story describes her efforts to put things right.
8081	Clementine Loth, Sebastian	North South Books	2011	9780735840096	K-2	Once there was a little snail who loved everything round, hoops and wheels and balls and balloons and, most of all, the moon. She longed to glide gently over the moon's surface, around and around and around. And, so, she made a daring decision, she'd find a way to fly to the moon.
728137	Clementine and Rudy Curham, Siobhan	Walker Books	2020	9781406390230	7-9	A celebration of friendship and following dreams. When Clementine and Rudy meet they forge a friendship that inspires them both. Clementine and Rudy may be from different backgrounds but together they tackle the difficulties each of them face.
	Clementine Rose 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.
1890	Clementine's walk White, Annie	New Frontier Publishing	2013	9781921928475	K-2	Everyone is too busy to take Clementine for a walk. When they finally find the time, Clementine is nowhere to be found.
660046	Cleo & Rob Brown, Helen & Morris, Phoebe (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781988547190	K-2	Sometimes hope has four paws, golden eyes and soft black fur. A kitten called Cleo steps into six-year-old Rob's life after his big brother, Sam, dies.

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5789	Cleo stories, The: A friend and a pet Gleeson, Libby & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781743315286	3-4	Cleo's best friend is away, her parents are busy and there's nothing to do but count raindrops or tidy her room. Just when she thinks that she'll never cheer up, Cleo has an idea. In the second story, Cleo longs for a pet but her mum and dad say no. Perhaps the answer is hidden somewhere unexpected. Two short stories about six year old Cleo.
1309	Cleo stories, The: The necklace and the present Gleeson, Libby & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743315279	3-4	Having a big imagination means you can always find a way to have fun. Two short stories about six year old Cleo.
20246	Cleocatra's kushion Price, Robin	Mogzilla	2014	9780954657604	3-4	The Emperor Nero believes that 'treasure is for spending'. With his gold almost gone, he sends a freed gladiator, Spartapuss, loyal servant to master Clawdius, on a secret mission in search of a treasure cavern at the source of the river Nile. The journey through the land of the 'Purramids' to the Kingdom of Kush is full of shocks, crocs and magic, courtesy of Cleocatra's Kushion. A rollicking tale with many puns taken from Roman History.
1551396	Cleopatra: the girl who would be king French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2026	9781460766545	7-9	'When twelve-year-old Cleopatra and her father, Pharaoh Ptolemy XII, flee to ancient Rome in 59 BCE after Cleopatra's sister seizes the throne, they are in serious trouble. It's up to Cleopatra to raise enough gold to hire an army, gain the support of powerful allies, and take back her country's land. Three years later, she had become the most famous pharaoh in history. This is the story of how that year in ancient Rome might have changed Cleopatra's life, with daring escapes, crocodiles, pirates, shipwreck and encountering the intrepid Captain Fileas and Myra, the slave determined to be free.

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586744	Clever crow Bancroft, Bronwyn & Lawrence, Nina (ill)	Magabala Books	2018	9781922142610	3-4	Clever Crow is an endearing and witty tale that follows the exploits of a hungry and very clever crow. Crow searches in the bush for food but he can find none. It is only when he comes across people preparing for a ceremony that his luck changes. Crow spots a big turtle egg waiting to be cooked, and he cries out, 'Yummy, food for me!' But it is not an easy task stealing a turtle egg - even for a clever crow. Crow has to be more clever than he has ever been before! Children will love Bronwyn Bancrofts's distinctive illustrations, and how the Djambarrpuynu language translation - Yolnu language from North East Arnhem Land - is woven into the design.
1215	Clever Trevor's stupendous inventions Weldon, Andrew	Penguin	1999	9780141305110	3-4	When he confiscates Trevor's power pants and tries to profit by them, the teacher becomes the target of Trevor's inventiveness, in this book about inventors and inventions.
33112	Click go the shears Ingpen, Robert (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2011	9780207180941	3-4	The Australian song is probably the most wide spread and enduring of the old-time shearers' songs. The tune came from an American Civil War song, Ring the Bell, Watchman, and was written by Henry Lawson. The song was first published in written format in 1946 and versions don't seem to differ much. The version in this book is as sung by A L Lloyd in the 1950s.
	Click graphic novel series Various				5-6	NEW SERIES FOR 2026! Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to 10 more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
9293	Click, clack, moo, cows that type Cronin, Doreen & Lewin, Betsy (ill)	Pocket Books	2002	9780743461511	3-4	Farmer Brown's cows are dissatisfied with conditions on the farm and use their typewriter to agitate for change. Much to Farmer Brown's annoyance, this spirit of rebellion is contagious, and other animals too begin to make demands. How will he respond?
10110	Cliffhanger Wilson, Jacqueline & Sharratt, Nick (ill)	Corgi Books	2009	9780440868552	3-4	From climbing and abseiling to canoeing and a crazy bucket race, the adventure holiday promises to be full of action. Tim has just one problem, he is hopeless at sports of any kind. He wonders how he will survive the horrors of an activity-packed week.

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	Clifford series Various				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.
846110	Climate action: what happened and what we can do Simon, Seymour	HarperCollins Children's Books	2021	9780062943309	5-6	Around the world, young people like Greta Thunberg, Xiye Bastida Patrick and countless others are taking action to combat climate change and raise awareness. This book explains the devastating effects of climate change and how humans have contributed to the problem. It shares the stories of young people who have become an important part of the solution.
846272	Climb Barker, Philip	self-published	2021	9780645252002	7-9	Deserted by her father and kept in the dark about her brother's accident, high schooler Ashley Davies has her own secrets. When she enters a forbidden rock climbing contest to teach her bully a lesson, she ends up uncovering old wounds about her family's connection to another's heartache. Climb is a coming of age story of resilience, grit, and self-discovery.
89	Climb a lonely hill Norman, Lilith	HarperCollins Australia	1984	9780006715962	7-9	A prospecting holiday turns into a struggle for survival for two children when their car crashes in an isolated place in the bush, killing their uncle.
9417	Climbing Mount Sugarbin Harvey, Pam	Penguin	2003	9780143300199	3-4	Nathan loves pistons, drive shafts and carburettors. He's entering Lightning Rager in the new section of the annual Mount Sugarbin Hill Climb Race.
18076	Clinton Gregory's secret Whatley, Bruce	Harry N Abrams Inc	2008	9780810993648	3-4	Clinton Gregory has a secret. Actually, Clinton has at least seven secrets just from last week. Every night, when no-one else is looking, Clinton does extraordinary things. He befriends a dragon, teaches a stegosaurus a new trick and flies around the world on a plate of spaghetti. Look in the pictures for a clue to Clinton's next secret.
1225	Clive eats alligators Lester, Alison	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1994	9780340608562	K-2	When it comes to playing, eating, shopping, dressing and even going to bed, Clive, Tessa, Frank, Rosie and the rest of the kids all have their favourite way of doing things.

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642932	Clockill and the thief, The Ward, Gareth	Walker Books	2019	9781760651206	7-9	Sin is dying. He has been poisoned by his blue blood. The traitor who poisoned him has escaped and is set on revenge. The Covert Operations Group (COG) tasks Sin, his friend Zonda Chubb and their frenemy Velvet Von Darque with recapturing the traitor WHATEVER THE COST. They must battle skypirates and the terrifying CLOCKILL to complete their mission. Can Sin survive long enough to save his friends, himself and the day?
8621	Close to the wind Walter, Jon	David Fickling Books	2015	9781910200179	7-9	A war torn country, a town that is burning. Ten year old Malik's mother has been missing for days, his home has become unrecognisable and the grandfather he hardly knows is insisting they leave on the final ship, to a country promising safety and a new life. When Papa meets two old friends, he makes a deal that could save them. But, this is only the beginning of the journey for Malik. If he is to escape, he will need all his courage, his sense of right and wrong, and a magic trick that he must practice until it's perfect.
888	Cloud road, The Carmody, Isobelle	Penguin	2013	9780670075188	5-6	Adventure and danger follow Bily, Zluty, Redwing and the Monster as they cross a desert and journey through high stony mountains in search of a new home.
32650	Cloud tea monkeys Peet, Mal & Graham, Elspeth & Wijngaard, Juan (ill)	Walker Books	2010	9781406300925	3-4	Tashi lives in a tiny village below the tea plantations where her mother earns a living. One day, her mother falls ill and Tashi must pick tea to earn the money for a doctor. But, she is too small to reach the tender shoots and the cruel Overseer sends her away empty-handed. Tashi needs a miracle.
64051	Cloud, The Cumming, Hannah	Child's Play International Ltd	2010	9781846433436	K-2	One little girl never draws anything and never smiles, she seems to have a little black cloud above her. One classmate decides she is going to try and help her smile, draw together and make a friend or two.
60376	Cloudchasers, The Hunt, Steven (ill) & Richardson, David	ABC Books	2009	9780733322259	5-6	In the grey streets of Bankertown, Alice dares to rebel, escaping into the clouds in a hot air balloon. She is determined to restore imagination and freedom to Bankertown, but the terrifying Catcher is on her trail.
68863	Cloudchasers, The: the east wind Hunt, Steven (ill) & Richardson, David	ABC Books	2009	9780733325687	5-6	Alice, Thomas and Spinner are being pursued by the Catcher through many terrifying and fantastic cloud lands, in their search for the Banker's father and to expose secrets to save Bankertown.

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5687	Cloudland Burningham, John	Jonathan Cape	1996	9780224045810	K-2	Albert is high in the mountains when he falls over a cliff. Just in time, Albert is saved by the Cloud Children who, with some magic words, make him light and airy. Albert has a wonderful time until something reminds him of his own little bed.
1355850	Cloudmaker Milroy, Helen	Magabala Books	2025	9781922777829	3-4	Long ago, Cloudmaker was busy preparing for the creation of worlds. As an ancestral being he had an important job to do, to create clouds. He made sure there were enough clouds for shade, rain and light. Cloudmaker loved making clouds, but he grew sad as he realised the end of his journey was close and he had made all the clouds that were needed. He knew things would change forever. His lightness of being became heavier and heavier and he soon became so heavy he sank to the Earth. Here the birds lifted his spirits and he floated up and joined his favourite cloud and friend Cirra. He cried tears of sadness and joy and a tear landed on the tip of his wing and he created a rainbow that encircled the whole of Earth. He would live on forever in the rainbow.
4055	Cloudwish Wood, Fiona	Pan MacMillan	2015	9781743533123	7-9	For sixteen year old scholarship student Van Uoc Phan, magic has never been part of the plan. She is all work and no play; responsible and rational; quiet on the outside, the noise of her tumbling private thoughts kept neatly within. So, when she makes a wish about golden boy rower, Billy Gardiner, and it seems to come true, her sense of rationality as well as her sense of self are thrown into a state of flux.
612687	Clover's big ideas Donaghey, Georgie and Middleton, Emma (ill)	Little Pink Dog Books	2017	9780994626967	K-2	Being the smallest in the paddock isn't easy. Clover is always being teased. When three naughty lambs go too far, Clover and her big ideas step in. Discover how Clover shows being little makes her more determined and clever than they could ever imagine.
11306	Clown Blake, Quentin	Henry Holt & Co	1996	9780805043990	K-2	Clown is one of several toys tossed out with the rubbish. He dusts himself off and gets on with life. The story of clown is told wordlessly in true mime tradition.
750982	Clue for Clara, A Tanner, Lian	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760877699	3-4	Clara is not your average chicken. She wants to be a famous television detective. The only problem is this misfit hen needs a really big case for everyone to take her seriously.

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1511577	Clueless guide to solving a mystery, The Kamaleddine, Samera & Breeze, Hykie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2026	9781460767443	5-6	I didn't always live with seven old people and one middle-aged cavoodle called Christine ... Claudia Smith's parents have left her to (temporarily) live with her grandparents at Boonside Heights Retirement Village while they're away on a once-in-a-lifetime cruise. The only good thing? The most popular kids at school, Yasmin and Zayn Bassal, have turned up to visit their grandmother. The not-so-good thing? Orpheus McAdoo, the most annoying kid at school, is hanging around like a bad smell. When the discovery of a mysterious note has the oldies in a fluster, Claudia sees an opportunity for the unlikely foursome to get together and solve the mystery. There's just one problem ... They don't have a single clue.
18340	Clumsy crab Galloway, Ruth	Koala Books	2005	9780864615152	K-2	Nipper, the crab, hates his clumsy claws until he uses them to rescue his friend from being tangled in seaweed.
67129	Coastal treasure hunter Spilsbury, Louise	A & C Black	2010	9781408126936	3-4	The coastline of any land is a treasure trove of marine creatures, plant life, rocks and crystals to be protected and enjoyed. Here you can see what to look for, how to prepare and protect yourself. Although some of the weblinks provided are located in the United Kingdom (looking at tides and weather for safe exploration), there are similar sites providing Australian information.
6502	Coat, The Hunt, Julie & Brooks, Ron (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781741146059	5-6	The Coat stood in a paddock at the end of a row of strawberries. It was buttoned up tight, stuffed full of straw and it was angry. It recognises itself as a top-of-the-line coat and feels wasted as a scarecrow. When a gust of wind fills the arm of the scarecrow, a man walking along the path thinks it's waving. The man puts on the coat and a magical adventure begins.
128586	Cock-a-doodle-doo, farmyard hullabaloo Andreae, Giles & Wojtowycz, David (ill)	Orchard Books	2000	9781841215631	K-2	Charming farmyard animals introduce themselves in simple, flowing verse. Meet the loyal and loved sheepdog, the powerful bull, the gossipy geese and the nocturnal fox.
1154	Cockadoodle-doo Mr Sultana Morpurgo, Michael & Rayner, Shoo (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2012	9780007489985	3-4	The Sultan is greedy and lazy and has no feelings for his subjects. Out hunting one day, one of his diamond buttons falls off his shirt and a poor woman's rooster finds it and wants to give it to the woman. However, the sultan's servants see and chase him, retrieving the diamond. The rooster embarks on a mission to get the diamond back for the poor woman.

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6526	Cockroach cup, The Caraher, Kim	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1998	9780091831523	3-4	Everyone is looking for a top cockroach to win the Cockroach Cup. From the moment that Cool scuttles out into torchlight, he, or she, is obviously a champion. But, Cup Day brings more than a few surprises.
93684	Cocky who cried dingo, The Morrison, Yvonne & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Little Hare Books	2010	9781921541421	3-4	Cocky is a cheeky trickster who loves nothing more than pulling pranks on the other birds. But, when Cocky's tricks get him into real trouble, he finally learns his lesson. An hilarious rhyming adaptation of The Boy Who Cried Wolf.
12394	Cocky, the crow and the hawk, The Nicholls, Christine (ed.) & Mudgedell, Matingali Napanangka (teller)	Working Title Press	2002	9781876288259	K-2	A Dreaming narrative belonging to Matingali Napanangka Mudgedell, in which all the birds were brightly coloured. The birds lived together and shared their food. But, one day, the cocky and the crow argued and everything changed.
	Coco Banjo series Gemmell, N J				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.
587861	Cocoon Parker, Aura	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781742765129	K-2	Dawn and her best friends have a plan! They are going to eat as many leaves as they can, weave cocoons and turn into moths so they can fly. Easy peasy, right? But what happens when days go by and Dawn still doesn't have her wings? What if she doesn't grow them at all? Will Dawn ever get to chase the lights with her friends?
751167	Code name bananas Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2020	9780008454296	3-4	"Imagine living in London in 1940. Bombs are raining down on the city. It is The Blitz. Germany is on a bombing campaign targeting big cities. Thousands of homes are destroyed. People are taking cover in bomb shelters. Two million children are evacuated to the country. But London Zoo remains open. Some animals are evacuated to keep them safe. Eric, whose great uncle works at the zoo, forms an extraordinary friendship with a huge gorilla called Gertrude. But when the zoo becomes dangerous, Eric goes on an adventure to rescue Gertrude and try to save her from a most unusual enemy."

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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.
	Code name 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.
3107	Coding projects with Scratch made easy Setford, Steve & Woodcock, Jon	Penguin Books Australia	2017	9781740331852	5-6	Get ready to learn a whole new language: computer coding. Teach yourself how to create your own computer projects using this Scratch programming workbook. Perfect for beginners, with easy-to-understand, engaging instructions and no complicated jargon.
3642	Cogheart Bunzl, Peter	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2016	9781474915007	5-6	Lily's dad, the inventor, has gone missing. He may even be dead! But Lily doesn't believe it and her mechanical fox, Malkin, has heard whispers about a new invention her dad was working on before he vanished, that may hold the key finding him. But the mission to return Lily's father won't be easy or safe and just who are those creepy mirror-eyed men?
2419	Cola's journey Bilkuei, Cola	MacMillan	2008	9781405038416	9plus	In 1987, Cola Bilkuei, a young boy from Sudan, was forcibly recruited into the Sudan People's Liberation Army. In a military training camp, Cola and hundreds of other children were systematically brutalised to turn them into child soldiers to fight a savage civil war. The book recounts his harrowing, fourteen year journey through seven African countries to reach Australia as a refugee. Some strong language in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1238	Cold iron Masson, Sophie	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1998	9780733605833	7-9	Tattercoat's only friends include Pug, the gooseherd, and Malkin, the serving maid. They devise a way to smuggle Tattercoat in to a birthday ball from which her grandfather has excluded her.

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30487	Cold paws, warm heart Floyd, Madeleine	Walker Books	2006	9781406301908	3-4	Far away in the land of snow and ice lives Cold Paws, a lonely polar bear. Cold Paws shivers and wonders why he always feels cold inside. But, when little Hannah from the village becomes his friend, the cold feeling inside begins to melt away.
14911	Collecting colour Dunstan, Kylie	Lothian Books	2008	9780734410221	3-4	Rose and her friend, Olive, love going bush in Arnhem Land to collect 'colour' and pandanus leaves for weaving baskets, bags and mats.
578090	Collecting sunshine Flynn, Rachel & Ainslie, Tamsin (ill)	Penguin Random House Australia	2018	9780143785187	K-2	Mabel and Robert love to collect things on their walks, leaves and stones and seeds and berries. But when they are caught in the rain and can't take their collection home they have an even better idea.
12486	Collector, The Hawke, Rosanne & Pignataro, Anna (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2004	9780734406651	3-4	When Uncle Max's best flying pigeons disappear, Luke's cat, Q, is blamed. Dad threatens to send Q away to the animal refuge for unwanted pets. Luke and Bree must solve the mystery perhaps with a little help from Q himself.
12381	Colossal creatures Hughes, Nick & Goss, Mini (ill)	Koala Books	2002	9780864613998	K-2	Who is the biggest creature of them all? Lift the flaps to find out. The simple rhyming text contrasts the ancient dinosaurs with the animals, people and buildings of today.
6204	Colour for curlews Treml, Renee	Wombat Books	2018	9781925563320	K-2	Who could resist a little dab of colour here and there? Two curious curlews discover a stash of paints and brushes. An adorable case of Australian birds introduce readers to the joy of colours and colour mixing.
	Colour graffix series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
2796	Colour me Kwaymullina, Ezekiel & Court, Moira (ill)	Fremantle Press	2017	9781925164657	K-2	We are all different, but together we colour our world amazing!
91	Colour of sunshine, The Metzenthen, David	Penguin	2000	9780141310510	7-9	Following the death of his older sister in a car accident, a nine year old boy is surrounded by the grief of his family.

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1209961	Colourful world of Poppy Starr Olsen, The Black, Jess & Olsen, Poppy Starr (ill)	Puffin Australia	2022	9780143778837	5-6	Poppy is a happy, popular 12 year old who loves skating. She lives with a loud, boisterous but loving family in Sydney's Bondi Beach. She balances her sport with her art and schoolwork. When a skate competition is announced at the local skate park she discovers that initially there is no category for girls. She also learns that a local council member wants to close the skate park because they view it as dangerous and leading to vandalism. Poppy asks her friends and family to try and save the competition (and the park) while entering the contest and pursuing her passions.
696548	Colouring competition, The McKenzie, Heath	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781760158859	K-2	It was the perfect day for a colouring-in competition until Oscar noticed he had competition. Now, both Oscar and Henry can't stop colouring and they have gone way outside the lines!
613984	Colouroos McGregor, Anna	Lothian Books	2019	9780734418838	K-2	When three different mobs of kangaroos come to the waterhole, they aren't sure what to make of each other. But they soon discover that they're more alike than they thought.
15364	Colours (lift the flap) Taylor, Geraldine (consultant)	Dorling Kindersley	2002	9780751331080	K-2	Lift-the-flap and reveal brightly coloured photographs of familiar objects.
11000	Colours of Australia Bancroft, Bronwyn	Little Hare Books	2016	9781742976914	K-2	Celebrate the beauty of our natural environment. Each line speaks a different voice, each image stirs a different mood, and all combine to evoke the miracle of colour that surrounds us.
1424874	Colours of home, The Han, Sally Soweol	Thames & Hudson	2025	9781760764654	K-2	When Bomi moves to a new country, everything seems different except for the silver moon. Making a faraway place feel like home isn't easy, but as she explores, Bomi finds comfort in matching new with old. Soon she discovers the colours of home everywhere she looks.
1357352	Colt from Old Regret, The Wolfer, Dianne & Wagner, Erica (ill)	NLA Publishing	2025	9781922507686	5-6	Tossing his mane, the Colt from old Regret tears through the scrub. Stones clatter and crimson rosellas shriek as he canters higher. You may have heard the story of the man from Snowy River and his fearless ride through the mountains. This is Colt's story, of nickering mares and a rearing stallion. How did Colt escape the man? What did Colt see, feel and smell as he charged through the bush?
42881	Columbia sneezes Brian, Janeen & Cunnett, Gabe (ill)	Omnibus Books	2008	9781862916968	K-2	Columbia absolutely loves where he lives but he just can't stop sneezing. A solution is provided when he meets a stranger in the desert. A rhyming picture book with a humorous plot and rhythmical text made for reading out loud, complemented by humorous illustrations.

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751089	Combat wombat to the rescue Newton, Gina & Daley, Tiffanee (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2020	9781925804577	K-2	'Womba-rumbaaaa! I'm Combat Wombat, Wildlife Warrior of the Bush!' With courage, determination and sheer wombat power, Combat Wombat leads his bush buddies to safety in a race to escape a raging bushfire. Is he strong enough and clever enough to overcome all obstacles?
12163	Come away from the water, Shirley Burningham, John	Red Fox	1992	9780099899402	K-2	While Shirley's parents sit on the beach with their knitting and newspapers, Shirley embarks on a fantasy adventure.
1244	Come back Gizmo Jennings, Paul	Penguin	1996	9780140378450	3-4	In the third book about the gizmo, a new set of characters become embroiled in hilarious, embarrassing scenes when lovesick Jimmy locks his pet dog in the car boot to win the affections of the snooty girl next door. The gizmo soon works its magic, with Jimmy soon living to regret his moment of selfishness.
52249	Come by chance Winch, Madeleine	Walker Books	2009	9781921150845	3-4	Bertha found an abandoned home in the middle of nowhere and fixed it up. She called her home, Come by chance, and that is what happened. All sorts of animals, sheep, kangaroos and a cat, came to her door during the cold winter. She took them all in and cared for them until summer.
1310	Come count with me Wilson, Marika	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781743313435	K-2	Little chicky can count to five, but now it's time for Nana to try.
94504	Come down, cat Hartnett, Sonya & Masciullo, Lucia (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2011	9780670074754	K-2	The day is ending, night is falling and Nicholas's cat won't come down from the roof. High on the roof, she licks her paws while Nicholas worries about her being all alone, especially during the night. But, his cat doesn't want to come down, at least, not yet.
1470715	Come home, Bigibila Tutt, Corey & Gold, Irma & Tedim, Jessica	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2026	9781761181863	K-2	Bigibila is the Gamilaraay word for echidna, Corey's totem animal. When Bigibila finds herself far away from her Country, how will she find her way back?
128773	Come on, Daisy Simmons, Jane	Orchard Books	2004	9781843622727	K-2	Daisy is more interested in exploring the exciting things around her than listening to Mother Duck. But, when she comes to some dark and scary waters, she is very happy to have her mum near.
92	Come sing, Jimmy Jo Paterson, Katherine	Puffin UK	1995	9780140373974	7-9	Jimmy Jo becomes a great country and western singer and finds his family is not what it seems.

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1282887	Come Together Again: A celebration of first nations music, song and dance Firebrace, Isaiah & Biumaiwai, Jaelyn (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781741179019	3-4	Teaches young readers about the integral role music and performance have played in 60,000 years of First Nations history and culture. Learn about the yidaki (didgeridoo) and how it makes its sounds or how leaves can whistle. Be introduced to First Nations singers in pop, country and opera music. Discover dancers in the styles of contemporary, ballet and hip-hop.
988126	Come together: Things every Aussie kid should know about the First Peoples Firebrace, Isaiah & Biumaiwai, Jaelyn (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2022	9781741178166	5-6	In this essential book, Isaiah, a Yorta Yorta and Gunditjmara man, establishes a foundation of First Nations knowledge with 20 key topics.
885974	Comedienne's guide to Pride, The Thomson, Hayli	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9781460762325	7-9	When Taylor is accepted as a finalist for a diverse writers' internship at Saturday Night Live, it turns her life upside down. And if Taylor wants a shot at winning, she'll have to come out about both of her secrets- being a comedienne and a lesbian. The only thing keeping Taylor from self-combusting is her pining for Salem's most bewitching actress - out and proud classmate, Charlotte Grey. So when Taylor finds herself sitting opposite Charlotte to discuss a school project, Taylor's simmering need to tell everyone exactly who she is and what she wants burns hotter than ever .
47444	Comet in Moominland Jansson, Tove; Portch, Elizabeth (trans)	Puffin Australia	2011	9780141328614	5-6	Moomintroll learns that a comet is heading towards Moominvalley. So, he and Sniff, the small animal, set out for the observatory on the Lonely Mountains to seek advice from the Professor. On the way, they meet interesting people and have some narrow escapes.
25277	Coming home McGuiness, Sharon & Melville, Shannon (ill)	Wombat Books	2012	9781921633775	5-6	Gemma watches her dad as he sits alone in his tangled garden. She doesn't understand why he seems so sad. Gemma's dad is experiencing depression and Gemma wonders what she might be able to do to help him.
765889	Coming home to Country Bancroft, Bronwyn	Hardie Grant Egmont	2020	9781760501921	3-4	Run to the creek, perch on a rock, slip into clear crystal water. An visual and lyrical depiction of coming home to country from acclaimed author and illustrator Bronwyn Bancroft.

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846240	Coming up for air Daley, Tom	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2021	9780008217914	9plus	Tom Daley captured the hearts of the nation with his unforgettable medal-winning performance in the London 2012 Olympics. At the 2020 Games in Tokyo, he triumphed to win gold and became the most decorated British diver of all time. In this deeply personal book, Tom explores the experiences that have shaped him and the qualities to which he owes his contentment and success; from the resilience he developed competing at world-class level, to the courage he discovered while reclaiming the narrative around his identity, and the perspective that family life has brought him. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above
18387	Commotion in the ocean Andreae, Giles & Wojtowycz, David (ill)	Tiger Tales	2001	9781589250000	K-2	The sequel to the best-selling 'Rumble in the Jungle' is a delightful new collection of poems about creatures who live in and around the ocean.
85274	Complete adventures of Blinky Bill Wall, Dorothy	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2009	9780732284343	5-6	Discover an Australian classic, Blinky Bill and his wonderful adventures.
363	Complete adventures of Snugglepot and Cuddlepie, The Gibbs, May	HarperCollins Australia	1990	9780207167300	5-6	Snugglepot and Cuddlepie feature in this Australian classic. They are two gumnut babies who live in the bush and have adventures with their bush friends and the big bad Banksia men.
2940	Complete guide to a dog's best friend, The Gardner, Felicity & West, David	Lothian Books	2015	9780734415417	K-2	This is a story for dog lovers and those who have ever wondered what their dog is really thinking.
	Completely Cassidy series Murray, Tamsyn & Miller, Antonia (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.
35121	Composer is dead, The Snicket, Lemony & Stookey, Nathaniel (music)	HarperCollins US	2009	9780061236273	5-6	In this perplexing murder mystery, everyone has a motive, everyone has an alibi and nearly everyone is a musical instrument. But, the composer is still dead. Join the inspector as he interrogates all the unusual suspects. Hear what happened on that fateful evening by listening to the accompanying CD, featuring author, Lemony Snicket, and Nathaniel Stookey's music performed by the San Francisco Symphony.

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33127	Comradeship: stories of friendship and recreation in wartime Cusack, Kathleen & Hatherley, Brett (des)	Dept of Veterans' Affairs & Australian War Memorial	2017	9780987615107	7-9	Millions of Australians have been affected by war. Many servicemen and servicewomen have faced extraordinary dangers, while their loved ones waiting at home suffered months, and even years, of uncertainty. Yet, despite the difficulties, a strong sense of shared experience, friendship, and camaraderie often developed.
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...
1019715	Concrete garden, The Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2023	9781529512649	K-2	The children spilled out like sweets from a box into the sunshine. Amanda brought a box of chalks. Someone drew a butterflies, a balloon, a caterpillar, and someone else drew a bumble bee passing by. Soon a beautiful exotic garden spread out across the concrete...
24020	Conga dance Tarlau, Amanda & Chapman, Jane (ill)	Koala Books	2015	9781742761107	K-2	Join the line, the conga line. One by one, Australian animals and birds join the conga line, dancing together until they fall in a tangle at the end.
1426090	Connected Stephen, R.A. & Teow, Tamlyn (ill)	Wombat Books	2026	9781761113178	K-2	Connected introduces children to the mathematical concept of networks, while emphasising that no one is alone. Everyone is connected.
	Conspiracy 365 series Lord, Gabrielle				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.
1445345	Construction site band, The Loakes, Jennifer & Canby, Kelly (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2025	9781922998156	K-2	The construction site band is ready. It's time for the day to begin. A delightfully noisy book that celebrates all the noise and colour of city life.
18553	Convicted: the unwonderful world of kids, crims and other convict capers Clark, Anna & Crowley, Kate (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2006	9781920878603	3-4	This book presents Australia's convict history in a fun way for young readers. There are plenty of pictures and amazing facts to show just how tough it was to be an early Australian convict.

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660424	Cooee Mittigar Seymour, Jasmine & Mulgo Watson, Leanne (ill)	Magabala Books	2019	9781925936865	5-6	Cooee mittigar. Come here friend and join our Daruga mudjin. Let's make some budyeri dreaming. I will teach you of Darug life.
570819	Cook and the King, The Donaldson, Julia & Cobb, Roberts, David (ill)	MacMillan	2018	9781509813773	3-4	There once was a very hungry king who needed a cook like anything...but the king is very fussy, and none of the cooks he tries can make a dish that tastes just right. Then the most unlikely of chefs comes along: the shuffling, shaking Wobbly Bob. He's scared of everything, from catching fish to digging for potatoes. But can he convince the hungry king to give him the job?
846137	Cookie Duff, Isabelle & Crispe, Susannah (ill)	EK Books	2021	9781925820959	3-4	Cookie loves lots of things like smelly smells, chewy things and Girl. Cookie and Girl play together and learn to make each other happy.
694059	Cookie and the most annoying boy in the world Huq, Connie	Piccadilly Press	2019	9781848128095	5-6	Cookie's life is a disaster, her best friend is moving away and the most annoying boy in the world is buying her favourite kitten at the pet shop. And then he joins her class at school!! And then he moves in next door!! But their is a glimmer of hope and Cookies love of science is about to come in handy.....
846084	Cooking club detectives, The Jozefkowicz, Ewa	Head of Zeus	2021	9781789543605	5-6	The local community centre is about to be shut down. All the clubs and classes are held here for the kids after school. Erin has just moved in and has started exploring her new community. She quickly makes new friends at school and joins a cooking club held at the local community centre. The news of it closing is terrible for them all. Is there anything they can do to save it? Who and why would they be shutting down such an important centre to the community? Maybe Erin and her friends can get to the bottom of it!
965843	Cooking up a storm Dickson, John & Frittitta, Claudia (ill)	Vision Australia	2023	9780645558418	3-4	Craig Shanahan always dreamed of being a chef, but he was almost completely blind. Craig didn't let that stop him from following his dreams, cooking up a storm and opening his own cafe.
30939	Cooking with grandma Mastnak, Rosemary	Hardie Grant Egmont	2009	9781921564192	K-2	Anya loves visiting Grandma and Grandpa. They like to cook together and then go on adventures around the house.
19914	Cooking with Hamlet and other solo dramas Murray, Sue	Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9781420212389	9plus	A collection of fifteen monologues, written for students to be able to use in solo performances. Each monologue quickly establishes character, mood and themes relevant to students. In turn funny, confronting, surprising and touching. Some language and adult concepts. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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11143	Cool bananas Harris, Christine & Guthridge, Bettina (ill)	ABC Books	2007	9780733321108	3-4	Claudia visits her Grandpa for the first time and finds he is an embarrassing surprise. She doesn't know how she will survive her holiday.
1065496	Cool bean presents, The: As cool as it gets John, Jory & Oswald, Pete (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780063045422	3-4	When the Cool Bean picks the name of the coolest of the cool beans, Beanadette, out of a hat for the annual gift exchange, he's not feeling very merry or festive -- he's feeling pressure! Beanadette is definitely expecting the coolest present of all. Will the Cool Bean find the perfect gift in time for the party?
860749	Cool bean, The John, Jory and Oswald, Pete (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2019	9780062954527	3-4	Everyone knows the cool beans. They're sooooo cool. And then there's the uncool has-bean . . . Always on the sidelines, one bean unsuccessfully tries everything he can to fit in with the crowd - until one day the cool beans show him how it's done.
941502	Cool code, The Langeland, Dierdre & Mai, Sarah (ill)	Clarion Books	2022	9780358549314	5-6	Zoey has been homeschooled her entire life. So when her parents announce it's time for her to attend the local school, she's terrified about how she'll cope. In an attempt to fit in, Zoey develops an app called the Cool Code with a cute llama avatar that will tell her everything from what to say to what to wear based on pop culture algorithms she's uploaded. But when the app gives her ridiculous advice, awkwardness and hilarity ensues. With a few upgrades and a bit of debugging from the coding club, the app actually works. Zoey becomes really popular... and gets her pulled in all kinds of directions, including away from her real friends.
43461	Cool coding Hansen, Robert	Pavilion	2017	9781843653233	7-9	This book is the perfect addition to any home or school. Coding is a subject we all have questions about, and this handy little book is beautifully laid out to dip into - either to find the answer to a question or to browse. Written in neat little chunks with fun facts, colourful illustrations and careful definitions. There are even links and exercises to continue with once you've finished reading the book.

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877869	Cop & robber Bancks, Tristan	Penguin	2022	9781761045943	7-9	Nash finds himself pulled between his two parents after their divorce. This is not uncommon, however his mum is the local police officer and his dad is a retired boxer and former prisoner who finds himself needing to come up with a large amount of money very quickly. Nash finds his love and loyalty to his father tested as he is involved in his father's past mistakes and present schemes. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Tristan Bancks read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#cop-and-robber-tristan-bancks
9529	Copper tin cup, The Schaefer, Carole Lexa & Fellows, Stan	Walker Books	2000	9780744556209	3-4	The copper tin cup belongs to Sammy Carl. His initials are carved below the rim, it fits perfectly into his small hand and seems to have been made for him. But the cup was made many years ago for his great-aunt, Serena Carlotta.
48801	Copy cat Birchall, Mark	Child's Play International Ltd	2010	9781846433672	K-2	Cat is small and Dog is big. Whatever Dog does, Cat does too. Dog gets really fed up with Cat copying everything she does. But one day, when Cat can't be found, Dog discovers she doesn't have anyone to play with.
1089042	Cora seen and heard Louise, Zanni	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760657666	5-6	Calling all year 5 & 6 students. This is the book for you! Cora, a quiet, shy, forgettable 12 year old whose family moves interstate. What a great opportunity to reinvent yourself. But is it? Should we all just be happy with the skin we are in?
7604	Coral island, The Ballantyne, R M	Wordsworth Editions Ltd	2002	9781853261701	7-9	A classic story of three young sailors, sole survivors of a wreck, who discover the enchanting beauties of the South Pacific. They learn how to live on their tropical paradise but then they are swept into adventures with bloodthirsty pirates.

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13788	Coral reef book, The Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742034140	5-6	Coral reefs have existed for millions of years and are found in tropical waters around the world. These ecosystems are home to a diverse range of animals and plants. Australia's Great Barrier Reef is the longest barrier reef in the world, stretching for more than two thousand kilometres. Find out about the beautiful, colourful and richly diverse world of coral reefs.
602734	Coral sea dreaming Toft, Kim Michelle	Silkim Books	2017	9780994238849	K-2	Coral Sea Dreaming will take you on a colourful underwater adventure through a magical coral reef. Swim with manta rays, pat a parrotfish, float with the fish and beware of the creatures that lurk beneath - looking for their next meal. Enjoy the poetic text, learn more about the creatures that live in this underwater environment and discover how you can help preserve this multi-coloured marine environment for future generations to enjoy.
9536	Corduroy Freeman, Don	Penguin	1988	9780140501735	3-4	Corduroy is a teddy bear who searches for his missing button because he believes that, if he is perfect, he will be loved and bought.
41664	Corn field Crew, Gary & Hill, Aaron (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2014	9781922081377	7-9	Something drew the boys into the corn field that day, boredom, bravado, who knows. That kid who went in years before went in and was never the same again. Enter the corn field at your own risk.
660320	Corner park clubhouse: The secret life of Lola Bell, Davina	Hardie Grant Egmont	2019	9781760504038	5-6	When lifelong friends Lola, Belle, Maisie and Sophia reunite at their beloved Corner Park Clubhouse for the winter school holidays, Lola has a great idea: they'll enter the local drama competition! It's the perfect way to spend as much time together as possible, and there are prizes for best actor, director and sets. As an artist, Lola's determined her sets will win - but there's just one problem. She can't figure out what to paint, or even how to get started. And that's because of something that happened at her super sophisticated art school last term ... something Lola can't discuss with anyone. Not her bestie, Belle, who's brought her new friend Matilda home for the holidays. Not Maisie, who's always busy with gym. Not Sophia, who's focused on her secret crush. And not even her cool older sister, Tally, who's at a conference in New York. With no-one to turn to but herself, can Lola figure out how to get her creativity back - before it's too late?

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15058	Corroboree Wallam, Angus & Kelly, Suzanne & Macdonald, Norma (ill)	University of Western Australia Press	2004	9781920694142	5-6	It is springtime, Wirrin's favourite time of the year. He will go hunting with his father, digging with his mother and gathering with his grandmother. People are coming from far and wide for the big corroboree and Wirrin will see all his cousins.
18414	Corydon and the island of monsters Druitt, Tobias	Simon & Schuster	2006	9780689875380	7-9	The first book in a trilogy retelling the Greek myth of Medusa. Young Corydon is driven out of his village because of his unusual appearance and put on display as a monster, with other classical beasts, in a travelling freak show.
959198	Cosima Unfortunate steals a star Noakes, Laura & Sorrentino, Flavia (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2023	9780008579135	3-4	Cosima, a resident of the Home for Unfortunate Girls, dreams of finding a real home and family. When she discovers that explorer Lord Francis Fitzroy plans to adopt her and her friends, they become suspicious and decide to steal his prized tiara, containing the legendary Star Diamond of India. As they prepare for the heist, Cosima uncovers a mysterious treasure map that could reveal the truth about her parents. This exciting adventure is filled with friendship, mystery, and daring escapades.
44073	Cosmic Boyce, Frank Cottrell	Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9780330440868	5-6	Liam is not your usual twelve year old boy. For a start, he is man-size and is always being mistaken for his father. This is Liam's opportunity and his greatest dilemma. Yesterday, he was just a kid, now he is stuck in space, perhaps forever, with hilarious results. But, the greatest lessons he learns are about fatherhood.
1019808	Cosmic wonder Benham-Yazdani, Ashley	Candlewick Press	2023	9781536223231	5-6	When the comet looked down to the Earth, the humans gazed right back. Every seventy-six years or so, Halley's Comet passes the Earth on its orbit, catching snapshots of how the planet and the Earthlings that live there change over time. Even though the comet's path continually leads it back into the vast universe, it always looks forward to its return to Earth to see what humans will accomplish next. Told with wonder and striking illustrations, this story follows Halley's Comet as it traces the journey of human civilization over the thousands of years it has travelled the Earth.

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643365	Costa Banana: The gruesome general Douglas, Jozua & Hees, Elly (ill)	Affirm Press	2019	9781925870091	5-6	Welcome to Costa Banana, where the President makes everyone eat Banana soup on Fridays. He's strong, he's unstoppable, he's completely bonkers. So when his kids discover a plot to overthrow the President he doesn't believe them. With robotic flies, banana guns and a gruesome general, will Rosa and Fico be able to save the day?
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.
1495581	Costa's garden: Fruit Georgiadis, Costa & Quinlan, Brenna (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2026	9780733343391	3-4	Fruits are like little treasures that grow on trees and plants. Some of them you already know and eat, but there are others you are going to encounter on this fabulous fruit journey.
10874	Cottonwool Colin Willis, Jeanne & Ross, Tony (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2007	9781842707197	K-2	Colin is the smallest of ten mice siblings and his mother is so fearful for his safety that she decides to wrap him up in cottonwool to protect him. This isn't as effective as she hoped.
3549	Count with Bowerbird Bill Raymond, Melanie & Pritchard, Jo (ill)	Museums Victoria	2016	9781921833410	K-2	Bowerbird Bill loves to build. He also loves to find treasures for his bower. Count with Bill and share his journey as he looks for treasure. Bill's friend Belle is sure to be impressed by his bower.
1388309	Countdown to Christmas Gardland, Evie & Gyan, Rachel (ill)	Albert Street Books	2025	9781761181993	K-2	It's nearly Christmas! Can you feel the excitement? From ten shiny baubles to one golden star, let's count down to the most magical time of year.
	Countdown to 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.
1019824	Countdown to yesterday Marr, Shirley	Penguin Random House Australia	2024	9781761340598	5-6	James' family is changing, and he doesn't like it. He wants to travel back in time and live in one of his favourite memories, but which one will he choose? How will he choose? And can his new friend Yan really build a time machine? What would you do if you had six memories to go back to? How would you choose?

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35114	Counting by 7s Goldberg Sloan, Holly	Scholastic US	2013	9781743626535	7-9	Willow Chance is a twelve year old genius, obsessed with nature, diagnosing medical conditions and counting by 7s. It has never been easy for Willow to connect with anyone other than her adoptive parents. Willow has led a quietly happy life until her parents die in a car crash, leaving her alone in a baffling world.
4195	Counting lions Cotton, Kate & Walton, Stephen (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2015	9781847807212	5-6	Exquisite large and detailed charcoal drawings of ten endangered creatures. Poetic text notes each creature's particular qualities and behaviour, and why these animals must be cherished and protected.
1261	Counting on Frank Clement, Rod	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1990	9780207173226	3-4	Frank counts on everything. He is always calculating things like how many whales will fit in his house. His dad says, 'If you've got a brain, then use it', and Frank does.
3974	Counting on you Fenton, Corinne & Cowcher, Robin (ill)	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760403898	K-2	On race-with-the-wind days or sometimes-I-forget days....I'm counting on you.
1426081	Counting sheep, The Curtin, Natashia	Wombat Books	2026	9781761113154	K-2	There once were four friends who loved playing music together. But every time they began to play, something strange happened.
1119409	Country Muir, Aunty Fay & Lawson, Sue & Davison, Cheryl (ill)	Wild Dog Books	2024	9781742036779	K-2	Country is all around us and includes us. It is all the living things which we can see, feel, smell, hear and taste. Country also shows us how to be and guides us in taking care of it and ourselves.
1019648	Country town Martyn, Isolde & Ridgeway, Robyn & Hogan, Louise (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2023	9781922696359	5-6	A wonderfully illustrated story of a fictional small country town in Australia. The book goes through from First Peoples' camp in the 1820s to Carols by Candlelight at the local showground. An excellent way to read the history of our nation.
1100195	Courage be my friend: The Vivian Bullkinkel 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.

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774392	Courageous Lucy: The girl who liked to worry Russell, Paul & King, Cara (ill)	EK Books	2021	9781925820775	K-2	Lucy worries about everything and she worries a lot. She's so skilled at worrying that she worries about new and interesting things no one else even thinks about! But when Mrs Hunt tells the class there is going to be a school musical, Lucy decides she wants to be a part of it. She's too worried to try out for any of the parts but Mrs Hunt finds the perfect role for her. Being a piece of the landscape may not suit everyone but Lucy puts everything into being the best tree she can, and with a sprinkle of courage she stands proud and tall as her knees knock and her tummy ties in knots. She becomes the best tree anyone can ever remember!
751204	Courtyard children, The Poljak, Marija	Rhiza Press	2020	9781925563962	9plus	Mileva's family tree includes resistance fighters and patriots, and she was raised on the values of brotherhood and unity. Marko was born into a family where love is earned, not given, and was branded early on as a troublemaker and a lost cause. Despite their differences, the two grow to become best friends. Yet as the 1990s approach, Yugoslavia begins to crumble and ethnic tensions arise. No longer inseparable, their different cultural backgrounds force Mileva and Marko apart. Through tragic events Mileva struggles to make sense of her identity as she attempts to salvage all that is left of the life and love she once had. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
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.

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1286624	Coven Chainani, Soman & Gennari, Joel (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2025	9780008734749	5-6	Need your magical crime solved? Call the Witch Coven. Hester, Anadil, and Dot are legendary across the Endless Woods as vigilante detectives and protectors of the peace. The famed trio are not only talented witches, but also ride-or-die friends who've never left a case unsolved. That is, until the Coven answers a call for help from a mysterious new world - Red Isle, where the Light and Dark Lands are on the brink of all-out war, each blaming the other for a grim spree of deaths. Now the Coven must work together and unmask the killer before Red Isle tears itself apart. Little do they know: the real enemy might be hiding in plain sight
4038	Cow tripped over the moon, The Wilson, Tony & Wood, Laura (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781743623534	K-2	Hey diddle diddle, you all know the riddle, a cow jumps over the moon. But, the moon is very high in the sky and cow has to make many high-flying leaps.
18498	Cow-pats Alexander, Goldie & Hamill, Dion (ill)	Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd	2004	9780732992057	5-6	Red is obsessed with painting but life on the drought-affected farm, combined with his father's need for expensive heart surgery, makes it unlikely he will pursue his artistic dream. Then a mysterious stranger buying artistic cow pats arrives.
50741	Cows in the kitchen Crebbin, June & McEwen, Katharine (ill)	Walker Books	2010	9781406326321	K-2	See what chaos the animals cause in the farm house when Tom Farmer falls asleep in the haystack.
48993	Cowzat Atherton, Bruce & Redlich, Ben (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2010	9781921136658	5-6	At last the true, well almost, story of how cricket was invented. Told in rollicking verse and with zany illustrations, this book will bowl you over.
1325	Crabbing with Dad Seden, Paul	Magabala Books	2016	9781925360158	K-2	With sunscreen and life jackets on, Dad and two children zoom off into the creek, passing other boats and people fishing along the way. It's a good time to be on the water and they even come across Cousin Dan, throwing his net as far as he can. With the crab pots set, they wait patiently and play games as they try to guess what fish could be swimming under their boat. It's finally time to check the crab pots.
678277	Crack up Faber, Jules	Pan MacMillan	2020	9781760783914	3-4	Max Crack and his best friend Frankie are back with even more questordinary adventures! Armed with shiny new quest list, they are on a mission to find a meteorite, make a movie, solve a sisterly feud, eat truckloads of chocolate and set a world record.
93311	Cracker: the best dog on the battlefield Kadohata, Cynthia	Simon & Schuster	2007	9781847380609	7-9	Cracker works for the US army and the fate of the entire platoon rests on her senses to detect bombs, traps and the enemy.

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1266	Crackle Clark, Margaret	Penguin	1999	9780141304137	3-4	Earl wakes up one morning to find his hair sticking up like a toothbrush. He can't get it to stay down and he keeps on getting into trouble with everyone because of his weird appearance. Earl doesn't know what to do.
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.
18396	Crane wife, The Bodkin, Odds & Spirin, Gennady (ill)	Harcourt Children's Books	2002	9780152163501	5-6	A beautiful retelling of a classic Japanese folk tale about a sail maker and his wife. Exquisitely illustrated in traditional Japanese style.
3663	Cranky ballerina, The Gravel, Elise	HarperCollins US	2016	9780062351241	K-2	Saturdays make Ada cranky. That's because Saturday is the day Ada has her ballet class. Stretch- she kicks. Twirl- she swats. Jump- she flops. "I hate ballet" Ada says. And it doesn't seem like that is going to change anytime soon.
849620	Cranky chicken Battersby, Katherine	Lothian Books	2021	9780734420954	3-4	Meet Cranky Chicken, so many things make her cranky, "Why is the dirt so dirty?" Meet Speedy the worm, a happy fast worm. Two lonely creatures who just need that right friend.
1000864	Cranky chicken: party animals Battersby, Katherine	Lothian Books	2022	9780734420985	3-4	Cranky Chicken is super high on the crank-o-meter. How can speedy worm help? What adventures will they get up to now as it's Cranky Chicken's birthday?
22958	Crash! Boom!: A maths tale Harris, Robie H. & Chatterton, Chris (ill)	Candlewick Press	2018	9780763678272	K-2	Elephant has a bucket of blocks and wants to build something tall. Something as tall as Elephant. But will it stay up? CRASH! BOOM! Not this time. Build it again? One block. Two blocks? Four blocks? It's still not as tall as Elephant. More blocks! Now will it stay up? Now will it be as tall as Elephant? Build, balance, count - question, estimate, measure - predict, crash, and build again!
94	Crash: the search for the Stinson Beck, Jennifer & Blacklock, Dyan	Scholastic Australia	1999	9781862913783	7-9	In 1937, a Stinson aircraft crashed, leaving two survivors to be rescued.
	Crawf's kick it to Nick series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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1019813	Crayons go back to school, The Daywalt, Drew & Jeffers, Oliver (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780008560843	K-2	The crayons are getting ready to go back to school and each crayon has a subject they're looking forward to the most. They're also ready to meet new friends and let loose during their very favourite time of day . . . art class. A hilarious back-to-school story featuring everyone's favourite school supplies!
995872	Crayons trick or treat, The Daywalt, Drew & Jeffers, Oliver (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2022	9780008560775	K-2	The Crayons are ready to celebrate Halloween. They want to go trick-or-treating, but they're not sure what to say. Purple Crayon teaches the rest of the box the magic words to say when they ring their neighbours' doorbells, but it doesn't always go according to plan.
825539	Crayons' book of feelings, The Daywalt, Drew & Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780008495329	K-2	Whether you're happy, sad, invisible or brave, the crayons feel that way too. A great book for reflecting on feelings.
660484	Crayons' Christmas, The Daywalt, Drew & Jeffers, Oliver (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2019	9780008180362	3-4	'Tis the season for all of us to write our Christmas wish lists. But everyone knows - even the Crayons - that the best presents are the ones that you give.
9965	Crazy classrooms Cookson, Paul	Frances Lincoln	2015	9781847805058	5-6	Friends and bullies, first day and last day, school dinners, playtime and staffroom stowaways. This book is all about your school so open the door and enter. Fifty fantastic poems about school that will speak to anyone who has ever started at a new school, been bullied or is just feeling a little lost at school.
751092	Crazy for birds Maynerick Blaise, Misha	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780008390211	5-6	Prepare to be amazed. Fascinating and fabulous facts about birds. Marvel at bird's bizarre behaviours. Delight in their diversity and enjoy their incredible personalities in this loving homage to all things avian. Bird brains may be small, but they are dense. Some birds have as many neurons as small primates. Some birds have even been observed making and using tools. Read this book to learn lots of facts about birds in a fun way.

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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?
4143	Creaturepedia Barman, Adrienne	Wide Eyed Editions	2015	9781847806345	K-2	See the animal kingdom's stars as you've never seen them before. The best-loved animals from all over the world are chosen for their special talents and characteristics. Meet 'the architects', the 'noisy neighbours', the 'homebodies', the 'forever faithfuls', the 'champions of forgetfulness' and more.
6899	Creatures of Dryden Gully, The Hegarty, Aunty Ruth & Harrold, Sandi (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781760151997	K-2	Mopoke welcomes the visitors, who have come from far away, to the valley. Young Joey is just learning to hop and is envious of these new, special creatures. He wishes he could stride across the valley too.
18559	Creatures of the rainforest Brim, Warren & Eglitis, Anna	Magabala Books	2006	9781875641994	5-6	Warren Brimm and Anna Iglitis embark on a cross-cultural journey to show us the remarkable array of creatures that inhabit the Queensland rainforest.
40861	Creforce: the Anzacs and the battle of Crete Tzobanakis, Stella	Black Dog Books	2010	9780646815763	9plus	In 1941, Germany launched an airborne invasion of Crete, expecting to meet little resistance from the Allies. But, they were mistaken. Australian, New Zealand and Greek soldiers, and the people of Crete, battled for ten days and the bonds between the Anzac and the Cretans have lasted for generations. War violence included. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
2975	Crenshaw Applegate, Katherine	HarperCollins Children's Books	2015	9780007951185	5-6	When Jackson's father becomes ill and cannot work, the family is struggling to pay the rent or buy food. When it seems they could lose everything and face homelessness, Crenshaw, Jackson's imaginary cat, comes back into his life to help them.

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846159	Cricket, I just love it! Nicholson, Alister & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526801	3-4	Cricket, I just love it. It really is the best. Batting, bowling, fielding, Twenty20 or a test. From classic catches to backyard matches, here is a joyful and heartfelt celebration of all things cricket.
18502	Crime of the agent-mariner, The Santaklaus, Pia & Flowers, Tony (ill)	Bitter Beat	2006	9780975828601	5-6	A story told whimsically in poetry of an agent-mariner who sets out on his ship and finds a real mermaid. A satirical, moral tale, with sophisticated illustrations, that condemns greed and exploitation.
18732	Crimpy's cartooning for kids Crimp, Daryl	HarperCollins Australia	2006	9781869505905	5-6	A cartoonist gives step-by-step strategies for practising drawing skills, supported by puzzles that revise earlier material.
12304	Croc bait Norrington, Leonie	Omnibus Books	2003	9781862915138	K-2	Sean's uncles say he is too small to go fishing with them. ""You might get eaten by a crocodile"", they say. But, Sean reckons he is old enough to go fishing so, early one morning, he goes to the river all by himself.
1209917	Croc candy Thompson, Claire & Brown, Deborah (ill)	Woodslane Press	2025	9781922800817	K-2	Croc-loving Angus struggles with reading and writing, but when he is struck by a whizz-bang croc-snapper of an idea, he learns to overcome his fears, and help others along the way! This is the true story of a rising star, Angus Copelin-Waters.
15433	Croc on the loose Baldwin, Grace MacDonald	Word Weavers Press	2004	9781877073137	3-4	Crocodiles haven't been seen in Curlew Creek for years, so Sam is surprised and excited when his dog finds a baby croc. What is he going to do with it? His mum tells him to take it out of the bath, his dad tells him to put it back in the creek.
578	Crocodile attack Peguero, Leone	BlueCat Books	2004	9780957842243	5-6	In a true story, a twelve year old girl receives a reward for bravery following a crocodile attack in the Northern Territory. Fact and opinion surrounding the story are explored in reports, maps, signs, letters, newspaper articles and storytelling.
24638	Crocodile book: armoured and dangerous, The Douglas, Malcolm	Black Dog Books	2009	9781742030265	5-6	From crocodiles that protect their babies by scooping them up into their mouths to those that can hold their breath for up to two hours, this is a fascinating, sometimes scary, introduction to the wild world of crocodiles.
751038	Crocodile in the family, A Black, Kitty & Parton, Daron (ill)	Lothian Books	2020	9780734419507	K-2	The birds are thrilled with their new family member, but the other animals are confused. Why would the birds keep a crocodile? Croccy is helpful, and he is graceful, and he does make a great coat rack. But that's not why they keep him. A heart-warming story about family in all its shapes and sizes.

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8827	Crocodile Jack Norrington, Leonie & Denton, Terry (ill)	Puffin Australia	2011	9780143305958	5-6	Jack is surprised but delighted when his big brother, Tom, invites him to go fishing. Of course, there's a catch. Jack is just the right size to fit through the shed window to borrow Dad's favourite fishing lure. There's also another job for Jack, he's to be the lookout to spot crocodile bubbles while Tom and his mate fish for barramundi.
3383	Crocodile river Lawrenson, Diana & Snell, Danny (ill)	Working Title Press	2009	9781876288921	K-2	This is the story of a saltwater crocodile, named Cranky, and her struggle to survive. Follow her from the time she hatches until she finds a safe haven where she can lay her own eggs.
4374	Crongton knights Wheatle, Alex	Little, Brown & Co	2016	9780349002323	9plus	For McKay, living on the South Crongton council estate has become even tougher since his mum died. His dad is working all hours, his brother rides the streets at night, tempting trouble. And, after an heroic but misguided mission to help a girl, McKay is facing a crazy ex-boyfriend, power-tripping hood-rats and a violent gangster. He never asked for trouble. During one mad night of adventure and danger, McKay will find out who his true friends are and what it means to stick with family. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1028425	Crookhaven: The forgotten maze Arcanjo, J J	Hachette Children's Books	2023	9781444965759	5-6	It's Gabriel's second year at Crookhaven, and with a tricky Break-in challenge and a new diving class called Reclamation, it's already off to a busy start. Then Gabriel and his friends learn about Maravel's Maze, a labyrinth of obstacles hidden beneath the lake. Each tests a crook-related skill - and nearly all are impossible. But the impossible has never stopped Gabriel's crew before, especially not when there's something at the heart of the maze that they all desperately want...
1423820	Crookhaven: The impossible fortress Arcanjo, J J	Hachette Children's Books	2025	9781444978360	5-6	It's Gabriel's fourth year at Crookhaven School for Thieves, and it's the most challenging one yet. Along with mastering a new class - Lay of the Land - this year's Break-in is set in a perilous location known as the Impossible Fortress. The crew must put everything they've learned to the test outside of the school gates. The real world can be a dark and dangerous place, but there may be something lurking within Crookhaven that the crew should be wary of too...

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1423818	Crookhaven: The island heist Arcanjo, J J	Hachette Children's Books	2024	9781444965780	5-6	It's Gabriel's third year at Crookhaven School for Thieves. Along with the usual Break-In challenge - this year to Reclamation island - and difficult new classes like Signs & Signals, Gabriel and his friends have another goal: taking down the Nameless. The Nameless are the very worst type of criminals - they steal, trick and kidnap for their own benefit, rather than to do good in the world. Each member of Gabriel's crew has a very personal reason for wanting to take the Nameless down - but what can a group of underage school children do compared to the most powerful crew of the underworld? Luckily, there might be something hidden at Crookhaven that could help them. But first they have to find it...
903357	Crookhaven: the school for thieves Arcanjo, J. J.	Hachette Australia	2023	9781444965735	5-6	Gabriel Avery usually only pickpockets to feed himself and his grandma but when he is recruited to Crookhaven, a school for honourable thieves, he learns so much more. With classes in Deception, The History of Crookery and Tricks of the Trade, Gabriel and his new friends hone their unusual skills and talents, but will it be enough when they have to face the ruthless Nameless, ex-students of Crookhaven who are anything but honourable?
1423819	Crookhaven: The thieves' revenge Arcanjo, J J	Hachette Children's Books	2025	9781444978384	5-6	Gabriel and his crew have called Crookhaven home for five years, but when it comes to the ultimate Break-in challenge - breaking into the school itself - they'll discover it has more secrets than they ever imagined. Despite the excitement of their final year, and a new lesson called Groundwork, the threat of the Nameless looms over them all. Gabriel knows he and his loved ones will never be safe until the Nameless are caught. but how far will he go to take them down?
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!
95	Crossfire Moloney, James	University of Queensland Press	1992	9780702223846	9plus	Luke is interested in guns and hunting but it is the emotional crossfire between his divorced parents that has him trapped. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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20548	Crossing Norton, Catherine	Omnibus Books	2014	9781742990286	5-6	Cara lives in the shadow of the Wall, a wall which protects its citizens from the outside world. By following the government's rules, Cara and her sister are safe, even when their parents are away doing important work for the government. When Cara befriends Leon and Ava, she begins to question what she has always known. Ava doesn't seem to think the rules are all that important. Perhaps that is why she disappears.
9431	Crossing of the Blue Mountains, The Boardman, Alan & Harvey, Roland (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1997	9781863887076	3-4	A history of the exploration of the Blue Mountains, with delightful illustrations.
687443	Crossover, The Alexander, Kwame	Houghton Mifflin	2019	9781328575494	5-6	"With a bolt of lightning on my kicks . . .The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. Cuz tonight I'm delivering," announces dread-locked, 12-year old Josh Bell. He and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse, in this fast and furious novel of family and brotherhood.
64671	Crow and the waterhole Kwaymullina, Ambelin	Fremantle Press	2007	9781863683036	3-4	Crow is so lacking in self-esteem that she doesn't realise what a special crow she is. She wishes she could be more like the 'other' crows she sees. She flies off to seek her destiny and to discover that she is all these things and more.
6677	Crow country Constable, Kate	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742373959	5-6	Sadie has moved to the country with her mum, although she would have preferred to stay in Melbourne with her friends. Life takes an unexpected turn when Sadie has an unusual encounter with a crow on a dried-up lake, and then meets Lachie Mortlock. Living in the country takes on new meaning, especially when Crow gives Sadie a secret to keep and a mystery to solve.
1294684	Cruel is the light Clark, Sophie	Penguin	2025	9781761340512	9plus	
678711	Cruel prince, The Black, Holly	Hot Key Books	2018	9781471407277	9plus	How do you go from living a perfectly normal suburban life with your family to finding out your mother was once married to a powerful and violent warlord fairy and your sister is half fairy too? What happens when you are taken away to live with this man's family in the fairy world - how do you survive when you have no fairy powers or qualities to protect you. What happens when you meet the dangerous and cruel Prince of Fairies who seems to particularly resent you living in his world? And can you ever grow to love the man who is your father in the fairy world. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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4806	Cruisin' Caswell, Brian	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9781741663440	7-9	Jules' mother wins a cruise and, on board, he discovers it's full of older passengers. There's little choice of companionship other than Adrian, his dancing-obsessed cousin, the very beautiful Jenna, wheelchair-bound Suzi Q and bully, Barry Barnes. Falling madly in love with the unobtainable Jenna, Jules develops a strong friendship with Suzi as she steers him through his unrequited love, with unexpected results.
751197	Cruising through calamity: Handling anxiety in anxious times Aisbett, Bev	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9781460759752	7-9	A book for anyone and everyone who finds themselves going through big change, hard times, bad luck or tough stuff. A book for right now, as it turns out. Cruising Through Calamity is a much-needed new book about helping people manage their emotions through big changes, hard times and big challenges.
880480	Crumbs Cummings, Phil & Devries, Shane (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781760970086	K-2	Ella has been saving her coins to buy something nice for herself on her outing to the city. In the cold afternoon she spots a little bird pecking about for a crumb to eat and she learns how a simple act of kindness can create something special and valuable for others.
19384	Crunch Rabei, Carolina	Child's Play International Ltd	2015	9781846437328	K-2	Crunch the guinea pig loves his food, so it is just as well there's plenty of it, especially when a hungry little mouse wants a share. After Crunch refuses to share and hug the mouse, the mouse disappears. Crunch feels bad and starts to worry about the mouse. He sets off to find him but the mouse cannot be found.
13542	Crusher is coming Graham, Bob	Lothian Books	2008	9780734410702	K-2	Crusher, the school football hero, is coming over to Peter's place. In anticipation, Peter clears his room of childish toys, gives instructions to his mother and young sister about how to behave, and prepares lots of exciting games. But, Crusher isn't quite what Peter expects.
7918	Crusher Kevin Matthews, Penny & McLean, Andrew (ill)	Puffin Australia	2011	9780143305637	3-4	Charlie can't wait until his new house is finished being built. Then, his parents have said he can have a dog. Charlie imagines all sorts of dogs and names but he is surprised with the dog he eventually owns.
1289	Crusts Parker, Danny & Ottley, Matt (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2016	9781742979830	K-2	Jacob is just one of millions who won't eat their crusts. But, he is one in a million when it comes to bright ideas. When tiny creatures from a distant, crumbling planet seek Jacob's help, he sets out to do what he can with his big box of uneaten crusts.

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27687	Cry blue murder Kane, Kim & Roberts, Marion	University of Queensland Press	2013	9780702239267	7-9	Celia and Alice share their secrets, hopes and increasing horror via email about the killer on the loose, abducting schoolgirls just like Celia. As the police scramble to investigate, who can the teenage girls trust.
1291	Cry of the karri Broome, Errol	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2001	9781865084015	7-9	When Aiden is lost in the forest, he is drawn into the mystery of a boy who disappeared in the same forest two years before.
9312	Cry of the wolf, The Burgess, Melvin	Puffin UK	1995	9780140373189	7-9	Ben learns about extinction and survival when he changes from helping the hunter to saving the wolves. The hunter becomes the hunted in this story of the sole surviving grey wolf cub.
	Cryptic casebook of Coco Carlomagno series Dubosarsky, Ursula & Denton, Terry (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.
9785	Crystal run, The O'Flanagan, Sheila	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2016	9781444927061	5-6	When Joe accidentally runs through a portal, he lands in a camp training teenagers to become Runners. Each cycle, three Runners are sent to place the power sources that will secure the shield that protects their land and keeps the enemy away. Once this is done, a toxin is released into their bodies and the Runners die. No one is permitted to return through the shield and nobody can remain in enemy territory. It's Joe's turn on the next Run. He is desperate to return to Earth.
1019708	Cub and brown Wyatt, Edwina & Barrow, Evie (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760654641	3-4	Cub loves exploring the Great Outdoors. As a Scout, he is prepared for anything. Anything, that is, except meeting a bear! When Cub meets Brown, a young bear who also loves nature and its wonders, he find that the outdoors, and the indoors, are full of surprises, adventures and friendship.
2294	Cubby house, The Dubosarsky, Ursula & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Puffin Australia	2009	9780143303800	3-4	Becky has great ideas for cubby houses but they never seem to work out. Midge has moved in next door and Becky gets her to help. But, Midge just sits quietly, waiting for the cubby to be ready. One day, Midge invites Becky to her house and, in the backyard, there is a beautiful cubby that looks like a real house. Becky is impressed but there is something more exciting out the window.

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774231	Cuckoo's flight Orr, Wendy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760524913	7-9	Clio's family were potters, although her father came from another land and worked with horses. Clio only left the kiln for a short time, to check on her horse, but the consequences of what she saw would change her and her village forever. When raiders are spotter just off the coast, the Goddess asks for the unthinkable. Clio must face many obstacles, deal with grief, find new friends and save a village. Her grandmother creates a statue to save Clio's life, but will it be enough?
2494	Cuckoo, The Crew, Gary & Turvey, Naomi (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2014	9781925000184	7-9	Martin is the runt of his family. Without a mother to protect him, his overbearing father and brothers reject him. Martin finds the courage to fight for personal fulfilment.
14989	Cuddle time Gleeson, Libby & Vivas, Julie (ill)	Walker Books	2004	9780744596632	K-2	The morning adventure from the children's room into their parents' bed, told with delightful humour.
18058	Cuddly Dudley Alborough, Jez	Walker Books	2008	9781406310740	K-2	Dudley is so lovely and cuddly that his brothers and sisters can't leave him alone, even when he wants some time to himself. So Dudley sets off alone across the tundra, until he discovers that being with friends and being incredibly cuddly isn't such a bad thing after all.
96	Cue for treason Trease, Geoffrey	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	1973	9780140302318	7-9	A simple but courageous boy and his friend resist treason and are loyal to their Queen and country. They are exposed to the real dangers of the streets of Elizabethan London.
855793	Cult of romance, The Ayoub, Sarah	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9781460758946	9plus	Natalie is living proof that love is a scam. She's traumatised by her parents' failed marriage and overwhelmed by her grandmother's expectations of good Lebanese girls - marriage, motherhood and exceptional tabouli-making skills. When her best friend decides to get hitched to a guy in the motherland, Nat's not exactly thrilled by the mammoth task before her: juggling cultural traditions, extra bridesmaid dresses and super-judgemental relatives. And to top it off there's the annoyingly good-looking best man and his constant need to mansplain all of the things. Natalie is in for the trip of her life. But can she save her friend from the cult of romance, without falling in love herself? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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660423	Cunning crow Dreise, Gregg	Magabala Books	2019	9781925768862	5-6	Way back, before once-upon-a-time, there was the Dreamtime when all the birds were white. One of those white birds was a crow called Waan. One day a big storm came through and a magnificent rainbow appeared. When the birds passed through the rainbow, one by one, their feathers took on its beautiful colours. Waan flew through the rainbow too and his feathers became a beautiful red and orange. But Waan was jealous of the other birds. He wanted to be more beautifully coloured than anyone. So Waan hatched a cunning plan. But things did not go the way Waan wanted...
5560	Cupcake Mericle Harper, Charise	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781423118978	K-2	Vanilla Cupcake is feeling a bit plain next to his fancy brothers and sisters, until candle comes along and they come up with some ideas.
80827	Cupid's arrow Merlin, Isabelle	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741664379	9plus	Fleur's recurring nightmare is being hunted through a dark forest by a sinister archer. When her mother inherits a fabulous book collection, they travel to France together. They are in the heart of King Arthur country, steeped with mystery and hidden wealth. Fleur meets Remy, the boy of her dreams, and it's love at first sight. But, Fleur's nightmare is just about to begin. Strong language in context and mature themes. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
846189	Curiosities, The Fraillon, Zana & Lesnie, Phil (ill)	Hachette Australia	2021	9780734417848	5-6	With the Curiosities, a whole world of wonders and possibilities awaits... Miro wakes one morning to find the world isn't quite the way he thought it was. When the Curiosities choose Miro as the one they nest on, Miro is led to discover all the marvels waiting in the shadows where no-one else looks. Sometimes though, the Curiosities can make Miro feel alone and invisible in the darkness. But perhaps Miro isn't as alone as he thinks...
5137	Curiosity: The story of a mars rover Motum, Markus	Walker Books	2017	9781406374681	3-4	Meet Curiosity, a Mars rover that has rolled across the deserts of the red planet searching for clues to one of science's greatest mysteries: has there ever been life on Mars? Discover the story behind the most ambitious Mars mission yet with Curiosity herself as your guide. Through stunning art and fascinating diagrams, the rover takes us on a journey from the laboratory to Mars, showing just how far human curiosity has led us, and how much further it might take us still...

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1495512	Curious facts about everything: 1,500 interesting facts to amaze you Baker, Laura & Newland, Sonya	Collins	2025	9780008757632	5-6	Fascinate your friends and family with 1,500 mind-boggling facts about everything. Bursting with brain-bending facts on animals, the natural world, science, space, history, sports, art, music, and more.
28962	Curious George's first day of school Reys, Margret & Reys, H A	Walker Books	2008	9781406313918	K-2	It's George's first day at school and he's been invited to be a special helper.
660432	Curious: life hacks through maths Serna, Lily	Pan MacMillan	2019	9781760781156	9plus	How can maths help you to kick the perfect penalty goal, win an argument, impress your friends and spot fake news? With easy-to-understand maths logic, simple psychology and engaging anecdotes from her own life, mathematician Lily Serna shows us that maths can unlock the secrets of the universe. She wants to help all of us - especially the maths phobic - embrace the maths that surrounds us and solve the most common problems of modern living - all without making us learn a single formula. Well, maybe just one or two friendly ones . . Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
22487	Curly and the Fent Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, A & Kwaymullina, B & Kwaymullina, E & Hill, Adam (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9781741662924	3-4	The Fent is an animal that can only be seen by Curly and his enemy, Billy Green, the bully next door. After the baby Fent, Pook, appears in Curly's cupboard in the middle of the night, he gets blamed at school and at home for the trouble caused by Pook's mischief. When Curly and Billy are used to lure the Fent into a trap, the rescue has surprising results.
9036	Curry for Murray, A Hunter, Kate & Masciullo, Lucia (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2015	9780702253546	K-2	After making a curry for her neighbour, Murray, Molly's delicious dishes are in demand. Now everyone wants a taste of her cooking. Before long, Molly's making meals for the people in her street, the suburb and then for people in other cities and even other countries. Molly cooks up a storm for everyone until she injures herself.

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6289	Curse of ash & embers, A Spurrier, Jo	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9781460756331	7-9	Gyssha Blackbone, the evil witch of Black Oak Cottage, is dead, killed by her kin, Aleida Blackbone. She has left behind a curse, and the evil monsters she constructed still lurk amongst the trees. A young servant girl unwittingly has been called into service of Aleida only to discover a cursed mistress and an angry warlock who are more powerful than Elodie could ever have imagined. But who sent the letter offering the position to Elodie, and now that she's here, is danger and power better than the home she left where her step father terrorised her and treated her as a slave? All Elodie knows is that her new mistress needs her, Aleida is weak from the curse and the warlock will destroy them both if they do not repay the dead witch's debt. It is not long before Elodie is battling terrors that she could never have imagined existed, both her and Aleida standing together against unspeakable evil that only they can stop.
1143	Curse of kings Barclay, Alex	HarperCollins Children's Books	2013	9780007335770	7-9	Oland is a lowly servant who lives in fear for life, until one day he finds a letter from a long-dead king, warning him to run for his life and accept a quest to restore a shattered kingdom.
611360	Curse so dark and lonely, A Kemmerer, Brigid	Bloomsbury	2019	9781408884614	7-9	It's a tale as old as time, but not quite as we know it...Prince Rhen of Emberfall has been cursed to repeat the autumn of his eighteenth year until a girl falls in love with him- a challenge made all the more difficult when he transforms into a bloodthirsty monster hell-bent on destruction. Harper's life has been far from a fairytale- her mother is dying, her father has disappeared and she and her brother have resorted to a life of crime in Washington, DC to try to repay the debts their father created. Despite her intelligence and determination, she's used to being overlooked because of her cerebral palsy. When she's pulled into the magical world of Emberfall, she's quick to ensure she's taken seriously- but will she be willing to help break the curse in this modern retelling of Beauty and the Beast?
43447	Cursed first term of Zelda Stitch, The Greenberg, Nicki	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760294908	3-4	Zelda Stitch is a witch, but not a very good one. She is hoping to make a better primary school teacher and tries to keep her magic a secret from the vice principal and some troublesome children. She discovers living and leading a double life is very hard and not helped at all by her disagreeable cat Barnaby.

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5460	Cut out, The Heath, Jack	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760111984	7-9	Fero isn't a spy. But, he looks exactly like Troy Maschenov, a ruthless enemy agent. What starts out as mistaken identity quickly turns into a complicated and dangerous plan. Fero is recruited to fight for his country. He has to impersonate Troy, enter enemy territory, hunt down a missing agent and bring her home in time to prevent a devastating terror attack. Hastily trained, loaded up with gadgets and smuggled across the border, Fero discovers the truth about espionage. Getting in is easy. Getting out alive is hard.
12291	Cuthbert's babies Allen, Pamela	Penguin	2003	9780670040735	K-2	When Cuthbert's mother brings home not one baby brother, but four baby sisters, no one seems to have any time for Cuthbert. He wishes for someone to play with, someone big and bad. Three pirates aren't exactly what he had in mind.
15841	Cyber riddles, The Garnsworthy, Penny	Dragonwick Publishing	2007	9780977522491	7-9	Josh hates his life. He's had to move towns, his new school doesn't have computers, the footy team's already selected and nobody seems to want to talk to him. Reluctantly, Josh befriends classmate, Caitlin, and together they play the Internet game 'Cyberhunt' which promises them one wish, if they can solve five virtual riddles.
2982	Cyclone French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781743623596	5-6	On Christmas Eve in 1974, tropical cyclone Tracy devastated the city of Darwin. It caused massive destruction and trauma. This is the story of the city's indomitable spirit and life after the cyclone.
4811	Cyclones and shadows: Stories from up north Dudgeon, Laura & Dudgeon, Pat & Dudgeon-Swift, Sabrina & Oxenham, Darlene	Fremantle Press	2017	9781925164763	3-4	From an awesome sports car to a terrifying cyclone, from magical creatures to a haunted mango tree, these tales from up north are an enjoyable collection of well-written short stories full of fun, adventure and magic.
1388331	Cynthia is a wild dog Riddle, Tohby	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2025	9781761214837	K-2	Cynthia is a wild dog. She hunts anything that moves. She scavenges for food. Because that's what wild dogs do.

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998662	Cytonic Sanderson, Brandon	Orion	2021	9780399555855	9plus	Spensa's life as a Defiant Defense Force pilot has been far from ordinary. She proved herself one of the best starfighters in the human enclave of Detritus and she saved her people from extermination at the hands of the Krell - the enigmatic alien species that has been holding them captive for decades. What's more, she traveled light-years from home as an undercover spy to infiltrate the Superiority, where she learned of the galaxy beyond her small, desolate planet home. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. Now, the Superiority - the governing galactic alliance bent on dominating all human life - has started a galaxy-wide war. And Spensa has seen the weapons they plan to use to end it: the Delvers. Ancient, mysterious alien forces that can wipe out entire planetary systems in an instant. Spensa knows that no matter how many pilots the DDF has, there is no defeating this predator. "
	D-bot Squad series Park, Mac				3-4	A super-exciting series about DINOSAUR ROBOTS for first readers! Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
19490	D-Day: a Second World War soldier 1944 Perrett, Bryan	Scholastic UK	2009	9781407103723	5-6	The story of Andrew Pope, commander of an infantry platoon, who took part in the Normandy landings on 6 June, 1944, later known as D-Day and the turning point of the Second World War. Andrew tells how his men prepared for and of the fierce battles that took place once they were ashore. This is Andrew's part in the biggest amphibious military operation in the history of the world.
587732	D.W.'s guide to preschool Brown, Marc	Scholastic US	2003	9780439404693	K-2	D.W., Arthur's little sister, tells all about what it is like to be in preschool, including essential information about such topics as bathroom breaks, storing things in a cubbie, and sharing at play time.

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12405	Dad I can't sleep Foreman, Michael	Red Fox	1996	9780099610717	K-2	Little Panda can't sleep so his Dad suggests that he count sheep, then cows, then pigs and tigers, then elephants and polar bears. Little Panda is still having trouble going to sleep so Dad suggests he count all the different kinds of dinosaurs.
570813	Dad is a robot, My Cosgrove, Matt	Koala Books	2018	9781742993256	K-2	Psssssst! Wanna hear something cool? Dont tell everyone, But my Dad is a ROBOT! Admittedly, this dad is an older model, he doesn't have laser eyes or jet-powered feet and his batteries regularly run flat. But there's one little boy who wouldn't change a thing...
22136	Dad who measures up, A Cali, Davide & Cantone, Anna Laura (ill)	Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd	2008	9780958557191	K-2	In this funny, moving story, a little girl is about to find out what makes an ideal dad as she searches for one who can measure up to the mummy she loves.
7245	Daddies Hoy, Catriona & Webster, Mal (ill)	Lothian Books	2009	9780734410849	K-2	Daddies like doing lots of wild things but they're also great for cuddles.
9205	Daddy Long-Legs Webster, Jean	Dover Publications	2002	9780486423678	5-6	An enchanting classic set in a boarding school. An orphan attempts to identify and come closer to her benefactor.
15746	Daddy lost his head Bouchard, Andre & Blake, Quentin (ill)	Random House Children's Books	2011	9781862309968	K-2	If your daddy lost his head, I wonder what you'd do. Make him a new one, of course. All you'd need are some old newspapers, some paint and a potato for his nose. It turns out there are lots of advantages to having a dad with no head. He doesn't shout or snore, he always agrees with you, and he loves doing housework.
6217	Daddy shop, The Darlison, Aleesah & O'Gara, Kelly (ill)	Wombat Books	2018	9781925563511	K-2	Hey, kids. Are you looking for a new daddy? Well, look no further. At the Daddy Shop, we have daddies to suit every occasion. Check out our daddies today! The Father and Son Picnic is coming up, but Daddy can't go with Tai because he's working. When Tai hears about the The Daddy Shop, he takes matters into his own paws and tries out some new daddies. Around-The-House Daddy does all the chores and Out-And-About Daddy plays all day long. But which daddy will be the best one for Tai? A big-hearted tale that celebrates daddies everywhere.
15002	Daddy's having a horse Shanahan, Lisa & Quay, Emma (ill)	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2005	9780733616631	K-2	Caitlin is excited because her mum is having a baby. Her brother, Lachlan, is even more excited - he's sure Dad's having a horse.
5926	Daddy's sandwich Jones, Pip & Hughes, Laura (ill)	Faber & Faber	2015	9780571311828	K-2	Join a little girl on her quest to make her father the perfect sandwich, whether he likes it or not.
15917	Dads have no shame Faulkner, Carol & Rogers, Gregory (ill)	Puffin Australia	2005	9780143301783	5-6	Sarah is unhappy as she has to help her Dad with a garage sale. When their neighbour sets ups his own garage sale, the battle is on to see who will get the most customers. Sarah is really embarrassed as she watches just how far Dad will go to win.

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1425899	Daisy and Bug: Treehouse troubles Haan, Kim De	Pavilion Children's Books	2026	9781923543072	K-2	Daisy has a bad reputation for 'good' ideas like building the biggest treehouse ever. With Bug's reluctant help, this odd duo discovers that even the worst ideas can grow into the best adventures and the most exciting problems to solve.
54467	Daisy and the puppy Shanahan, Lisa & Acton, Sara (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2013	9781742830513	K-2	Daisy wants a puppy so much. She knows all of the dogs in her neighbourhood and bathes them for free every Saturday. Daisy thinks she will never get a dog of her own, until she and her mum spot Ollie.
	Daisy Dawson series Voake, Steve & Meserve, Jessica (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.
	Daisy series Gray, Kes & Sharratt, Nick (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.
144066	Daisy Sunshine Gervay, Susanne & Culkin-Lawrence, Teresa (ill)	National Museum of Australia Press	2008	9781876944674	3-4	It's 1975 and Daisy and her mum have just moved into the Grand Private Hotel belonging to Mr and Mrs Papadopolous. It's all new and strange but Nina, Old Dot, the Colonel and especially Rainbow Rose are there to help them make a new life for themselves. This is a time of great social change and Daisy's life opens up as she becomes involved in the movement for equal rights for women.
12938	Dalai Lama, peacemaker from Tibet, The Gibb, Chris	White-Thomson Publishing Ltd	2002	9780750240161	5-6	When Tenzin Gyatso was four years old, the religious leaders of Tibet declared him to be the fourteenth Dalai Lama, the highest-ranking monk in Tibetan Buddhism. The Dalai Lama spreads a message of compassion and peace in the world.
580944	Dam, The Almond, David & Pinfold, Levi (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781406304879	5-6	Before the land is flooded and the valley is lost forever, a father and daughter visit the homes and fill them with music which will last forever. A song for that which was and that which will be.

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846182	Damned, The Ahdieh, Renee	Penguin USA	2021	9781529368376	9plus	Fleeing Paris for a new start in New Orleans, Celine Rousseau hoped it would be a safe place. Before long she was drawn into the dark underbelly of the city and the La Cour des Lions. As she struggles with her memories and an uneasy feeling there is something she needs to recall, Celine's dreams are troubled. While Sebastien, cursed and changed forever, struggles with his own new identity and what he has lost because of it. Broken treaties and new truths bring danger to this pair and their future. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
6024	Damon Crew, Gary & Hill, Aaron (ill)	Lothian Books	2011	9780734410276	7-9	On holiday with his parents, fifteen year old Damon is bored. He is coerced into visiting an art gallery but nothing looks like anything in Damon's life. His reality is made up of TV and gaming, so Damon returns to the hotel to play his gameboy. Soon, it, too, is dull and repetitive, and Damon falls asleep. In his dreams, the artwork he ignored comes to life and, far off, a tiger roars.
9526	Dan's grandpa Morgan, Sally & Bancroft, Bronwyn (ill)	Fremantle Press	1996	9781863681599	3-4	Dan and his grandpa were the best of friends and shared many special times together. From his grandpa, Dan learnt about nature, the land and his Aboriginal culture. When grandpa dies, Dan misses him. Then grandpa's cocky disappears.
24574	Dance is for everyone Zuill, Andrea	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781454921141	K-2	An alligator dancing ballet? When the reptile takes her place at the barre, Mrs Iraina and her dancers are very surprised. But since they can't communicate with the alligator, and she is able to follow along, they just decide to name her Tanya and let her stay. (Would YOU say no to a 450-pound alligator?) Mrs Iraina even creates a special ballet to showcase Tanya's larger-than-life talents . . . and super-swishy tail. Then, without warning, Tanya disappears.
5708	Dance of the sugar plum fairy Whiting, Sue & Davis, Sarah (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2009	9781921042621	K-2	Marcus and Mary make the finest, sweetest-smelling candy. When the King has a taste, he decides to order more than they can possibly make. But, help is at hand to meet the ever-increasing orders from the King. While you read, listen to the music of the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy on the accompanying CD.
1795	Dance teacher, The Milne, Simon & Stewart, Chantal (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743313312	3-4	When Isabelle arrives at Miss Sylvie's dance studio to become a ballerina, she is told to be prepared to work hard. As the other young dancers switch to hip hop or drop out, Isabelle continues to practice, aiming to become a prima ballerina.

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750990	Dance with fate, A Marillier, Juliet	MacMillan	2020	9781760784225	9plus	Despite her brother leaving for the Otherworld, Liobhan, a young warrior bard is determined to complete her training as an elite fighter on Swan Island. She is devastated when her comrade Dau is injured and loses his sight in a training bout. Blamed by Dau's family, she agrees to accompany him home to Oakhill as a bondservant for one year. But Oakhill is a place of dark secrets. Dau battles demons of despair whilst the vicious Crow Folk threaten both worlds. It will take a great deal of skill and a touch of the uncanny to give them hope of survival. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
29826	Dance with me Harrison, Penny & Jones, Gwynneth (ill)	EK Books	2016	9781925335231	K-2	A ballerina in a music box loves nothing more than to dance. But when the little girl who owns the box grows up, who will dance with the ballerina now? A gorgeous story about treasured possessions and the memories they hold.
1730	Dance, Bilby, Dance Oktober, Tricia	Ford Street Publishing	2016	9781925272130	K-2	Moths, leaves, Min-min lights and, even, shadows dance around him. Bilby has to practise hard before he can dance and prance. It's great fun until a much larger shadow appears.
9531	Dancer, The Turkington, Nola & Daly, Niki (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2001	9780711215412	3-4	A legend of the bringing of rain to the people of the Kalahari Desert in Africa. After thirteen months of drought, Bau is determined to find out how to make rain for her people.
901576	Dancing barefoot Boyle, Alice	Text Publishing Co	2022	9781922458711	9plus	Patch is out of place at Mountford College- she wears the wrong clothes, she's not sporty or popular, she lives in a small flat above her dad's record shop a world away from the leafy suburb where she goes to school. And she has a secret long-term crush on basketball star Evie Vanhoutte. Evie barely knows Patch exists until an accident involving a bottle of ink and Patch's school uniform sparks a friendship that's equal parts exhilarating and terrifying, and very, very confusing. As if that weren't enough, Patch is also trying to deal with a jealous school bully, forgetting to be supportive of her transitioning best friend, Edwin, and worrying about how a potential new stepmother could throw everything off course. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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3055	Dancing Charli Wood, Ant & Robertson, Lorraine (ill)	Envirobook	2016	9780858812505	K-2	Early one morning, bright as a spark a little bird performed her favourite trick. Join Charli and her new friend Gordon as they dance around Australia in a celebration of diversity.
19209	Dancing in the dark Bavati, Robyn	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780143202363	7-9	Ditty was born to dance but she was also born Jewish. When her strictly religious parents won't let her take ballet lessons, Ditty starts to dance in secret. Keeping her two worlds apart will come at a huge personal cost.
916617	Dancing with dragons Dunjey, Amy & Lopez, Jesus (ill)	Larrikin House	2022	9781922503305	K-2	Rose is exploring deep in the forest when she stumbles upon... DRAGONS! But these are no ordinary dragons and they need Rose to make a very important decision...
886458	Dancing with memories Yule, Sally & Martins, Professor Ralph & Beer, Maggie & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	ABC Books	2022	9780733342578	3-4	Meet Lucy.Lucy lives with dementia. She wishes she didn't, but she does. Her brain has changed, but she is still Lucy. Thank goodness she has a brain AND a heart. A moving and heartfelt picture book for young children and their families, to help them navigate the changes that come with living with Alzheimer's disease.
27702	Dandelion fire Wilson, N D	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741664218	7-9	Henry York discovers that he is a seventh son with the gift of second sight, an ability to tune into the hidden nature of people and objects. He will use this gift to combat the rising strength of the witch of Endor whose evil is all encompassing.
751155	Dandy & Dazza Dumbleton, Mike & Curzon, Brett (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2021	9781921928826	K-2	Dandy and Dazza were different in so many ways. Dandy was a 'best in show' sort of hound. Dazza was a 'rough and tumble' sort of mongrel. Could these two very different dogs ever be good friends?
7026	Dandylion Finlay, Lizzie	Red Fox	2009	9781862305960	K-2	Dandylion is new to class and he brings a splash of colour into everyone's lives. But, sometimes, Dandylion is a little bit unusual, a little bit too crazy, a little bit too messy and a little bit too much trouble.

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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?
903243	Dangerous business of being Trilby Moffat, The Temple, Kate & Cooper, Christopher (ill)	Hachette Australia	2022	9780734420909	3-4	After Trilby Moffat's mother falls victim to the dreaded Dream Sickness and Trilby unexpectedly becomes the Time Keeper, she has to survive a sinking canoe, a man in a top hat who will try to kill her (more than once), flee to an island where time does not exist, deal with rude cats, make new friends and eat lots of cake. But this will mean nothing if she can't find a lost treasure and return the Passage of Time to normal and save her mother.
62378	Dangerous days of Daniel X, The Patterson, James & Ledwidge, Michael (cont)	Corgi Books	2008	9780552558488	7-9	Fifteen year old alien hunter, Daniel X, is on a mission to finish the job that killed his parents. He wants to wipe out the world's most bloodthirsty aliens on The List. With telepathy and the ability to transform and create, Daniel's got more than a few tricks up his sleeve. But, as he battles towards his top target, Daniel can't forget that, on their lists, there's only one name at the top, and that's his.
96287	Dangerous days: the true story of a digger's great escape Brough, Ernest	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2009	9780732287511	7-9	At nineteen, Ern signs up for the army to fight with the ANZACs. By twenty two, he is a prisoner of war. Ern and his mates are determined to escape and join their comrades in war.

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76333	Dangerous games: Fletcher Smith, sports P I Harlen, Jonathan	Scholastic Australia	2008	9781741691443	7-9	Fourteen year old Fletcher Smith is a private investigator, working for the Institute of Sport. Trouble has found Fletcher since his father died in mysterious circumstances. Hired by rising cricket star Tom Baker to retrieve a lucky pig's foot, given to him by Don Bradman, Fletcher finds himself fighting for his life in the dangerous underworld of Australian sport. To crack this case, he'll need to battle killer sea wasps, a ruthless hitman and a deranged tennis prodigy.
127069	Dangerous places Charlton, Ann	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2004	9781741750881	7-9	Will Kerwan is kidnapped in London during 1852. He is held hostage on a boat where he is made to work as a servant. He meets Runt and finds a best friend for life. They escape in Australia and make their way to the goldfields.
97	Dangerous spaces Mahy, Margaret	Puffin NZ	1993	9780140363623	7-9	Athena finds a box covered with green material. Inside it, she sees a dream world which draws her and her cousins in.
9336	Dangerous waters Blake, Bronwyn	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734404671	7-9	Joshua and his cousin, Zoe, see two men fighting and hear a gunshot. The police believe the murder is linked to armed robberies in the area. The cousins decision to investigate places them in danger.
11266	Daniel X: watch the skies Patterson, James & Rust, Ned	Doubleday	2009	9780385614634	7-9	Daniel X has his work cut out for him. A teenage alien hunter, he has a deadly list of evil predators to eliminate and, while he's made it all look easy so far, much darker days await him. Next on his list is Number Five, an unsightly and terrifying alien, who is watching Daniel as intently as Daniel has been tracking him.
9524	Daniel's secret Mattingley, Christobel & Wilson, Mark (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1997	9781863885348	3-4	Daniel has found an Aboriginal carving on the cliff face. He wants to share his secret but, as the youngest member of a busy family, he can't persuade anyone to accompany him.
14885	Danny Allen was here Cummings, Phil	Pan MacMillan	2007	9780330422949	5-6	Danny, his brother and sister and their friend, Mark, get up to all sorts of hilarious, hair-raising mischief. But, Danny and his family must face the biggest challenge of all, life without their farm.
	Danny Best series Storer, Jen & Vane, Mitch (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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47236	Danny Blue's really excellent dream Landrak, Max	Hachette Children's Books	2017	9780734417589	3-4	Danny Blue lives in a world where everything is blue. And while there are many different shades and hues, everything is essentially the same. Until the night Danny sees something in a dream that is unlike anything else...
11485	Danny da Vinci: the giant horse of Milan Whatley, Bruce & Smith, Rosie	ABC Books	2007	9780733319150	5-6	Humorous description of the creation of da Vinci's Horse of Sforza statue. Danny da Vinci and his best friend, Mick Angelo, are apprentices in Uncle Leo's art studio when he is commissioned to make a giant, marble horse.
41499	Danny da Vinci: The secret of the Mona Lisa Smith, Rosie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	ABC Books	2017	9780733326059	5-6	Danny da Vinci and his best friend Mick Angelo are artistic adventurers who share a passion for painting and sculpture. Every year the Duke of Milan holds an art exhibition, and this year the Duke has asked Danny's Uncle Leo to paint his portrait. Danny and Mick want to enter something in the exhibition too, something special. Danny's sister Lisa has an idea, but why should they listen to her? She's such a moaner!
87322	Danny the champion of the world Dahl, Roald & Blake, Quentin (ill)	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2007	9780141322674	5-6	Danny loves his life with his dad in the little gypsy caravan. His dad never runs out of wonderful stories. When Danny discovers his father' s secret, he' s off on the adventure of a lifetime, involving an hilarious pheasant-snatching expedition, and a daring plot to get the better of the horrible Mr Victor Hazell.
24009	Darcy Moon and the deep-fried frogs Carvell, Catherine	Fremantle Press	2014	9781922089717	5-6	Darcy Moon is an ordinary girl with ordinary problems. She's low on cash and low on the necessary street cred to fit in with the cool crowd. But, Darcy's life is about to take a great leap forward. When a freaked-out frog asks for help, it's up to her to fix the food chain, save the swamp and prove that money can't buy everything.
9563	Dare to be different: a celebration of freedom in association with Amnesty International Bergin, Elana (& others)	Bloomsbury	1999	9780747540212	3-4	A picture book of fairytales, folklore, Greek legends, Bible stories, poetry and contemporary short stories with strong themes of freedom and justice that reflect the purpose and work of Amnesty International.
846190	Dare to be different: Inspirational words from people who changed the world Brooks, Ben & Winter, Quinton (ill)	Quercus Children's Books	2022	9781529416244	5-6	A rich exciting compendium for children of speeches, letters, stories and poems by people who have all used words to do wonderful things in this world.

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1423832	Dare you, I Winter, Tamsin	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2025	9781805075721	7-9	Willow and Alma are best friends, sharing a love of the spotlight. All they want is fame and fortune, and Willow is determined that the best way to get it is to go viral. So they start filming dares. Okay, so getting stuck in a basketball hoop doesn't get them the sort of attention they were hoping for, but as their challenges get more extreme, their fan base grows. Duct-taping themselves to a wall? No-brainer. Eating super-hot chillis? Of course! Waxing an eyebrow off? Super funny! And if they get in a bit of trouble, it's worth it. But if they really want to prove themselves, they have to go all-out. So they come up with the perfect idea. An idea that causes more than just a bit of trouble. An idea that might destroy not just their ambitions but their entire friendship for good.
751006	Daring Delly: Going for gold Dellavedova, Matthew & Ortega, Nathalie (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781743832028	3-4	Delly's school is hosting an international basketball tournament. Teams are coming all the way from the USA and Japan to compete for the gold medal. But Delly's best mate, Sam, is down in the dumps. And when some players get injured, the teachers want to cancel everything! Luckily, Delly has a daring plan to save the tournament and get Sam's head back in the game.
659115	Daring Delly: Team tryouts Dellavedova, Matthew	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781743831922	3-4	Delly is super sporty, and mad about BASKETBALL! When tryouts are called for a NEW local basketball team, Delly and his mates are determined to make the cut. But with footy training, tennis and school, will Delly have time to practise basketball? ABSOLUTELY. Delly is as daring as he is determined and hell do whatever it takes!
1019693	Daring tale of Gloria the great, The Harvey, Jacqueline & Scott, Kate Isobel	Puffin Australia	2023	9781761043284	K-2	Gloria the Great is not like the rest of her brood. She gets in your face, and she runs her own race. But then one day POOF! She disappears without a trace. The other chooks in the brood then decide she was not so bad because they miss her and her antics. They feel guilty for being mean sometimes. Will Gloria be found? Gloria is a one-of-a-kind chicken. Laugh along at Gloria's antics in this quirky tale that celebrates individuality.
1076	Darius Bell and the crystal bees Hirsch, Odo	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742376837	5-6	The disappearance of bees heralds huge changes on the Bell estate. Without bees, there won't be honey or, more importantly, cross-pollination of the fruit and vegetables, which Mr Fisher and his family sell in order to survive. Darius comes up with a complex plan that involves an enthusiastic teacher. But, Darius must deliver fabulous costumes to the school principal so that the school can win a highly contested parade.

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43511	Darius Bell and the glitter pool Hirsch, Odo	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2009	9781741757163	5-6	The Bell family's ancestors were showered with honours, gifts and grants of land. In exchange, they have bestowed a Gift, every twenty-five years, on the town. Now, it's Darius's father's turn but there is no money for an impressive gift. When an earthquake reveals a glorious cave, Darius thinks he might have found the answer.
45280	Dark angels Langrish, Katherine	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2009	9780007214891	7-9	Thirteen year old Wolf is escaping from the abbey which has been his home and prison for the last eight years. Scrambling up over the wild and haunted ridge known as Devil's Edge, he has a strange encounter and the creature he discovers will change his life for ever.
12010	Dark dark tale, A Brown, Ruth	Penguin Putnam	1992	9780590701631	K-2	Follow the black cat through the dark wood and into the mysterious castle, up the spooky stairs and along the spooky corridors to discover something, unexpected, in a dark, dark cupboard.
20123	Dark dreams: Australian refugee stories Dechian, Sonja (ed) & Millar, Heather (ed) & Sallis, Eva (ed)	Wakefield Press	2004	9781862546295	9plus	Australian refugee stories is a unique anthology of essays, interviews, and stories written by children and young adults. The stories are the finest of hundreds collected through a nationwide schools competition in 2002. The essays and stories represent many different countries and themes. Some focus on survival, some on horrors, some on the experiences and alienation of a new world. This book is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above, and contains stories featuring difficult and potentially confronting subjects and experiences.
1423939	Dark forgetting, A Ciccarelli, Kristen	Magpie Books GB	2025	9780008794750	9plus	When her grandfather goes missing, 17 year old Emeline is forced to venture into the woods to save him. There, Hawthorne Fell, a handsome and brooding tithe collector, brutally tries to dissuade her from searching, even as a magnetic spark ignites between them. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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1019755	Dark Heir Pacat, C.S.	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760875763	9plus	The Dark King has risen. Only a handful of heroes remain. The Hall of the Stewards is in ruins. Pursued by dark forces, Will and his allies must travel to the heart of the ancient world, forging new and dangerous ties, and revealing the shocking secrets of the past. But Will is carrying a dark secret of his own - his true identity. As the ancient world threatens to return, can Will and his friends fight their fate? Or will the truths they learn tear their world apart? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
	Dark is rising series Cooper, Susan				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.
	Dark materials series Pullman, Philip				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.
846063	Dark rise Pacat, C S	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760875749	9plus	The ancient world of magic is no more. Its heroes are dead, its halls are in ruins and its great battles between Light and Dark are forgotten. Only the Stewards remember. For centuries they have kept vigil, sworn to protect humanity if the Dark King ever returns. Sixteen-year-old dock boy Will is on the run in London, pursued by the men who killed his mother. When an old servant urges him to seek out the Stewards, Will is ushered into a secret world, where he must train to fight for the Light in the oncoming war. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1502265	Dark tide Rodman, Sean	Orca book publishers	2023	9781459837119	7-9	Kai is angry when he is forced to join his new stepdad Rick on a research trip to Blind Bay. On a floating lab in the middle of nowhere. Rick, a marine biologist is using sound waves to explore deep underwater caves. But the sound pulses have awakened something- an ancient predator from the depths of the caves.

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693055	Dark tide, The Jasinska, Alicia	Penguin	2020	9781760894726	7-9	Lina lives in a world where her city must give a sacrifice each year to the neighbouring witches. This year Lina's sweetheart has been selected and will die in the sacrifice. In an attempt to save him Lina offers herself instead. What follows is a race against time to convince the witches to find another sacrifice. Will Lina succeed and what happens when Lina's starts to question her love?
1394	Dark, The Snicket, Lemony & Klassen, Jon (ill)	Orchard Books	2013	9781408330029	3-4	Lazlo is afraid of the dark, when tucked up in his bedroom at night. He wants to find out what this thing called 'the dark' is.
885973	Darkening, The Mara, Sunya	Hodder & Stoughton	2022	9781529354874	9plus	The Storm is a deadly force that surrounds the city and curses everyone in it. Vesper Vale and her ex-revolutionary father must evade both the storm and the queen's soldiers by using dangerous experimental magic. When her father is captured, Vesper must find a way to infiltrate the elite squad of soldier-sorcerers, lead by the powerful Prince Valca. When Vesper learns there's more at play within the deadly Storm, she must risk everything to fight - including her heart. This book contains adult themes, including depictions of death and violence. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
4199	Darkest dark, The Hadfield, Chris & Fan Brothers (ill)	MacMillan	2016	9781509824090	3-4	Chris love rockets and planets and pretending he's an astronaut in Space. Only one problem- at night, Chris is afraid of the dark. But when he watches the ground breaking Apollo 11 Moon Landing on TV it inspires him to follow his dreams and explore the darkest dark. Inspired by the childhood of real-life astronaut, Commander Chris Hadfield.

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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? LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Barry Jonsberg read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/7-9-book-list#darkest-night-brightest-star-barry-jonsberg
	Darkmouth series Hegarty, Shane				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.
18495	Darwin's tortoise Stewart, Robin	Black Inc	2005	9781863953733	7-9	Harriet, a giant Galapagos Island tortoise, is looked after and observed by Charles Darwin in his development of his daring theory of evolution and his book, the Origin of the Species. Cleverly written from Harriet's perspective.
1423917	Dasher and the polar bear Tavares, Matt	Walker Books	2025	9781529528824	K-2	The only thing better than making Christmas magic is making a new friend to share it with.
27373	Dashing dog Mahy, Margaret & Bixley, Donovan (ill)	HarperCollins NZ	2013	9781775540229	K-2	Follow this chaotic dog and his family as they take a walk along the beach.
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.

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660385	Daughter of the burning city Foody, Amanda	Harlequin	2017	9781489242068	9plus	Sorina is 16 and lives in the travelling city of Gomorrah - famous for it's talent shows, jynx-workers and criminality. She's the daughter of the 'Proprietor' and therefore due to inherit control over the city. This inheritance takes a deadly turn when members of her 'illusion' family start dying. Will Sorina find the killer before more of her illusions are taken from her and what will she do when she discovers the truth of how close to her the killer is? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
91685	Daughter of the flames Marriott, Zoe	Walker Books	2008	9781406308617	9plus	A sweeping fantasy chronicling a courageous girl's sometimes violent fight for freedom in a world ravaged by war and religious fanaticism. Tackles themes such as religion and terrorism as well as unconventional love. Usually read by students in Year 10 and above.
90865	Dave & Violet Adams, Sarah	Frances Lincoln	2011	9781847801579	K-2	Violet's best friend is Dave, the dragon. Dave is very friendly and helpful, but he is also very shy. And, whenever he meets other people, he simply goes red and spouts flames, scaring them away. Despite Violet's help, Dave wonders if he will ever fit in. But, one day, his special abilities come to the rescue in a damp situation.
7860	David and the scavenger prince Timmis, R J	Zeus Publications	2017	9780987111340	5-6	It's the last week of school term and David can't wait to return to Hydrenia for the Easter holidays. But when Dad forces him to see accomplished therapist Uncle Darius, David soon learns therapy is the last thing on his uncle's mind. Unlike his parents, he actually believes David's stories are true ... and he has the evidence to prove it. He blackmails David to steal mythril from Esmorde in exchange for the safety of his family and friends. Finally presented with the chance to get his uncle off his back, David unwittingly sets off a chain of events that threatens the peace of Esmorde, and possibly the universe itself ...
6298	David Astle's 101 weird words (and 3 fakes) from ambidextrous to zugzwang Astle, David & Tippett, Paul (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760633660	5-6	Are you a dictionary detective? This is a dictionary with a difference. Packed with weird words, cool facts, punny jokes, riddles and a mystery to solve, get set for a fun read.

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	David Beckham Academy series, The The David Beckham Academy staff				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.
1346	David Copperfield Dickens, Charles	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2007	9780141031750	7-9	For David Copperfield, orphaned and with a cruel stepfather, the future looks bleak. But, a new start beckons, first with the magnificent Mr Micawber and then with his eccentric aunt, Betsey Trotwood. David encounters a range of people who will change his fortunes in very different ways, and his life forever.
1347	David, the best model maker in the world Moloney, James	Penguin	2000	9780141307442	3-4	David was the best model maker in the world. But one day a strange man sends him a new challenge. He may be the best model maker but he still may not be able to build the strange ball in the picture.
1409651	Dawn Martin, Marc	Walker Books	2025	9781529527346	5-6	As the sun slowly rises, many things happen in a small window of time. The world comes alive with the actions of animals, plants, clouds, and sky. A deer drinks, an owl wakes, a dandelion shimmers in the light. A ladybug climbs, a fish jumps, birds call in a chorus. Geese fly away in formation. A flower blooms. Beautifully illustrated with glowing imagery and written with a charming simplicity holding appeal for new readers, Marc Martin's ode to the slow-blooming beauty of a sunrise and the life that unfolds in its radiance narrows the lens to show the wonder of time passing.
751123	Day at the beach, A Roberts, Cassie & Richards, John (ill)	Adelaide Books	2020	9781952570872	K-2	Join William and Rose as they enjoy a fun-filled day at the beach helping their new friends to work together as a team. With cheerful and entertaining rhymes, A Day at the Beach is a wonderful read for all ages.
660670	Day at the zoo, A Roberts, Cassie & Richards, Judy (ill)	Adelaide Books	2020	9781950437993	K-2	A Day at the Zoo is a vivid whimsical story about William and Rose and their visit to the zoo. The children visit many different animals are invited to join in the fun. This story is written in playful rhymes and has the strong message of never giving up and always being brave.

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35126	Day I remember, A Prodeepta, Das	Frances Lincoln	2015	9781847806017	3-4	This is a day that Chintu will always remember. He's going to be Markundi, the boy who keeps the bridegroom, his uncle, company through the wedding preparations. Come and join in the celebrations, with dancing, fireworks and music.
15129	Day I turned ten, The Godwin, Jane	Penguin	2004	9780143301097	3-4	Jeremy is looking forward to his tenth birthday and has the day all planned out. But, with a very young brother in the family, things rarely go according to plan.
112260	Day I was history, The French, Jackie & Booth, Christina (ill)	National Museum of Australia Press	2007	9781876944551	3-4	Like everyone else, Sam believed that cities don't burn. But one hot summer the fires came to Canberra with devestating results. Sam must fight to try to save his home not knowing if his would be one of the five hundred houses to be lost.
12146	Day in the life of me, A Marsden, John & Smith, Craig (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2002	9780734401960	K-2	A little boy has a perfect day. He is greeted enthusiastically by everyone he meets, takes his dog to school where he gets everything right and eats fairy bread and grapes for play lunch. Children line up to play with him and his parents take him out.
7772	Day no one was angry, The Tellegen, Toon & Boutavant, Marc (ill)	Gecko Press	2015	9781927271605	3-4	Twelve funny, philosophical short stories about angry animals. First comes the hyrax, angry at the sun for not being around when he wants it. Elephant is angry with himself for trying to climb a tree that he always falls out of. Beetle and earthworm try to outdo each other by being more angry than the other. Lobster sells all kinds of anger door-to-door. Then, one day, all anger disappears and the animals are worried.
20457	Day of the elephant, The Wilson, Barbara Ker	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2005	9780207200595	K-2	Mae Jabu, the great elephant, plodded down the track as she did everyday. This day would be different from any other day for her and the children. A huge wave is approaching that will change everything.
751161	Day one Devos, Kelly	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9781867209874	7-9	Jinx and MacKenna are thrown into survival mode as they fight their way across a war-torn country to rescue their little brother Charles. They will question themselves, their ideas and the integrity of everyone around them, before they get to the bottom of the political conspiracy that caused the civil war. Their only hope for survival, and rescuing Charles, might be following Dr. Doomsday's Guide.

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1423339	Day the bridge fell, The Vass, Coral	Wombat Books	2025	9781761112799	7-9	Ray Johnston is proud that his dad is working on the new West Gate Bridge in Melbourne. It is 1970 and Ray is itching to be part of the grown up world. When he hears whispers that something might be wrong with the construction, Ray attempts to share the news but nobody wants to know. When the accident happens, Ray has to grow up fast.
36832	Day the chooks blew away, The Bowater, Alan & Pascoe, Pete (ill)	JoJo Publishing	2008	9780980321654	K-2	Every night, the chickens and Rodney, the rooster, on Misery Farm go to roost and dream. They dream about being somewhere else and doing something different. One morning, a big storm comes and blows all the chooks away, including Rodney the rooster and the rest of Misery Farm.
4772	Day the crayons came home, The Daywalt, Drew & Jeffers, Oliver (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2015	9780008124434	K-2	Watch out. The crayons are back and they're more cross than ever. One day, Duncan receives a set of postcards from his crayons who have been lost, forgotten or broken. One crayon has even melted in a clothes dryer and is stuck to a sock.
4271	Day the crayons quit, The Daywalt, Drew & Jeffers, Oliver (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2014	9780007513765	K-2	Poor Duncan just wants to colour. But, when he opens his box of crayons, he finds only letters, all saying the same thing, 'We quit'. Beige is tired of playing second fiddle to Brown. Blue needs a break from colouring all that water, while Pink just wants to be used. None of the crayons is happy. Duncan has a real problem in his hands.
25920	Day to remember, A French, Jackie & Wilson, Mark (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2012	9780732293604	5-6	A moving look at the history of Australia's and New Zealand's involvement in warfare through the lens of a single day - Anzac Day - revisited on notable years between 1915 and 2012.
21245	Day war came, The Davies, Nicola & Cobb, Rebecca (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781406376326	3-4	Imagine if war came to your town and destroyed everything you had known. Imagine you made a long journey to safety but were not welcomed and turned away. Imagine then how the gift of something small from one child could change your life.
782309	Day we built the bridge, The Tidy, Samantha & Burrows, Fiona (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2019	9781925227437	K-2	'The day we built the bridge' celebrates our connection with one another, and declares that despite the greatest of challenges, together we can make history. This is the story of how the Sydney Harbour Bridge went from a dream to reality.
12361	Day with Dad, A Holmberg, Bo R	Walker Books	2008	9781406313840	3-4	Tim waits with excitement for a train to bring his father, who lives in another town, to spend the entire day with him. They do all of their favourite things, until it is time for Dad to catch the train home.

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659189	Days of in between, The Fenton, Peter Valentine	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760662523	5-6	It's the last summer of the 1970s, and as 12-year-old Toby heads to the coast on a longed-for summer holiday, he finds himself almost invisible to his newlywed father and step-mum. Toby's loneliness lifts when he meets Tara, the daughter of the local shark fisherman, who is dealing with family issues of her own. A terrifying incident on the old wharf begins a dramatic chain of events within the small coastal town -- revealing secrets and creating ripples through both Toby's and Tara's families. A lyrical novel of the joys of childhood, friendship, facing truths, the trials of growing up... and the days of in between.
15437	Days of the blackbird dePaola, Tomie	Penguin USA	1997	9780399229299	3-4	Gemma and her father, Duca Gennaro, live in a house with a bird-filled courtyard. All the birds sing but the duke's favourite is La Colomba. When the duke falls ill, La Colomba refuses to fly south, even though snow and fierce winds swirl.
35048	Dead certain Gould, Sally	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2011	9781921529900	5-6	Max has a plan. A plan to help out his favourite uncle one last time. Dad will probably ground him and he won't be able to go to Thomo's go-kart party but Max knows exactly what he has to do. In fact, he's dead certain.
15174	Dead famous: William Shakespeare and his dramatic acts Donkin, Andrew & Goddard, Clive (ill)	Scholastic UK	2004	9780439982696	7-9	Even though he's dead, William is still full of surprises. Get the inside story from his secret diary and the news of the day from the Shakespearean Sun. Be amazed as the curtain is raised on Shakespeare's most dramatic acts.
1366	Dead funny Simons, Moya	Scholastic Australia	2003	9781862915466	3-4	More of the hilarious adventures of Danny Thompson, his family and friends.
895460	Dead good detectives McLachlan, Jenny	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9781405298155	5-6	Twelve year old Sid Jones loves playing creepy games in the graveyard with her best friend Zen. She is not expecting to accidentally release a 300 year old pirate and his shouty ghost parrot from the dead. This leads Sid to the Halfway House, which is a mysterious inn full of lost souls trapped there by a sinister landlord. The ghosts need Sid's help to escape. But someone else is watching and they are not happy.

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10797	Dead I know, The Gardner, Scot	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742373843	9plus	Aaron has left school and is starting a job as assistant to a funeral director. Although uncommunicative, Aaron is a willing and capable worker. But, his home life is fraught. Aaron lives at a caravan park and is the sole carer of his guardian, who's on the verge of dementia. And, Aaron is frightened. He walks in his sleep and has nightmares he can't explain and memories he can't recover. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
100	Dead meat. Simons, Moya	Scholastic Australia	1993	9781862911857	5-6	Danny is an ordinary boy in an ordinary family who seems to attract amazing and funny experiences.
1424014	Dead scary: Zombie road Doom, TJ & Ziersch, Nahum (ill)	Penguin	2025	9781761352898	5-6	Because when the sun goes down, the dead rise - fast, hungry and hunting for brains. So, when his best friend Cassie collapses with appendicitis, Ace has one shot to save her- steal a truck and race across the desert to the nearest hospital before nightfall. A flat tyre, an undead bike gang and an exploding petrol station? Just the beginning. Because on Zombie Road, one wrong turn means death - or worse.
1019794	Deadlands, The: Hunted Melki-Wegner, Skye	Walker Books	2023	9781529516241	5-6	When the Fallen Star struck, some dinosaurs survived, but grew alert. They learnt to speak. To dream. To wage war. As the last dinosaur kingdoms continue to fight, Eleri, the disgraced son of a prince, is banished to the merciless Deadlands for saving an enemy soldier. To survive the dangers of the scorched desert he joins a herd of other young exile. But when Eleri and his fellow misfits discover the horrific truth behind the war, the unlikely heroes must do all they can to save their kingdom from a secret plot that could destroy them all. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Skye Melki-Wegner read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#the-deadlands-1-hunted-skye-melki-wegner

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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 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.
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37620	Deadly diseases and curious cures Claybourne, Anna	A & C Black	2010	9781408126929	3-4	Life as a sailor in the 1700s was not an easy life. Here you will read about the common illnesses such as scurvy, of those who sailed long distances of exploration and trade, as well as the remedies of the day. Some are still common today such as the use of honey and ginger, but thankfully our dentists and surgeons have greatly improved. For readers who are not squeamish.
7078	Deadly sisters of Worawa Deadly sisters of Worawa & Heiss, Anita & Ware, Shelley	Indigenous Literacy Foundation	2018	9780648260431	5-6	Deadly Sisters of Worawa, written by thirteen young women from Worawa Aboriginal College, was produced during an Indigenous Literacy Foundation writing workshop. In their book, the students write about themselves, their families, their sacred places and the things they've achieved that make them proud. They've also written some powerful and moving poetry, and created some amazing artwork, all of which combined reveals how deadly these Worawa sisters are.

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4215	Dear Fairy Godmother Rosen, Michael & Sharratt, Nick (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781406325577	K-2	All the best-loved fairytale characters are here and they all have a different problem. There's the pesky girl who keeps eating little bear's porridge and the wolf who just won't leave Little Red Riding Hood alone. They write letters to the Fairy Godmother, asking for advice. Read her responses and lift the flap to see Fairy Godmother's ingenious solutions to their predicaments.
644952	Dear Grandpa Simpson, Kate & Ghosh, Ronojo (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760523435	K-2	Henry lives 2003 kilometres from his grandpa - that's longer than all the world's blue whales placed end to end and as uncatchable as a goodnight kiss on a shooting star. But Grandpa knows that even from a long distance, love can be closer than you think.
846267	Dear Greta Poshoglian, Yvette	Penguin	2022	9781761043789	5-6	This was meant to be Alice's year to shine. But things are already going wrong. School. Friends. Family... Through her letters to Greta Thunberg, Alice finds herself opening up about her life..and starts to believe that she can make a difference - a big one.
5665	Dear hound Murphy, Jill	Puffin Australia	2010	9780141323459	3-4	Alfie the deerhound is a large, grey puppy. He loves his owner, Charlie, and cheese, and he's very good at digging holes. But poor Alfie has got lost. He's scared of thunderstorms and being hungry and never seeing Charlie again. Meanwhile, Charlie and his mother are desperately trying to find Alfie, putting up posters and searching the area.
32367	Dear Jack Sauer, Tammi	Futuretrack Australia	2007	9781876603144	9plus	Laney Curtis is in Year 8 when her mother develops breast cancer rejecting chemotherapy because she is pregnant. This touching story describes Laney's struggle with the possibility that her mother may die. Also, Laney develops a plan to snare Andy Carter, a student at her school. Best suited to mature readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
89694	Dear little fish Dahan, Andre	Brolly Books	2008	9781921346514	K-2	Here is a tale about the relationship between two unlikely characters, a cat and a goldfish. The cat sets the goldfish free but, the friendship is so strong, they find each other again and are reunited.
16041	Dear Max Grindley, Sally & Ross, Tony (ill)	Watts Publishing Group	2005	9781843623830	3-4	Max writes a letter to his favourite author. They become pen pals and share ideas they have for writing stories, about dealing with life's difficulties and making friends.

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14663	Dear Olly Morpurgo, Michael	HarperCollins Australia	2000	9780006753339	5-6	The stories of a young man, his little sister and a baby swallow are intertwined simply to reveal the high price a young man pays when he gives up a lucrative career in vet science to bring joy and laughter to orphans in Africa. The values he puts on love, laughter and the chance to see gorillas in the wild make it all worth it.
1019822	Dear Santa: I don't need socks Ortiz, Consuelo Fernandez	Five Mile Press	2023	9781922943477	K-2	In Australia it is summer time, and Aussie the koala celebrates Christmas in bathers. His cousin Olavi lives in Lapland and Christmas time is freezing there.
676687	Dear Sweet Pea Murphy, Julie	HarperCollins Australia	2019	9780062977267	5-6	Patricia is called Sweet Pea by everyone except for Daisy Mae, the eccentric old lady who lives in between Sweet Pea's two houses. When her parents decided to separate, Sweet Pea's mother thought it would be a great idea for her dad to move in two doors up and decorate her new bedroom at dad's exactly the same as the one she's always known and loved at home. It probably wasn't as great an idea as her mum thought. With the town gossiping about the reasons for her parents' divorce, a few too many misunderstandings with her best friend, and trying to succeed at the secret mission crazy old Flora Mae has given her, Sweet Pea might not be feeling too sweet at all.
102	Dear writer Gleeson, Libby	Penguin	2001	9780141312705	5-6	Lizzie and her friend want to surprise their teacher with a visit by his favourite author for the teacher's birthday in Book Week.
12175	Dear zoo Campbell, Rod	Penguin	1988	9780140504460	K-2	In this introduction to zoo animals, children lift the flaps to discover what is underneath.
18376	Death in a nut Maddern, Eric & Hess, Paul (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2005	9781845070816	5-6	When Jack's mother is very sick, he is able to prevent her dying by squeezing Old Man Death into an empty hazelnut. But, trouble begins for the people and the food in the village and Jack learns a powerful lesson about life and death.
18404	Death of a princess Geason, Susan	Little Hare Books	2005	9781877003905	5-6	Set in Ancient Egypt, the book follows the murder investigation of the Pharaoh's daughter. The story follows Meryet-Neith, the harem's beautician, who needs to find the truth or risk becoming a scapegoat for the murder.
8761	Death: the horror of the plague, The Braxton-Smith, Ananda	Black Dog Books	2009	9781742030739	9plus	Thomas Timewell is sixteen, living in England in 1828, where body-snatching is rife, cut-throats are about and terrible novelists are absorbing the lives of wealthy women with nothing better to do. Contains some horror and mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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660546	Deathless girls, The Millwood Hargrave, Kim	Orion	2019	9781510106918	9plus	They say the thirst of blood is like a madness - they must sate it. Even with their own kin. On the eve of her divining, the day she'll discover her fate, seventeen-year-old Lil and her twin sister Kizzy are captured and enslaved by the cruel Boyar Valcar, taken far away from their beloved traveller community. Forced to work in the harsh and unwelcoming castle kitchens, Lil is comforted when she meets Mira, a fellow slave who she feels drawn to in a way she doesn't understand. But she also learns about the Dragon, a mysterious and terrifying figure of myth and legend who takes girls as gifts. They may not have had their divining day, but the girls will still discover their fate... Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
32975	Decision: Stories of leadership in the services Cole-Adams, Jennet & Gauld, Judy, Hatherley, Brett (des)	Dept of Veterans' Affairs & Australian War Memorial	2017	9780994477569	7-9	We all make decisions every day that shape the lives we lead. In times of war, decision-making can take on a greater significance. Many Australians over the past century of service have demonstrated leadership with the decisions they have made.
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 conspiracies 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?
54112	Deep end, The Dubosarsky, Ursula & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Puffin Australia	2010	9780143305279	3-4	Becky can't go up a class at swimming lessons unless she can get over her fear of the deep end. Becky tackles all her problems cheerily, including understanding what her baby brother is saying.
1019819	Deep end: Real facts about the ocean, The Sheneman, Drew	HarperCollins US	2023	9780063224551	3-4	Have you ever wondered what lies at the bottom of the sea? Join Brownbeard the pirate and Alan the parrot as they explore the depths of the ocean, and tell you all about their discoveries.

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1080662	Deep is the fen Wilkinson, Lili	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761066863	9plus	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. 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. 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. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
73594	Deep sea exploration Spilsbury, Richard	A & C Black	2010	9781408126912	3-4	Take a trip to the bottom of the ocean to find out all the secrets of the deep. See underwater mountains thousands of metres high, shipwrecks frozen in time and fish that look like false teeth.
21106	Deep secret Doherty, Berlie	Andersen Press Ltd	2020	9781783449026	7-9	Deep in a Derbyshire valley live two girls, twins, so alike that even their family can't tell them apart. But tragedy is waiting. When the valley is sold to be flooded for a huge dam, the villagers are forced to leave their homes and the twins' lives change for ever. Deep secrets are uncovered and desires, love and grief rise to the surface.
665700	Deep water Epstein, Sarah	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760877286	7-9	It's been three months since Henry disappeared and Chloe wants answers as badly as Mason wants her to just back off and leave him alone. The evidence mounts and friendships are tested in this gripping YA thriller set in the Southern Highlands of NSW.
12342	Deep water Forrestal, Elaine	Penguin	2003	9780143300304	5-6	Tori has heard a dog howling. He is not sure if he imagined it or if it is, as his cousin Bronte says, Axle's ghost. Thinking that, perhaps Axle could be alive after all. Tori sets out to solve the mystery but discovers more than he expected to find.

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6493	Deep water Hersey, Lu	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2015	9781409586104	7-9	When her mum suddenly disappears, Danni moves to a tiny Cornish fishing village with her Dad, where the locals treat her like a monster. As the village's dark, disturbing past bubbles to the surface, Danni discovers that she's not who, or what, she thought she was. And, the only way to save her family from a bitter curse is to embrace her incredible, new gift, however impossible it seems.
12095	Deep, The Winton, Tim & Louise, Karen (ill)	Sandcastle	1999	9781863682107	K-2	Alice and her family live by the sea and, although she can swim well, Alice is terrified of deep water. She yearns to join her parents, brothers and pet dog playing in the sea. It takes some friendly dolphins to begin chipping away at Alice's fear.
909658	Deep: Dive into hidden worlds McGeachin, Jess	Welbeck Publishing	2022	9781913519483	5-6	What hidden worlds lie beneath your feet? Or in the deepest parts of the ocean, where not even sunlight can reach? Come on a journey to meet glowing deep-sea creatures, zombie-making fungi and the trillions of tiny workers that live inside your own body. But be warned, things can get a little strange in the deep.
660474	Deeplight Hardinge, Frances	Pan MacMillan	2019	9781529014570	7-9	On the jumbled streets of the island of Lady's Crave live Hark and his best friend Jelt. They are scavengers: living off their wits, diving for relics of the gods, desperate for anything they can sell. But now there is something restless stirring beneath the waves, calling to someone brace enough to retrieve it. Something valuable. Something dangerous...

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1019799	Defiant Sanderson, Brandon	Orion	2023	9781473234604	9plus	Spensa has made it out of the Nowhere, but what she saw in the space between the stars has changed her forever. She came face to face with the Delvers, and finally got answers to the questions she's had about her own strange Cytonic gifts. The Superiority didn't stop in its fight for galactic dominance while she was gone, though. Spensa's team, Skyward Flight, was able to hold Winzik off, and even collect allies to help with the cause, but it's only a matter of time until humanity-and the rest of the galaxy-falls. Defeating them will require all the knowledge Spensa gathered while in the Nowhere. But being Cytonic is more complicated than she ever could have imagined. Now, Spensa must ask herself: How far is she willing to go for victory, if it means losing herself-and her friends-in the process. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
12377	Define normal Peters, Julie Anne	Little, Brown & Co		9780316734899	9plus	Two very different girls, the punk and the goody-goody, are forced together in a peer-counselling situation at their school. Surprisingly, they find they have some things in common. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
795202	Definitely do not open this book Lee, Andy & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Lake Press Pty Ltd	2019	9780655206439	K-2	Wizz is back, and he's up to his old tricks again. He DEFINITELY does not want you to 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?
50221	Definitely no ducks McKinlay, Meg & Rudge, Leila (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9781921977855	3-4	Max, the class duck, is in trouble. The Antarctica display has been totally destroyed. Ripped. Torn. Chewed. And everyone knows Max is to blame. Or is he. Abby and Noah are determined to uncover the truth. If they can't, they will have to say goodbye to Max forever.

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4054	Defy the stars Gray, Claudia	Hot Key Books	2017	9781471406362	7-9	What does it mean to be human? Genesis soldier Noemi is confident she knows, and has no hesitations when it comes to destroying the mechs sent from Earth to take over her planet. But when she encounters Abel, a prototype designed to perfectly imitate and surpass the ability of humans, she begins to question her assumptions. Noemi soon realises Abel holds the key to protecting Genesis from the all-consuming powers on earth, which sends her on a heart-stopping journey across galaxies.
663555	Defy the sun Fleck, Jessika	Swoon Reads	2020	9781250154774	9plus	Civil war has come to the island of Bellona. Veda has joined the underground revolutionaries and they are determined to overthrow the ruling Imperi and find justice for their people. Nico is one of those ruling Imperi and has just been named heir to the most powerful man aboveground. Nico and Veda are childhood friends and possibly more but their people are at war with eachother. Veda becomes a hostage. The whole island will burn unless Nico and Veda can come together and rip everything apart. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
12320	Delightful Delilah Gray, Nigel	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2002	9780734403773	K-2	How important is a name? Ewan decides to change his, and his family plays along. Each day, Ewan has a new name until, one day, he chooses one that he doesn't know is a girl's name and then the girl who owns it, doesn't want to share it.
8332	Delilah's dream Trevaskis, Ian & Dawson, Janine (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2009	9781921042232	K-2	Delilah isn't like other hens. Her head is full of all sorts of dreams about life beyond the farmyard gate. Most of all, she dreams of soaring higher than the eagles and touching the clouds. One day, when a fox enters the chook yard, Delilah must act quickly.
6449	Deliverance of the dancing bears, The Stanley, Elizabeth	University of Western Australia Press	1994	9781875560370	3-4	Appalled by the sight of a beautiful bear condemned to a life of cruelty and deprivation, old Yusuf spends all his hard-earned savings to release the bear.
1408	Deltora book of monsters, The Rodda, Emily & McBride, Marc (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2001	9781865043692	5-6	A colourful bestiary that depicts the terrifying creatures of Deltora's forests, mountains and deserts.
	Deltora Quest series Rodda, Emily				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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15876	DemiChat and the Kent Street mystery Brisland, Toni	Sid Harta Publishers	2010	9781921642357	5-6	Lord Flannery is a beagle, recently retired from Scotland Yard's dog squad. Flannery meets DemiChat, an exotic cat, who spends her time watching old Sherlock Holmes movies. She is most impressed with Flannery's real life crime experiences. When they see suspicious activity on a building site opposite, the pair set off in pursuit of a kidnapper and find themselves in Paris and Rome.
944033	Democracy! Bunting, Philip	Little Hare Books	2023	9781761211478	5-6	What you say (and how you say it) has the power to change the world. Democracy gives you that power. Democracy is people power. But does democracy really matter? How does it work? And what exactly is democracy, anyway?! Get set to speak up and learn how you can create positive change in your corner of the world.
1243196	Demolition dinosaurs Gibbes, Lesley & Crosby-Fairall, Marjorie (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781760268251	K-2	There's a dangerous building in the centre of town and the Demolition Dinos are smashing it down.
889	Demon dentist Walliams, David	HarperCollins Children's Books	2013	9780007453566	5-6	Strange things were happening when children would put their teeth under the pillow for the tooth fairy. In the morning they would find a dead slug, a spider, a slimy eyeball or much, much worse. Alfie is determined to find the culprit, whilst evading the social worker who has started visiting his home.
103	Demon headmaster, The Cross, Gillian	Oxford University Press	2001	9780192718556	5-6	There is something sinister going on at Dinah's new school. The headmaster has a weird kind of control over the pupils.
31030	Den is a bed for a bear, A Baines, Becky	National Geographic Society	2008	9781426303098	K-2	Bears sleep during the winter for lots of good reasons. Find out why and where they sleep, and what they do when they wake up.
36717	Denver McKee, David	Andersen Press Ltd	2010	9781842709634	K-2	Denver is rich, very, very rich. Everyone in the village loves him for his kindness and generosity. But, one day a stranger arrives who breeds discontent by telling the villagers that it isn't fair for Denver to have so much more than they do.

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9408	Depression years, The Irvine, Nance	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1986	9780340377130	5-6	Through words and illustrations, this book describes both the grim poverty and the happy side of life during the Great Depression in Australia.
1388333	Derek Donaldson, Anne & Shanks, Matt (ill)	Little Hare Books	2025	9781761215537	K-2	This is a story about a curious fish who is determined to find answers to his questions.
751051	Derek Dool supercool: Going viral Beck, Adrian & Edgar, Scott (ill)	Penguin	2020	9781760892968	5-6	Derek is on a mission to go viral. After all, what is more super cool than being an internet hit? The only problem is thinking of a super cool viral idea, nothing is working out as expected. But Derek is not one to give up, he is determined to achieve viral victory- even if it's the last thing he does.
8379	Derek the dinosaur Blackwood, Mary & Argent, Kerry (ill)	Omnibus Books	2008	9781862911413	K-2	Derek wishes he could be as fearsome and frightening as his brothers. He soon finds out that his skills will save the day.
9437	Desert cowboy Lowe, Pat & Pike, Jimmy (ill)	Magabala Books	2000	9781875641574	7-9	Yinti travels from one outback place to another. He is a Desert Cowboy who experiences a series of firsts: learning the kartiya language (English), his first pay, seeing kartiyas (whitefellas), cars, cows and horses and trousers made from flour bags.
1418	Desert dog Lowe, Pat & Pike, Jimmy (ill)	Magabala Books	1997	9781875641352	7-9	Spinifex, a dingo pup, is adopted by a family living in the traditional way, moving from waterhole to waterhole. Based on an incident in his childhood, the pup encountering station life shares the experience of Jimmy Pike's own people.
974361	Desert jungle Baker, Jeannie	Walker Books	2023	9781406387872	5-6	Chico's grandpa has taken him on holiday where he grew up as a child, out in the desert. Chico has no interest in exploring the land -- the desert jungle frightens him, and he'd much rather play on his his tablet. Grandpa decides that it is time to show Chico the secrets and the wonders that the desert has to offer so that he will not fear it but, instead, welcome it, embrace it and help protect it. Grandpa shows Chico paths through the cactus and the scrub, teaches Chico the plants' names -- ocotillo, cholla, cirios, pin cushion, fishhook -- and, soon, Chico begins to understand the wonders of the wild. He learns the value of watching, waiting and listening for all the life that hums within his desert home.
1286602	Desert tracks Wells, Marly & Wells, Linda	Magabala Books	2025	9781922777669	7-9	Entranced in the world of a mysterious old story, Millie is sucked up by a willy-willy and transported to Alice Springs in 1924 where she meets a crew of oddly familiar young people. As the group continue to find each other in time, they realise that Alice Springs of the past and the future are not as different as they seem.

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2339	Destiny's right hand Wagner, Michael	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780143304210	7-9	While stumbling through a harsh world of hopes and expectations, teenage journalist, Eddie Innocent, meets the stunning but strange Destiny. As they work together to solve a painful mystery, Eddie wonders if he's finally discovered the front page news story he's been looking for.
1358226	Detective Beans: Adventures in Cat Town Chen, Li	Penguin Random House Australia	2025	9781761353406	3-4	Detective Beans is back to solve all the mysteries that you need solved, and even the ones you don't need solved. He's that good.
21619	Detective dog, The Donaldson, Julia & Ogilvie, Sara (ill)	MacMillan	2016	9781509801596	K-2	Peter's dog, Nell, has an amazing sense of smell. Whether it's finding a lost shoe or discovering who did a poo on the new gravel path, her ever-sniffing nose is always hard at work. But, Nell has other talents too. Every Monday, she goes to school with Peter and listens to children read. But, one morning, when they arrive at school, Peter and Nell discover that all the books have disappeared.
924	Detective Donut and the wild goose chase Whatley, Bruce	HarperCollins Australia	1999	9780064435536	3-4	Detective Donut tries to solve a mysterious case involving a masked goose, a museum statue and a missing person.
1324165	Detective Galileo Helliar, 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...
1423827	Detective Galileo: The dogfather Helliar, Peter & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460766224	3-4	Galileo's brand-new detective agency on Happy Valley Farm is now in business, and with the help of Agatha they've got eyes, ears and wings all across the farm ... now, if only they could find a case to solve! Meanwhile, with the Happy Valley Fair right around the corner all the animals pitch in to try and break the record for the World's Biggest Cake. All the animals except for the elusive Dogfather and his farm dogs, that is. When the milk and eggs on the farm go missing, Galileo is on the case and is determined to find any animals sniffing around where they don't belong.
13406	Detective Gordon: A complicated case Nilsson, Ulf & Spee, Gitte (ill)	Gecko Press	2016	9781776570652	3-4	There is something going on in the forest. The animals are troubled and unhappy. But, no one dares make a statement to the police. Detective Gordon and police assistant Buffy have a new case to investigate.

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4725	Detective Gordon: The first case Nilsson, Ulf & Spee, Gitte (ill)	Gecko Press	2015	9781927271506	3-4	Someone is stealing nuts from the forest and it's up to Detective Gordon to catch the thief. Unfortunately, solving this crime means standing in the snow for a long time. If only he had an assistant, someone small, fast, and clever, to help solve this terrible case. Then Detective Gordon would be able to go back to doing what he does best, thinking, eating cakes, drinking tea and stamping important papers.
876201	Detective's Guide to Ocean Travel, The Greenberg, Nikki	Affirm Press	2021	9781922400673	7-9	For as long as she can remember, Pepper Stark has wanted one thing: to join her father, the Captain, aboard the magnificent RMS Aquitania on a voyage to New York. She has never been allowed to set foot on her father's ship - until now. From the decadent food to the star-studded passenger list, travelling First Class on Aquitania is every bit as glamorous as Pepper had imagined. And most dazzling of all is American stage sensation Perdita West, wearing the world-famous Saffron Diamond around her neck. When the priceless jewel disappears mid-voyage, Pepper unexpectedly finds herself entangled in the crime.
587850	Detention Bancks, Tristan	Puffin Australia	2019	9780143791799	5-6	Sima and her family are pressed to the rough, cold ground among fifty others. They lie next to the tall fence designed to keep them in. The wires are cut one by one. When they make their escape, a guard raises the alarm. Shouting, smoke bombs, people tackled to the ground. In the chaos Sima loses her parents. Dad told her to run, so she does, hiding in a school and triggering a lockdown. A boy, Dan, finds her hiding in the toilet block. What should he do? Help her? Dob her in? She's breaking the law, but is it right to lock kids up? And if he helps, should Sima trust him? Or run? This moment, these decisions, will change the course of their lives.
	Deucalion trilogy series Caswell, Brian				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you 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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1388340	Devil of a time, A: The Tasmania football club story Nicholson, Alister & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2025	9781761216398	3-4	It's the Tassie Devil's time. This picture book celebrates the long history and achievments of AFL football in Tasmania in a lyrical rhyming style.
833168	Devils in danger Wheeler, Samantha	University of Queensland Press	2021	9780702263293	5-6	Eleven-year old Killarney thinks school is boring. She'd rather be exploring the wilderness around her Tasmanian hometown or helping her hairdresser mum. When strange things start to happen-ear splitting screams in the dead of the night and missing items found under the house-Killarney is too busy solving the mystery to do schoolwork. Before long she discovers the culprit: a wild Tasmanian devil, denning under the house. When rumours about dangerous devils being spreading, Killarney is determined to protect her precious visitor, but can she convince an entire town these wild creatures are worth saving?
	Dewdrop series MacCarthy, Patricia				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.
3922	Dewey: there's a cat in the library Myron, Vicki & Witter, Bret & James, S (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2010	9781847389138	K-2	One cold night in Iowa, a small kitten is dropped into a book-return chute at the public library. He is named Dewey Readmore Books and becomes the library mascot, attracting many visitors to the library. As Dewey realises his privileged position, he makes an effort to be the best library cat ever.
7730	Dexter: the courageous koala Blackadder, Jesse	ABC Books	2015	9780733331787	5-6	Ashley has been longing for a pet of her own but her plans for a puppy fall through. Instead, her parents send Ashley on a holiday to her eccentric Aunt Micky. There, Ashley saves an injured mother koala and her joey Dexter. When a storm cuts off the only access road to the vet, Ashley must find the courage to find another way to safety.
731099	Dharma the llama Cosgrove, Matt	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781760669201	K-2	Dharma the Llama doesn't run with the herd. She likes to do things her own way. The other llamas don't understand why she's always reading. But when the herd gets into trouble, will Dharma's books save the day?

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	Diamond Brothers 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.
	Diamond Brothers series Various				7-9	Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen.
3742	Diamond horse, The Gregg, Stacy	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2016	9780008124397	5-6	A priceless diamond necklace holds a secret- the stories of two different girls. Anna Orlov lives in a beautiful snowbound palace, home to a menagerie of wonderful animals: tigers, wolfhounds and horses, but also her cruel brother Ivan. So when Anna defies her father's wishes she has no idea of the dangers to come. Soon Anna, her tiger and her horse will be fighting for survival in the frozen wilds. Valentina is a circus performer with a very special horse and big dreams. A girl who sees beyond the bright lights of the big top. A horse with an incredible future...
	Diamond Spirit series Wood, Karen				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.
750991	Diamonds Greder, Armin	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760877040	7-9	Mama, if I was to dig a hole in our garden, would I find a diamond? No, darling, there are no diamonds here. Where are diamonds, then? Oh, in other countries. In Africa for example ... A powerful parable that explores how the desire for endless riches perpetuates chains of inequality and corruption.

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	Diary of a 6th grade ninja series Emerson, Marcus & Lee, David (ill)				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.
4606	Diary of a baby wombat French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2010	9780007351756	K-2	Baby wombats sleep. They eat. They get bored. On Wednesday, baby wombat's mother, Mothball, decides they need a bigger hole and the search begins.
1097	Diary of a fly Cronin, Doreen & Bliss, Harry (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2012	9780007455911	K-2	Fly's first day at school marks the beginning of his diary in which he charts his adventures such as learning how to fly, eating regurgitated food and his part in the food chain. When Fly adds up all his special attributes, he aspires to be a superhero who can walk on walls and see in all directions at once.
89024	Diary of a killer cat, The Fine, Anne & Cox, Steve (ill)	Puffin UK	2011	9780141335773	3-4	Poor Ellie is horrified when Tuffy drags a dead bird, and then a mouse, into the house. But Tuffy can't understand what all the fuss is about. Soft-hearted Ellie must get her beloved pet to change his wild ways before the next victim arrives through the cat-flap, and Tuffy ends up in even deeper trouble.
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.
19059	Diary of a minecraft zombie: Bullies and buddies Zombie, Zack	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781743811511	5-6	Zack is busy with Creepy, Steve and his ghoulfriend, Sally Cadaver. He doesn't have time, or the guts, to deal with the new kid at school, a giant Zombie called Mutant, who teams up with Mike Magma, the school bully. Will Zack and his friends survive a dodgeball game against Mike and Mutant?
30821	Diary of a minecraft zombie: Scare of a dare, A Zombie, Zack	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781743811504	5-6	Twelve-year old Zack is a Minecraft Zombie with four great friends, an annoying younger brother, endless tests at Scare School and a Zombie sweetheart to impress. When his biggest schoolyard rival dares him to touch an Iron Golem, Zack needs to find out whether he has the guts to touch the Golem and impress the girl.

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903327	Diary of a rescued wombat French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2022	9781460761823	3-4	She is small. She is scared. She is lost. She is a baby wombat who needs a home. She is Mothball, a wombat destined to become famous. This is the (almost) true story of one small wombat who learnt how to train her humans - and inspired the internationally bestselling picture book Diary of a Wombat by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley.
	Diary of a series Flint, Shamini & Heinrich, Sally (ill)				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.
14478	Diary of a wildlife photographer Latta, Jan	True to Life books	2013	9780980872729	5-6	A journal covering fourteen years of adventures with, and taking photographs of, animals in the wild. The author and photographer has held the throat of a cheetah, been charged by a rhino and had heart-stopping moments with wild elephants and hippos. There are wonderful recollections of playing with baby pandas in China, walking with lions in Botswana and being groomed by a chimpanzee. Stunning photographs.
	Diary of a wimpy kid series Various				5-6	+++++Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
9363	Diary of a wombat French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2002	9780207199950	3-4	This wombat leads a very busy and demanding life. She wrestles unknown creatures, runs her own digging business and most difficult of all - trains her humans.
10241	Diary of a would be-princess Green, Jessica	Scholastic Australia	2005	9781865047799	5-6	Jillian James burning ambition is to belong to the popular Princess Group. They accuse her of being a dork because she sits next to Nigel. In a rocky ride through year five, Jillian learns that being a Princess isn't the only thing in life worth achieving, and that true friends can come in different shapes and sizes.
104	Diary of a young girl, The Frank, Anne	Penguin	2002	9780141315188	7-9	During the persecution of the Jewish people in the Netherlands in World War II, Anne wrote in her diary of how her family hid for two years in a few rooms.

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720735	Diary of a young naturalist McAnulty, Dara	Text Publishing Co	2020	9781922330000	7-9	About a teenager, for teenagers. Dara's is an extraordinary voice and vision, a celebration of beauty and wonder with a powerful connection wot the natural world. 'Spring light and warmth are spreading across the mountains and into me. I have embraced the darkness but now this feeling of light is intoxicating, explosive and alive.
18407	Diary of Ma Yan: the life of a Chinese schoolgirl, The Haski, Pierre	Virago Press	2005	9781844081806	7-9	An incredible story of survival and spirit. In Zhangjiashu, China, fourteen year old Ma Yan struggles to escape poverty through persistent, sometimes desperate, attempts to continue her education. Her diary details a world few of us can imagine.
4880	Diary of William Shakespeare gentleman French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2016	9781460750575	9plus	The world knows the name William Shakespeare, but what of the man behind the name- the husband, lover, son and poet? Was he happy with his riches? Who was the woman he truly loved? And could the acclaimed playwright put down his pen forever to become a gentleman? Written by Australian Children's Laureate Jackie French and based on new documentary evidence, this story is a fascinating glimpse into a life that might have been and a story that has never been told. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
105	Diary Z McCarthy, Stephanie	Scholastic Australia	1998	9781862913790	7-9	Red Liston entertains the reader with diary entries about his teenage exploits.
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.
16063	Did I ever tell you how lucky you are? Seuss, Dr	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780008592240	K-2	A madcap misadventure that roams from the Kavern of Krock to a forest in France, Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are? is the perfect tale for readers today and a helpful reminder that there is always someone worse off than ourselves!

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581515	Different boy, A Jennings, Paul & Kelly, Geoff (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760523503	5-6	'The ship was a towering fortress looming over the pier. Anton stared enviously at the emigrants lining up in front of the wide gangplank. Heading off on a voyage to a land of peace and plenty. Leaving the land of broken buildings and crushed hopes behind. Looking forward to sunshine and steaks. How he wished that he was one of the lucky ones.' Loosely based on Paul Jennings' journey to Australia as a 'ten pound Pom', the story of Anton, who escapes from an orphanage and successfully stows away on a boat headed for the land of 'sunshine and steaks' has a timeless reality of its own. It is a tale of loss, guilt, mistaken identity and taking risks but also surprisingly heartwarming and heartbreaking.
3335	Different dog, A Jennings, Paul & Kelly, Geoff (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760296469	5-6	'I'll tell you something, Chase. Don't beg. Some people beg because they have nothing. But a dog should never do it just because someone says the word beg'. The unforgettable story of a boy who cannot speak and the day he finds his voice.
652380	Different land, A Jennings, Paul & Kelly, Geoff (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760528720	5-6	Christopher is twelve thousand miles from home. The pub has a dirt floor and the owner is as rough as guts. The forest hides snakes, feral pigs and a dark secret. Mysterious, bold and strange. Expect the unexpected. And watch your step. Enter this place and you will be different for ever.
106	Different life, A Keith, Lois	The Women's Press	1999	9780704349469	9plus	A swim in the sea results in Libby catching an infection which paralyses her legs and leads to a different life. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
7181	Different like Coco Matthews, Elizabeth	Candlewick Press	2007	9780763625481	5-6	Coco Chanel rose from poverty to become the founder of the famous fashion house of Chanel. The original and appealing illustrations give an extra dimension to the biography.
866313	Different sort of normal, A Balfe, Abigail	Puffin Australia	2021	9780241508794	5-6	The true story of one girl's journey growing up autistic, and the challenges she faced in the 'normal' world.
1480145	Different stories, The Jennings, Paul & Kelly, Geoff (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2026	9781761182365	5-6	From one of the all-time greats of Australian children's books, bestselling author Paul Jennings, come three twisting tales of intrigue. The trickiest teller of tales and the master of surprise endings will take you into dense and dark forests, across vast oceans and on to lands of the imagination far from home.

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17360	Dig 3ft NW: the legendary journey of Burke and Wills Murgatroyd, Sarah	Text Publishing Co	2008	9781921351723	7-9	In 1860, Robert Burke, accompanied by William Wills and a party of explorers, was prepared to risk everything to become the first European to cross the Australian continent from south to north. A few months later, a tree bore a strange carving, Dig under 3 ft NW. Burke, Wills and five other men were dead. A compelling account of a journey that was in trouble even before it began.
22118	Dig dig digging Mayo, Margaret & Ayliffe, Alex (ill)	Orchard Books	2001	9781841210803	K-2	It's a busy day for construction and transport vehicles as the workers and their machines labour all day. With repetitive, predictable text, this book is ideal for young listeners and emerging readers.
5474	Dig, dump, roll Sutton, Sally & Lovelock, Brian (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781760650056	K-2	Crash-a-rumble, smash-a-grumble! If you love big machines you will love guessing which one makes that noise.
574278	Digby & Claude Allen, Emma & Sommerville, Hannah (ill)	NLA Publishing	2018	9780642279279	3-4	Digby's street is soon going to look different - old houses are going to be demolished and new apartments will be built. Digby loves Main Street but he isn't sure he wants it to change. With plans of his own and a new friend, Claude, Digby explores what it really means to belong.
3820	Digby and the yodelayhee...who? Price, Renee & Tortop, Anil (ill)	Create it kids	2017	9780992345754	K-2	Yodelayhee! What could it be? Digby Fixit is perplexed, what or who is making that super-duper sound? Join Digby and his very-bestest friends, as they help solve the mystery of the noisy noise, with some toe-tapping fun along the way.
5902	Digger Dumbleton, Mike & Cowcher, Robin (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760296735	K-2	Digger is the story of one toy kangaroo, one Australian soldier and two girls, in two countries on opposite sides of a world at war. It is a quiet reminder of the casualties of war, and a tribute to the French schoolchildren who once tended the graves of Australian soldiers who died on the Western Front in the heroic battle for Villers Bretonneux in April 1918.
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.
14094	Digger the dog who went to war Wilson, Mark	Lothian Books	2015	9780734415745	5-6	Inspired by a true story, a young soldier smuggles his dog onto his troop ship when he leaves to fight in World War I. Together they face the triumphs and tragedies of the Western Front.

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4464	Digging-est dog, The Perkins, Al & Gurney, Eric (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2006	9780007224807	K-2	A dog, who has spent too much of his life on hard surfaces in a pet shop, is claimed by a new young owner. The dog's new canine colleagues attempt to teach him to dig, and his determination to succeed leads to disaster and some unexpected results.
905	Ding-dong bag, The Peters, Polly & Stockham, Jess (ill)	Child's Play International Ltd	2006	9781846430152	K-2	Two boys go out with a large bag to catch all the noises they can find. From the noises at breakfast to the distant roar of thunder, from the clank of a stick on railings to the thud of a baseball bat, they're in for an ear-splitting time.
1663	Dingo dog and the billabong storm Fusek Peters, Andrew (retell) & Wadham, Anna	Child's Play International Ltd	2009	9781846432477	K-2	The animals of the bush are fed up with Dingo's bullying so they set out to teach him a lesson. A traditional Australian tale with a twist.
9236	Dingo in the dark Morgan, Sally & Erzinger, Tania (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742990972	K-2	Dingo is afraid of the dark. He can't sleep if Sun is not there to watch over him. So, he's too tired to play with his friends during the day and is feeling lonely. Dingo must find a way to feel safe when night falls.
1423996	Dingo's dream Milroy, Helen	Magabala Books	2025	9781922142733	3-4	Dingo lives away from his homeland with a community of animals who are helpful when he needs them to find out who is calling him in his dream. He travels back to his homeland Country to find the answer.
25726	Dinner detectives: A fearsome beast and a dumpling feast Stening, Yves & Buchanan, Nigel (ill)	Publish Creative Books	2017	9780648008705	3-4	It's Chinese New Year, a time for feasting. But children beware, a hungry beast is looking for you! Join Dinner Detectives Clementine and Aksel in their first adventure, travelling back in time and around the world to uncover magical stories behind the food we eat every day.
24898	Dinner detectives: A tangled tale of tagliatelle Stening, Yves	Publish Creative Books	2018	9780648008712	3-4	Sophia, the new girl next door, likes football. Shes also a super sleuth of pasta! Join our intrepid trio as they travel from Rome to a fabled renaissance meeting with the feared Mongol emperor, Kublai Khan, and uncover the ancient origins of pasta. Celebrate with Sophia's Dad's delicious Tagliatelle al Ragu - yum! Find his easy-to-follow recipe inside.
12074	Dinnertime Weld, Ann & Argent, Kerry (ill)	Working Title Press	2001	9781876288198	K-2	A hungry fox searches the countryside for his evening meal. Six, fat rabbits play various childhood games as, one by one, they cleverly escape the mischievous fox.

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903273	Dinosaur a day, A Smith, Miranda & Wren, Jenny (ill) & Calle, Juan (ill) & Le, Xuan (ill) & Rambaldi, Max (ill) & Baum	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780755501793	3-4	Discover an extraordinary dinosaur every day of the year. immerse yourself in this unforgettable year-long encounter with the most astonishing creatures to ever walk the earth. from ferocious Tyrannosaurus to the gentle Titanosaurus, you'll find familiar and lesser-known names, alongside newly discovered species, all brought to life with stunning illustrations and fascinating facts.
21156	Dinosaur atlas Rooney, Anne & Gilleard, James	Lonely Planet Publications	2017	9781786577184	5-6	From giant sauropods and horned dinosaurs, to duckbills and ferocious theropods, kids will discover how the dinosaurs evolved, what they looked like and how they hunted. Plus, we've included the latest finds and theories.
738	Dinosaur called Tiny, A Durant, Alan & Simpson, Jo (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2008	9780007233908	K-2	Tiny is such a small dinosaur that the other dinosaurs say he can't play their games. But, Tiny finds a way to show he's bigger than he looks.
	Dinosaur Cove series Stone, Rex & Spoor, Mike (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.
580946	Dinosaur day out Acton, Sara	Walker Books	2018	9781760650049	K-2	Sally and Max love dinosaurs. They can't wait to see them at the museum, but today the dinosaur exhibition is closed. Where will the dinosaurs go on their day off?
1019823	Dinosaur did it, The McGurk, R.M. & Szmidt, Aleksandra (ill)	Five Mile Press	2023	9781922943743	K-2	Imogen is messy. She simply can't help it so it's clearly not her fault! In fact, when Dad discovers all her mess Imogen tells him The dinosaur did it! Will Imogen's imaginary friend take the blame for her mischief and mess? Or will they both discover that it's much better to be honest?
5601	Dinosaur discovery: Lost creatures of the Cretaceous Western Australia Museum	Western Australian Museum	2017	9781925040326	3-4	Dinosaurs ruled the world in the Cretaceous period, 66 million years ago. The world during the Cretaceous period was a time when mammals were confined to a life in the shadows of dinosaurs. It was the abrupt end of this time period that saw everything change. This book, with its fantastic illustrations, provides a contemporary insight into the life and death of these amazing creatures that once walked the earth.

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1442	Dinosaur encore Mullins, Patricia	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781865048031	3-4	A simple, flip book that has lots of interesting dinosaur facts for you to test yourself. Perhaps you know which dinosaur was smaller than a Dalmatian dog or most like the modern day ostrich but, if you don't, you can find out by reading this book. Panoramic pictures of collage artwork add to the joy of learning more about the shape and size of dinosaurs.
27097	Dinosaur hunt Catrow, David	Orchard Books	2009	9780545057486	3-4	Max, the spaniel, is not just any dog. Join Max as he undertakes an expedition searching for dinosaurs. You will be amazed at what he finds.
1052175	Dinosaur in my pocket Barton, Ashleigh & Fielden, Blithe (ill)	Lothian Books	2024	9780734422668	K-2	James loves two things more than anything in the world: dinosaurs and miniatures. So when his class goes on an excursion to a museum and James finds a miniature dinosaur at the gift shop, he can't help himself: he takes the dinosaur. But as the day continues, James' guilt grows. And so does the dinosaur.
6347	Dinosaur Juniors: Give peas a chance Biddulph, Rob	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2018	9780008207441	K-2	It's dinner-time for Nancy, but oh no... PEAS! Not-so-keen-on-peas Nancy needs to come up with a way to ditch those little green balls. Luckily, she's got a peas-plot up her sleeve. But is she quite as clever as she thinks?
567887	Dinosaur juniors: Happy hatchday Biddulph, Rob	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2018	9780008286385	K-2	Meet Otto, Winnie, Greg(osaurus) and all the other dinosaur juniors as they traverse life's first ups and downs!
7970	Dinosaur knights Bauer, Michael Gerard	Omnibus Books	2009	9781862917958	5-6	A team of scientists are trying to transport a live dinosaur to the future by stretching time. When the dinosaur becomes stranded in the Middle Ages, it crosses the paths of twin brothers, Roland and Oswald, who are struggling to save their father from a corrupt official. Roland dreams of being a knight while Oswald imagines a future as a physician. Meeting the dinosaur changes their lives forever.
10912	Dinosaur record breakers Naish, Darren	Scholastic Australia	2012	9781742832586	5-6	Want to know what the biggest dinosaur is far discovered was? What about the smallest? The most colourful? Most feathery? All that and more is revealed in this book, as well as some amazing facts about the dinosaur's contemporaries - the pterosaurs and marine reptiles. Travel back in time and imagine what life was like in the Mesozoic Era.
22291	Dinosaur roar Stickland, Paul & Henrietta	Koala Books	2005	9780864615206	K-2	Lots and lots of delightful dinosaurs do all sorts of things but, most of all, they love their lunch.

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15000	Dinosaur, The Milbourne, Anna & Field, Mandy	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2004	9780746062371	K-2	A stegosaurus hatches and wonders through a prehistoric world. A young boy looks at fossils in a museum.
	Dinosauritis series Various				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.
4900	Dinosaurs Bone, Emily & Cosgrove, Lee (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2016	9781474907156	K-2	An exciting book about dinosaurs for young children to read aloud. Each page has colourful illustrations of a Tyrannosaurus rex, a Stegosaurus, a Diplodocus and lots more. The simple text describes what dinosaurs ate, where they lived, how they looked after their babies and which were the biggest and smallest dinosaurs.
5129	Dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures Sewell, Matt	Pavilion	2017	9781843653509	K-2	This large Book of Dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures contains giant and colourful illustrations, each accompanied with interesting information, and the latest findings on appearance, colour and habits. On top of this is a quirky humour and appeal, making it a fun and insightful to younger readers.
46336	Dinosaurs eye to eye Woodward, John	Dorling Kindersley	2010	9781405347693	5-6	Come face to face with the fiercest, wildest, most incredible creatures that ever roamed the earth, all captured in deadly detail. Find out why dinosaurs look the way they do, where they lived and explore their habitats.
18476	Dinosaurs galore Andreae, Giles & Wojtowycz, David (ill)	Orchard Books	2005	9781843626091	K-2	What shapes do you see, what noises do you hear? Perhaps you'll see a swishing tail, huge footprints, or a beak. A humorous and fact-filled poetry book about the lives of the great dinosaurs.

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751200	Dinosaurs in love Rosenthal, Fenn & Jacobs, Hannah (ill)	Hachette Australia	2021	9781408365069	K-2	From singer-songwriter Tom Rosenthal and his three-year-old Fenn, comes a sweet and deceptively simple story about love, longing, and loss, based on the viral, heart-melting song 'Dinosaurs in Love'. Dinosaurs eating people Dinosaurs in love Dinosaurs having a party They eat fruit and cucumber When singer-songwriter Tom Rosenthal and his daughter Fenn posted their original song, 'Dinosaurs in Love', it became an instant classic. Just as Fenn's dinosaurs fell in love, so did the world. Now readers of all ages can enjoy Fenn's heartfelt, poignant lyrics again and again in this irresistible, sing-aloud picture book, featuring charming illustrations from Hannah Jacobs (animator of the viral music video)
46350	Dinosaurs love cheese French, Jackie & Rycroft, Nina (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2013	9780732292645	K-2	A few small toy animals can transform any situation into an imaginative larger-than-life world. So it is with this young child when a simple trip to the supermarket involves giraffes, zebras, lions and even a dinosaur.
7462	Dinosnore! Bendall-Brunello, John	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842707883	K-2	Three little dinosaurs are trying to wake their sleepy Mum but nothing seems to work. She just snores and snores, and the dinosaurs need your help.
107	Dinotopia Gurney, James	HarperTrophy	2003	9780060530648	5-6	This is a pseudo-factual account of the relationship between humans and dinosaurs.
6942	Dippy's big day out French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2019	9781460754061	K-2	Dippy is a diprotodon, the BIGGEST, friendliest wombat who lived 100,000 years ago. All Dippy wants is happy friends, a place to sleep and lots to eat. Who knew that could be such an adventure?
1038934	Diprotodon: A Megafauna Journey Saunders, Bronwyn; Plant, Andrew	CSIRO	2023	9781486316762	K-2	On the same land we live on today, millions of years ago, the Diprotodon roamed, seeking comfort in his mother's pouch and looking for friends and food. Follow him on an adventure as he tries to survive.
587884	Dirt bikes Caswell, Deanna	World Book	2018	9780716693031	K-2	Rev up your engines, we're going to take you for a ride. Get to know what's under the hood of your favourite vehicles. You're in the drivers seat!
6281	Dirt bikes Orr, Wendy	HarperCollins Australia	1996	9780207188046	3-4	Christmas is coming up and the some of the children are waiting desperately as there are only three dirtbikes in their group and their own homemade track is waiting for them.

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902461	Dirt by sea Wagner, Michael & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Penguin Random House Australia	2022	9781760894061	3-4	Daisy lives in inland Australia with her dad and her grandparents. It's home, and she loves the red dirt land around her. But when her dad realises that she's never seen the beach and thinks the Australian anthem is about a country 'dirt by sea', he sets off to show her the ocean in a once-in-a-lifetime father-daughter trip along the Australian coast, inspired by the first holiday he took with Daisy's mum. Along the way they will learn about Australia and much, much more . . .
12687	Dirt experiment, The Glover, Richard & Gordon, Gus (ill)	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2003	9780733616204	3-4	An amusing story about a family who divides their house in two - one side for the clean and tidy mum and daughter and the other for the dirty dad and son. Some coarse language in context.
9516	Dirty beasts Dahl, Roald & Blake, Quentin (ill)	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2002	9780140568233	3-4	Full of fanciful exaggerations, a collection of poems about wicked beasts with wicked habits. Meet the poor toad that jumps to France at his own peril, the pig who ponders on the meaning of life and the anteater that gets the wrong end of the stick.
1626	Disappearing act Moloney, James	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2014	9780732295752	5-6	Matt Cooper is twelve, and spends his time honing his magic skills and tricks. His great-grandfather, Mattheus, was a magician whose career came to a disastrous end when a trick he performed backfired. What neither Matt nor Mattheus realise is that there's an even older story behind the failure of Mattheus' disappearing trick.
660383	Disasters, The England, MK	HarperCollins US	2019	9780062909817	9plus	Just when Nax - a hotshot pilot with dreams of becoming a member of the Ellis Station Academy - thought things couldn't get any worse, the entire galaxy turns against him. After being kicked out of Ellis Academy's training program in under 24hrs, he and three other washouts are framed for a deadly terrorist attack. After escaping (barely) with their lives, Nax and his fellow failures are living life on the run when they uncover a terrible plot with galaxy-wide implications. They may not always get along, but they're the only ones left to step up and fight. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
9021	Discovery of dragons, The Base, Graeme	Penguin	1998	9780140565133	5-6	Stimulating, intricate illustrations take us into the magical world of dragons.

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29133	Disgrace of Kitty Grey, The Hooper, Mary	Bloomsbury	2013	9781408827611	7-9	Kitty has a comfortable life as a country milkmaid, working for a rich family in a great house. Life changes when her handsome man vanishes, leaving her with his 5-year-old sister. She is sent on an errand to London, where she is determined to track her man down, but her fate is literally snatched out of her hands and things spiral out of control.
659255	Disgusting McGrossface McManus, Rove	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760665357	K-2	Who brings in mud then licks his feet dry? Disgusting McGrossface, he's your guy. When Mum and Dad come home to find muddy footprints all over the floor, there's only one creature to blame...
785299	Displaced Sanders, Cristina	Walker Books	2021	9781760653347	7-9	Eloise and her family leave Cornwall for a new life in colonial New Zealand. They leave in the hope of a better life but find that expectation does not meet reality and that things do not always go to plan. Eloise is torn leaving the past behind and forging a new life in New Zealand. She struggles with the expectations of her position in society and following her heart. An enthralling historical novel focussing on love, loss, and hope for the future.
108	Displaced person Harding, Lee	Puffin USA	1990	9780140327960	9plus	Graeme starts to feel as if he is alienated from the rest of the human race. A psychological thriller that deals with schizophrenia. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
5746	Disturbed girl's dictionary, The Ramos, Nonieqa	Carolrhoda Books	2018	9781512439762	9plus	Macy Cashmere lives with her mother, but her mother doesn't really know how to be a proper, caring parent. Her school has classified her as "disturbed" and she is in a special class due to her behaviours and her learning difficulties. Macy has only one good friend, Alma, but she has offended her. Macy will do anything to win Alma's affection again. Macy's brother has been taken by Child Protection Services and if Macy is to avoid the same fate, her mother needs to shape up and get a real job. Macy's world is fraught with danger and all she wants is to belong. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
	Diva series Lawson, Sue				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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	Divergent series Roth, Veronica				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.
1019883	Divine rivals Ross, Rebecca	HarperCollins US	2023	9780008600662	9plus	When two rival journalists find love through a magical connection, their fate depends on their facing the depths of hell.....together. The first book in a new duology, begins with an epic enemies-to-lovers fantasy novel, filled with hope and heartbreak whilst fighting a war, and the unparalleled power of love. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
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.
	DK findout series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
6598	DK guide to weather Allaby, Michael	Dorling Kindersley	2000	9780751328561	3-4	A breathtaking collection of colour photographs and images in large format, depicting weather from the 1930s to the present.

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	DMAG Tonkin, Dorothy (ed)				5-6	A magazine format mix of movie, games and book reviews with some educational and informative articles, a project pull-out with teaching notes and lots of interesting information and ideas for pre-teens. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
22706	Do like a duck does Hindley, Judy	Candlewick Press	2002	9780763632847	K-2	A hairy-scary stranger wants to join the duck family. Mama Duck might be really fooled or she might just have a way of making the hairy-scary stranger very sorry he ever pretended to be a duck.
109	Do not go around the edges Utemorrah, Daisy & Torres, Pat (ill)	Magabala Books	1992	9780958810111	5-6	Fifteen poems by an Aboriginal author are illustrated with vibrant colours and borders.
4449	Do not lick this book Ben-Barak, Idan & Frost, Julian	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760293055	3-4	Min is microbe. She is small. Very small. In fact so small that you'd need to look through a microscope to see her. Or you can simply open this book and take Min on an adventure to amazing places she's never seen before- like the icy glaciers of your tooth or the twisted, tangled jungle that is your shirt. The perfect book for anyone who wants to take a closer look at the world.
15977	Do not open this book Lee, Andy & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Lake Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760451486	K-2	This guy will do anything to stop you opening this book. Threats, bribes, reverse psychology, you name it, he'll offer it.
8270	Do not open this book again Lee, Andy & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Lake Press Pty Ltd	2017	9781760455163	K-2	He's back! And only one thing's for certain - HE DOESN'T WANT YOU TO OPEN THE BOOK!
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!

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865003	Do not open this book or else! Lee, Andy & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Lake Press Pty Ltd	2021	9780655222125	K-2	Wizz is back again and what disaster is he trying to avoid this time? He's as cheeky as ever, and he'll do whatever he can to stop you reading this book! Another hilarious story that will entertain children and adults alike. Ignore Wizz and keep reading the book till you reach the end, 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.
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!
804788	Do something for someone else Kirby, Loll & Imamura, Yas (ill)	Magic Cat Publishing	2021	9781913520137	3-4	Meet kids just like you whose small acts of kindness are changing the lives of others. Learn about the work they do and discover how the future of our world starts here ... with you.
21153	Do you know about science? Dodd, Emily	Dorling Kindersley	2018	9780241318690	3-4	Over 200 intriguing science questions - answered. This is the ideal science encyclopedia to help budding Einsteins ages 6 and up with their school and homework projects - as well as for parents who need to answer those tricky science questions.
25863	Do you know Millie Winch, Gordon & Robinson, Alan (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2008	9781921042089	K-2	Sarah is moving to the big city and must say goodbye to her friends. Sarah knows that Millie lives in the big city and she sets out to find her.
12425	Do-wrong Ron Herrick, Steven & Magerl, Caroline (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2003	9781865086613	5-6	Ron is a gentle, well intentioned boy who always seems to do the wrong thing at the wrong time or the right thing at the wrong time or the wrong thing at the right time, until he befriends Charlie, a guinea pig, and Isabelle, his new neighbour.

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9690	Doctor Frankenstein's other monster Gray, Nigel & Smith, Craig (ill)	CSI-Books	2012	9780987366801	3-4	Doctor Frankenstein has created a new monster but unfortunately he has little control over him when Frank Junior decides to explore his new world. As he searches for a playmate, Frank Junior is totally unaware of the havoc he is creating as he outwits the police and army. Finally he meets someone who looks past his appearance and is happy to play.
599692	Doctor Who: Thirteen doctors 13 stories Various	Puffin UK	2019	9780241356173	7-9	A new version of this much-loved anthology features an exclusive, new tale - written by Naomi Alderman, author of The Power - that will star the Thirteenth Doctor, as she battles to save the universe with her three close and trusted friends. Other authors featured are: Eoin Colfer, Michael Scott, Marcus Sedgwick, Philip Reeve, Patrick Ness, Richelle Mead, Malorie Blackman, Alex Scarrow, Charlie Higson, Derek Landy, Neil Gaiman, and Holly Black.
18827	Doctor Who: Time Lord fairy tales Richards, Justin & Wardle, David (ill)	Puffin UK	2015	9781405920025	9plus	WE ARE ALL STORIES, IN THE END... Fifteen tales of ancient wonder and mystery, passed down through generations of Time Lords. Dark, beautiful and twisted, these stories are filled with nightmarish terrors and heroic triumphs, from across all of time and space. Usually read by students in year 9, 10 and above.
110	Dodger Gleeson, Libby	Penguin	1996	9780140383751	7-9	Mick's life at high school changes when he is chosen to play the Artful Dodger. His unresolved grief, misplaced guilt over his mother's death and alienation from his father erode his confidence. Will he let the others down? Strong language in context.
587646	Dodo made me do it, The Simmons, Jo & Dempsey, Sheena (ill)	Bloomsbury	2018	9781408877777	3-4	Danny spends every summer in the small seaside town of Kinoussie with his Gran. Danny is determined to find some sort of adventure in the sleepy town, he just can't imagine where. The only person on this island not twice Danny's age or older is the science enthusiast, Susie. After convincing Susie to borrow a boat and visit a nearby island, Danny finds unexpected adventure in the form of real life dodo. While Danny is first enthusiastic about his discovery, he realises just how hard it is to keep his secret from the village, protect the dodo from its own bumbling bad luck, and figure out how this adventure ends.

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17170	Does my head look big in this? Abdel-Fattah, Randa	Pan MacMillan	2005	9780330421850	9plus	Amal is a typical sixteen year old. When she decides to wear a head scarf to school, her Islamic faith, personal strength and friendships are tested. An insight into contemporary Australian ethnic and religious issues. Strong language in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
22010	Dog biscuit Cooper, Helen	Doubleday	2008	9780385609302	K-2	When hungry Bridget steals and eats a dog biscuit, it doesn't taste too bad. But, when Mrs Blair tells her that she'll turn into a dog, Bridget starts to worry because dog biscuits are meant for dogs, not people.
16082	Dog boy Larkin, John & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2004	9780733618352	3-4	Harry Highpants hates corned beef with white sauce but he is not allowed to leave the table until he finishes his meal. Harry is very thin so his parents serve it to him every night so that he will become big and strong. Harry needs to find a way to cope.
31447	Dog emergency, The Morgan, Sally & Smith, Craig (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742991351	3-4	When Dillon and his brother, Ryan, find a cattle dog in town that has hurt his leg, they decide to take him to the nursing station for first aid. They know Mum won't take him in because she is still upset about losing the family dog, Buster. The stray dog needs an operation and the boys try to earn the money to pay for it. When it looks as if they can claim him for themselves, the owner returns.
40736	Dog gone Poustie, Carole	Avant Press	2010	9780980448450	5-6	Ish's dog is gone. Vanished in a country town. Mum's on holiday, Dad's in Sydney and Ish and his bossy sister, Molly, are staying with Gran. There are no clues, only something mysterious and ghostlike in the town's graveyard. Then, a bully from the local school starts to blackmail Ish. He thinks things can't get any worse. But, he's wrong.
751186	Dog gone: the day I lost my human Biddulph, Rob	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780008317928	K-2	I am Edward Pugglesworth, but you can call me Teddy. I have lost my human, his name is Dave. Now, you can't let your human run around without a lead - who knows what trouble they might get into. Especially with a troll around. Luckily for Dave, I am on the case and I am sure everything will be fine.
6260	Dog in, cat out Rubinstein, Gillian & James, Ann (ill)	Omnibus Books	2007	9781862911277	K-2	Follow the busy activities of a family and their cat and dog. In and out, out and in happens from early morning, when the dog leaps out to explore the new smells of the day and have breakfast, until late at night, when the cat slips unnoticed through the window to settle down in the warmth of the sleeping house. Visual with minimal text.

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4719	Dog lost Ramage, Jan & Simmonds, Brian (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2015	9781922081612	5-6	A wandering dog, a cattle dog, a dog that loves the land. With master by his side, the wilderness is no stranger. Until the storm comes.
7213	Dog on a train: The special delivery Prendergast, Kate	Old Barn Books	2015	9781910646083	K-2	Boy is late for his train. Rushing out of the house, he drops his favourite hat. Luckily, Dog is there to pick it up but he will have to be quick to catch Boy in time. Follow the plucky Dog on this wordless adventure through the streets and rush-hour crowds.
6820	Dog on the tuckerbox, The Fenton, Corinne & Gouldthorpe, Peter (ill)	Black Dog Books	2008	9781742030081	5-6	Bill and his bullock team delivered supplies and news to settlers in remote parts of the country. His best mate was Lady, his brave and faithful dog. One day, when the axle on the bullock dray split, Bill went for help, leaving Lady on watch on the tuckerbox. Based on a true story about Lady's loyalty and the monument erected to honour her.
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.
579487	Dog runner, The Macdibble, Bren	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760523572	5-6	Ella and her brother Emery are alone in a city that's starving to death. If they are going to survive, they must get away, upcountry, to find Emery's mum. But how can two kids travel such big distances across a dry, barren, and dangerous landscape? Well, when you've got five big doggos and a dry-land dogsled, the answer is you go mushing. But when Emery is injured, Ella must find a way to navigate them through rough terrain, and even rougher encounters with desperate people.
4951	Dog squad Costain, Meredith	Walker Books	2009	9781921529160	5-6	For the dog squad, no job is too small, no mission too dangerous. Especially if there's cash involved. When they take on Operation Collect Big-time, things don't go to plan and they wonder if they have bitten off more than they can chew.
992281	Dog squad, The: The newshound Vulliamy, Clara	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2023	9780008565336	3-4	Eva has always wanted to be a journalist, so when she comes across Wafer, a stray dog near her home she might have just discovered her first story. Will she find Wafer's owner? Does she really want to solve the mystery, because won't that mean she has to give Wafer back?

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1019890	Dog squad, The: The race Vulliamy, Clara	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9780008565398	3-4	Eva wants to help her new dog, Wafer, make friends. So she takes him to the local whippet races. Soon enough she realises that someone must be cheating. She and the rest of the Dog Squad think they might have found the next story for their very own newspaper. But can they crack the case?
1082898	Dog squad, The: The show Vulliamy, Clara	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2024	9780008565473	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.
1447498	Dog stayed Forster, Tammy & Davis, Margeaux (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2026	9781761181191	3-4	One morning, a man knocked on the door to sell something Mr Hindbottom did not need. Mr Hindbottom waved his cane, blew his nose, and slammed the door. 'And take your dirty, scruffy dog with you!' he yelled. But the dog did not belong to the salesman, and the dog stayed. When Dog turns up one day and stays, despite Mr Hindbottom's protests, they gradually find a comfortable way to get along. Life is good, but of course life doesn't stand still. When Mr Hindbottom is gone, can Dog ever love again?
1467	Dog tales Rodda, Emily	Scholastic Australia	2003	9781862914810	3-4	All sorts of interesting and unusual things happen in Dolan Street, and the dogs are always at the centre of them. A very funny and warm dog tale where the roles of the dogs and people are cleverly reversed.
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.
23033	Dog wars Wagner, Michael	Black Dog Books	2004	9781876372545	5-6	Narrated by a flea that jumps from dog to dog, inciting them to fight and causing chaos. As the dogs become increasingly unhappy and morose, the flea reassesses his actions and decides to attack a human instead.

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1423358	Dog who danced on the moon, The Boyne, John & Lindsay, Ashling (ill)	Puffin UK	2024	9780241529515	5-6	This is the tale of an incredible dancing dog and his owner - a little boy with a big dream. Together, they defy the odds and set off on an out-of-this-world adventure. But when Earth is threatened by a blazing comet, it will take all of their imagination and dancing skills to save the planet.
579475	Dog with seven names, The Wolfer, Dianne	Penguin Random House Australia	2018	9780143787457	7-9	A tiny dog is born on a remote cattle station. She should have died but for Elsie finding her, saving her, and naming her Princess. Elsie and Princess have a wonderful life until the War arrives. With Japanese air strikes coming closer, Elsie and her family leave the Pilbara for safety down south, but they can't take Princess. The little dog begins her adventures when she is taken by stockman Dave, who calls her Dog. She witnesses wonderful and terrible things, and gives courage and support to many humans. But through all her amazing adventures she never forgets her beloved Elsie...will she ever find her again?
772330	Dog's purpose, A Cameron, W Bruce	Pan MacMillan	2016	9781760551452	7-9	This story follows one dog's quest to understand his mission in life when he finds himself reborn as a new puppy after living a short, previous existence. When he is introduced to his new owner, eight year old Ethan, the two are immediately inseparable and Bailey lives an adventurous full life with his boy learning how to be a good dog. However, just when he thinks he has life figured out, he again finds himself reborn as another puppy. Bailey is very confused and wonders - what is his purpose?
21749	Dog, Ray, The Coggin, Linda	Hot Key Books	2015	9781471403194	5-6	Twelve year old Daisy has just died in a car crash. But, in a twist of fate and through a heavenly bureaucratic mistake, Daisy ends up in the body of a dog. She may now be inhabiting a dog's body but, inside, Daisy is still very much Daisy - bouncy, loyal, positive and energetic. Daisy's only thought is to somehow reunite with her parents, who she knows will be missing her. This is how she meets Pip, a boy who is homeless and on his own journey.
5289	Dog, The Mixter, Helen & Sada, Margarita (ill)	Greystone Books, Canada	2018	9781771642712	K-2	My dog is my best friend, when she saw me for the first time, she wagged her tail...

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21171	Dogasaurus Gifford, Lucinda	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781743810712	K-2	Imagine if you found a strange egg in a mysterious forest, and then you brought it home, and when it hatched, out popped a baby DINOSAUR! Maybe you'd adopt it as your pet? You could play and do chores together and have lots of fun. But what would you do when it grows, and grows, and GROWS?
18685	Dogboy Kelleher, Victor	Penguin	2005	9780143003571	7-9	Dogboy is born and abandoned as a gift to the mountains. Raised by a dog, he is shunned by the village he lives in. His extraordinary gifts must be used for him to realise his dreams.
9521	Dogger Hughes, Shirley	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1994	9780099927907	K-2	Dave and Dogger, Dave's soft, brown stuffed toy, go everywhere together. But, one evening, Dave discovers that Dogger is missing. This is the story of how Dogger was lost and finally found again, with a little help from big sister, Bella.
17435	Dogs Gravett, Emily	MacMillan	2009	9780230704220	K-2	Big dogs, small dogs, stroppy dogs and soppy dogs. Gorgeous canines of every shape, size and colour are bounding through this irresistible book.
5910	Dogs don't do ballet Kemp, Anna & Ogilvie, Sara (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2010	9781847384744	K-2	Biff isn't like other dogs. He doesn't do dog stuff like scratching his fleas or looking for the nearest lamp-post. Biff likes music, walking on tiptoes and dressing in a tutu. In fact, Biff thinks he's a ballerina.
1423961	Dogs with jobs Hamilton, Max	Albert Street Books	2025	9781761181016	K-2	Dog may be our best friends, but sometimes they are much more than that. Meet the loyal and dedicated career canines from around the world who prove that dogs have more jobs than you can throw a stick at!
1424082	Dogs with jobs Rowe, Andrea & Murray, Julia	Bright Light Books	2025	9781761213991	3-4	For hundreds of years, dogs with jobs have helped us in so many ways. Dogs have dedication, extraordinary noses, extra-special skills to understand commands, the ability to pick up smells and sounds that humans can't, and the power to comfort and communicate with the humans they love. Dogs can do almost anything we ask them to. They're Dogs with jobs -- from therapy and companion, to tracking and herding, and search-and-rescue support. They're here to save the day in so many remarkable ways!

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27577	Dogs, The Stratton, Allan	Penguin	2015	9780143572596	7-9	Cameron and his mum have been on the run for five years. His father is hunting them. At least, that's what Cameron has been told. When they settle in an isolated farmhouse, in the middle of nowhere, Cameron starts to see and hear things that aren't possible. Soon, he's questioning everything he thought he knew and, even, his sanity. Cameron must uncover the dark secrets buried in the past, before they tear him apart.
23163	Doing the garden Garland, Sarah	Frances Lincoln	2008	9781845077211	K-2	Follow a family as they go to the garden centre, choose their flowers and seeds and even a tree. They come home, work together in the garden and are finished in time for tea.
5646	Doldrums, The Gannon, Nicholas	Greenwillow	2015	9780062320940	5-6	Archer B Helmsley is a dreamer who lives in a house full of curiosities and his overprotective mother. His famous grandparents vanished while exploring an iceberg in Antarctica. Archer is lonely until he meets Oliver, more of a worrier than a warrior, and Adelaide, a mysterious Parisian girl with a wooden leg. Together, they plan to embark on a rescue mission to Antarctica. If only Archer's mother would let him leave the house.
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.
5755	Dollmaker of Krakow, The Romero, R M	Walker Books	2017	9781406375633	5-6	Karolina is a doll, and when the dollmaker of Krakow needs her the most, she leaves her Land of the Dolls to enter the human world and give him what he needs - love, friendship and courage. This a holocaust story that represents Polish fairy tales, kindness and love and the beautifully imperfect magic that only the very best humans have the potential to weave.
37655	Dolphin book: good vibrations, The Weir, Jeff	Black Dog Books	2009	9781742030753	5-6	Dolphins are our closest relatives in the ocean. They are warm-blooded mammals and give birth to fully formed babies that feed on milk from their mothers. Dolphins love to play and often swim with humans at the beach. Dolphins are usually friendly but they are wild predators and can be aggressive.

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15367	Dolphin boy Morpurgo, Michael & Foreman, Michael (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2004	9781842703205	3-4	The fishing village is a poor and sad place until the day Jim rescues Smile, the dolphin. The friendships between the children, the fishermen and the dolphin lead to happier times for the whole village.
1456700	Dolphin twins 2: Wave riders Do, Anh & Hart, James (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761726422	5-6	Twins, Noah and Skye split up and continue their dangerous search for answers. As Noah discovers kids held captive aboard a ship, Skye and the dolphins make some new friends of their own.
9483	Dolphins Giles, Bridget	Grolier Education	2001	9780717295890	3-4	Describes the physical characteristics, life cycle, behaviour, and habitat of dolphins, marine mammals that can swim faster than forty kilometres per hour.
42862	Don Quixote de Cervantes, Miguel & Jenkins, Martin (retell) & Riddell, Chris (ill)	Walker Books	2010	9781406324303	7-9	The mad Don Quixote wanders 16th century Spain looking for chivalrous deeds to do and wrongs to right. Lots of adventures with interesting characters, a barber, monks, shepherds, inn keepers, all of whom involve humour and misunderstandings.
33727	Don't be Horrid Henry Simon, Francesca	Orion	2008	9781842556726	3-4	Henry's baby brother can do no wrong, even when he kicks Henry or breaks his toys. Finally Henry works out what to do.
42897	Don't breathe a word Musgrove, Marianne	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741662962	5-6	Mackenzie and Tahlia have lived with their grandfather since their parents died. Lately, Grandpa hasn't been himself and people are starting to notice. They try to hide his irrational behaviour but Mackenzie must make some difficult choices to protect those she loves.
660589	Don't butt in McKenzie, Heath	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760665593	K-2	Baboon's wearing new pants and he wants to tell everyone all about it! But doesn't he realise . . . its rude to BUTT IN?!
660807	Don't call me bear! Blabey, Aaron	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781760159849	K-2	Warren, the koala, has something to share ... he's actually not a bear! Why is he the only animal in the Australian bush called by the wrong name?
3034	Don't cross the line Carvalho, Bernardo P & Martins, Isabel Minhos (ill) & Hahn, Daniel (trans)	Gecko Press	2016	9781776570744	K-2	Without question, the guard always follows the general's orders. This time, the order is that no one must cross the line. The right-hand page of this book must be kept blank for the general. As the crowd builds up on the border, the guard is under more and more pressure.
129369	Don't forget me Cobber: Australia and the First World War Anderson, Matt	ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee QLD Incorporated	2006	9780975712351	5-6	A comprehensive account of World War 1 and Australians' battlefield experiences at Gallipoli, on the Western Front and in the Middle East. Includes the desert campaigns fought by the lighthorsemen and the contribution of the Navy, Flying Corps and the nurses. Includes colour images and black and white photographs.
12114	Don't forget the bacon Hutchins, Pat	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780099413981	K-2	A boy goes shopping but struggles to remember the shopping list.

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16876	Don't leap, larry Briggs, John	Pavilion	2017	9781843653387	K-2	Larry Lemming is unlike all the others, but can he teach the others to be more like him? Lemmings look alike, sound alike and act alike, right? So if one jumps off a cliff, the others follow... all except Larry. Larry's a lemming with a mind of his own. Unlike the rest of the crew, he goes sledging with the puffins, eats pepperoni pizza, and likes to wear a top hat. But can Larry teach his fellow lemmings to finally think for themselves? A wonderfully funny, quirky tale about staying true to yourself.
1189	Don't let a spoonbill in the kitchen Oliver, Narelle	Omnibus Books	2013	9781862919310	K-2	With their spoon-shaped bills, it would make sense that a Spoonbill bird would be right at home in the kitchen, or would it.
15096	Don't let the pigeon drive the bus Willems, Mo	Walker Books	2003	9781844285136	K-2	While he's away, the bus driver asks the reader to keep an eye on his bus and ensure that the pigeon does not drive the bus. The pigeon really, really wants to drive the bus but it is not a good idea to give the pigeon his own way.
1382018	Don't let the pigeon drive the sleigh! Willems, Mo	Walker Books	2025	9781761601323	K-2	The pigeon really, really, really wants to drive the sleigh this holiday! Do you think it's a good idea?
23442	Don't let the pigeon stay up late Willems, Mo	Walker Books	2007	9781406308129	K-2	Pigeon gives a stack of excuses to be allowed up late. Find out if he will eventually go to bed or not.
1339779	Don't need a little brother, I Amoore, Nat & Eckstrom, Nathaniel (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2025	9781761341946	K-2	No one understands. I DON'T NEED A LITTLE BROTHER! After trying all the usual ways to dispose of a sibling, one bewildered big brother discovers his little brother might actually be the one person he can't live without.
111	Don't pat the wombat Honey, Elizabeth	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2000	9781865080888	5-6	A boy's warts-and-all recount, with drawings and photographs, of the weird and wonderful antics at a typical Grade 6 school camp, and featuring a loner called Jonah and an explosive teacher called The Bomb.
10261	Don't think about purple elephants Whelan, Susan & Jones, Gwynneth	Exisle Publishing	2015	9781921966699	K-2	Sometimes, Sophie lies in bed at night, unable to get to sleep, worrying about things such as forgetting to take her lunch to school or having to eat Brussels sprouts. Mum thinks she might have a way to help Sophie fall asleep at night, and it might just involve an elephant or two.
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.

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4636	Don't wake the dingo Morgan, Sally & Boese, Sarah (ill)	Omnibus Books	2017	9781742991412	K-2	Dingo's cave is warm and cosy and dry. Can Mudlark, Numbat, Possum and Wombat escape the storm without waking the dingo?
67321	Donald loves drumming Bland, Nick	Scholastic Australia	2008	9781741690989	K-2	Donald loves drumming, all day and all night. But, his family all say he is TOO LOUD. So Donald tries other activities but nothing seems right.
88063	Doodleday Collins, Ross	Gullane Children's Books Ltd	2011	9781862338166	K-2	It's Doodleday and, although Mum warned Harvey not to do any drawings, she didn't tell him why. But, Harvey thinks that, surely, one little fly won't hurt. That is, until Harvey's fly comes to life and starts to wreck the kitchen. Only one thing is capable of stopping Harvey's rampaging doodles.
18403	Doodledum dancing Costain, Meredith & Allen, Pamela (ill)	Penguin	2010	9780143501336	K-2	Eighteen fun-filled and humorous poems about pets, pirates, friends and family. Colourful use of language with beautiful illustrations.
4663	Door that led to where, The Gardner, Sally	Hot Key Books	2015	9781471401114	9plus	AJ Flynn is seen as a lost cause but he still manages to get a job in a lawyer's office. In the office records, he finds a key, mysteriously labelled with his name and date of birth. He is determined to find the door that fits the key. An amazing journey back in time not only helps solve the mystery of the key but helps solve a series of crimes, including murder, in Victorian London. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
12209	Dorling Kindersley book of nursery rhymes, The Gliori, Debi	Dorling Kindersley	2000	9780751366952	K-2	A well-edited collection of over fifty traditional songs and nursery rhymes for young children.
	Dorothy must die series Paige, Danielle				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you 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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903388	Dorrie McCartney, Tania	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9781460760109	K-2	In the land of long, white clouds and snowy peaks, a little girl is born. Her name is Dorothy, but her family calls her Dorrie. When Dorrie moves to a land of flat red deserts and squeaky beaches, a koala appears in a gumtree outside her window. This lovable larrikin brings a bundle of mischief ... and changes Dorrie's life forever. From the award-winning creator of Mamie, Dorrie celebrates the beloved and talented Dorothy Wall, and her treasured Australian icon, Blinky Bill."
64725	Dose of Dr Dog, A Cole, Babette	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9780099487685	K-2	Dr Dog is looking for natural remedies for all kinds of ailments. He has many tropical adventures and escapes them all.
	Dotty Detective series Vulliamy, Clara				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.
660549	Double dangerous book for boys, The Iggulden, Conn & Iggulden, Hal	HarperCollins Australia	2019	9780008332983	7-9	Read this book if you like short chapters, facts, activities and quizzes. Whether it is building a flying machine, discovering the world's greatest speeches, doing maths puzzles, learning sign language, reading quotes from Shakespeare or mastering the Rubik's cube, this book has it all and more.
4483	Double take: A new look at opposites Hood, Susan & Fleck, Jay (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781406377293	K-2	Think opposites are a piece of cake? Time for a double take! Who knows what's big unless there's small? Does short mean a thing except next to tall? What is above and what is below? The answer depends on who wants to know! Take a topsy-turvy journey into the world of opposites, where everything is not always as it seems.
8602	Double trouble for Anna Hibiscus Atinuke & Tobia, Lauren (ill)	Walker Books	2015	9781406347012	K-2	When twin boys arrive, Anna Hibiscus finds it hard to share her extended family. She feels neglected and upset, as the boys disrupt her familiar, daily routines. To make matters worse, she is no longer the focus of attention of her aunts, uncles, grandparents, cousins and, most especially, her parents.

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	Double trouble series Regan, Fiona & Shea, Louis (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.
13005	Doug-Dennis and the flyaway fib Farrell, Darren	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781741697568	K-2	Doug-Dennis, a charming sheep, and Ben-Bobby, an elephant, are best friends. Bored one day, they go to the circus, and that's where the trouble begins. Doug-Dennis tells a little lie, which gets bigger and bigger, until he finds himself surrounded by fibs and fibbers.
56401	Dougal and Bumble and the long walk home Dray, Matt	Penguin	2011	9780143504665	K-2	Lucky Dougal the Bear and his best friend, Bumble the Bee, are invited to the Teddy Bear's Picnic in the countryside. They join in a cricket match but, when the ball goes over a fence, Dougal and Bumble, and their new friend Trevor the Pig, are waylaid trying to retrieve it. When they finally return to the picnic, they find that the bus has left without them.
15138	Dougal the garbage dump bear Dray, Matt	Penguin	2004	9780670041107	K-2	Dougal never got to play when the other toys in the house did because he was not new, clean and perfect. One rainy day, he is left outside and ends up in the garbage bin. This is his story of finding a new home.
15306	Dougal's deep-sea diary Bartram, Simon	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2004	9781741245981	3-4	Dougal's job is boring but he loves deep-sea diving. When Dougal goes to spend a week underwater, his diary tells of the many wonderful creatures he sees and his adventures. Dougal needs a change from his boring old job.
1501	Dougy Moloney, James	University of Queensland Press	2004	9780702224997	7-9	Dougy's sister, Gracey, is chosen for the State Athletics Championships but it leads to violence. It is up to Dougy to save his family from the racist war that ensues and the mysterious Moodagudda. The first book in a trilogy.
15307	Down by the cool of the pool Mitton, Tony & Parker-Rees, Guy (ill)	Orchard Books	2001	9781841210988	K-2	Join sprightly frog and his energetic friends as they frolic down by the cool of the pool.
1502	Down in the dump with Dinsmore Mahy, Margaret	Penguin	1999	9780141302133	3-4	Dinsmore's teacher doesn't think the dump is an appropriate place for him to be researching his school project even though he finds all sorts of fascinating things there. He even begins to look like he belongs in a dump.

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916602	Down in the dumps: A very trashy Christmas Hargis, Wes	HarperCollins Children's Books	2022	9780062910202	3-4	Nana had never heard of Christmas. When she's told of the one magical night of the year when Santa Clause delivers toys to good girls and boys, she writes him a letter. But when Santa arrives with gifts and his sleigh is mistaken for garbage, Nana and her friends must find a way to save Christmas for everyone.
916608	Down in the dumps: The mystery box Hargis, Wes	HarperCollins Children's Books	2022	9780062910127	3-4	Nana loves living at the dump and welcomes every new piece of trash with a happy hello. But when a Teddy Tedd Ted doll arrives still wrapped in his gift box, how will Nana and her friends help him find his way home?
916561	Down in the dumps: Trash vs trucks Hargis, Wes	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780062910165	3-4	Oh, no! In Trash vs. Trucks, the second book in the Down in the Dumps series, the trucks are planning to move Nana's beautiful home at the Westerfield Waste Transfer and Recycling Center. And to a trash barge of all places, too! Nana isn't about to give up her beloved dump without a fight, but she'll need a plan first. Will Nana and her trash friends be able to save their home and stop the trucks from taking apart everything they've worked so hard to build.
1222	Down the back of the chair Mahy, Margaret & Dunbar, Polly (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2006	9781845076023	K-2	Dad can't find his car keys. Little Mary suggests they might be down the back of the chair. They may not find the car keys but what they do find down the back of the chair changes their lives.
9374	Down the hole: up the tree, across the sandhills, running from the state and Daisy Bates Williams, Edna Tantjingu & others	IAD Press	2000	9781864650242	5-6	In the past, Aboriginal people had to hide their children to help them escape from the authorities coming to take them. Includes strong, distinctive illustrations and Aboriginal English with phrases in Yankunytjatjara.

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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? LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Annaleise Byrd read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#down-the-plot-hole-annaleise-byrd
19627	Down-to-Earth guide to global warming David, Laurie & Cambria, Gordon	Scholastic Australia	2007	9781741691245	5-6	Find out about the scientific basis of global warming and its effects on the weather, animals and plants. Practical steps to help are included as well as interesting facts and lots of photographs. The book ends optimistically with useful and attainable methods that can impact positively on the world.
43443	Dr Boogaloo and the girl who lost her laughter Nicol, Lisa	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2017	9780143782599	5-6	Dr Boogaloo was no ordinary doctor. Not at all like the one you might visit if you had a sore tummy. No, Dr Boogaloo was a very different type of doctor. He treated folks who suffered from rather unusual complaints. And how did he treat them? Why, with the most powerful medicine known to mankind...Music! Blue was no ordinary girl. For starters, her name was Blue. But what was truly extraordinary about Blue was the fact that she hadn't laughed for 712 days. Not a hee hee, a ho ho or even a tiny tee hee. According to Dr Boogaloo, music can cure anything. But no laughter was definitely a case for alarm. Can Dr Boogaloo compose a cure before Blue loses her laughter forever?

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23199	Dr Huxley's bequest: A history of medicine in thirteen objects Cooper, Michelle	FitzOsborne Press	2018	9780648165132	7-9	A mysterious bequest sends Rosy and Jaz on a race against time to identify thirteen strange and wonderful objects - which turn out to tell the story of medicine, from the superstitions of ancient Egypt to the modern-day ethical dilemmas of genetic testing. Can unicorns cure leprosy? What secrets of the brain did Michelangelo conceal in his Sistine Chapel paintings? Did a zombie discover the cure for scurvy? Does homeopathy actually work? Why did an Australian scientist decide to drink dangerous bacteria? Is grapefruit evil? Did the bumps on Ned Kelly's head predict his fate? And how exactly did parachuting cats save a village from the plague?
1506	Dr Jeckyll and Mr Hyde Stevenson, Robert Louis	Scholastic Australia	2002	9780439295758	7-9	In one of the four stories in this book of Stevenson's classic horror stories, the cursed Dr Jekyll finds himself transformed by a scientific experiment into the evil Mr Hyde.
20711	Dr Karl's big book of amazing animals Kruszelnicki, Dr Karl	MacMillan	2016	9781743547434	5-6	From creepy crawlies and the world under the water to the biggest, longest, loudest, sleepiest and stinkiest animals of all. Here are lots of facts to astonish, puzzle and perplex, codes to crack, things to draw and colour, odd ones out, and differences to spot,
774375	Dr Karl's little book of climate change science Kruszelnicki, Dr Karl	ABC Books	2021	9780733341298	7-9	How is carbon dioxide related to climate change and what can we do to help the Earth? Dr Karl explains how we can help to reduce emissions and who the major players are in the changes taking place in our world. Companies and governments have known about the impacts of carbon dioxide on our planet for years, but what steps have they taken to reduce the carbon our atmosphere holds? The answers to these questions and many more can be found in this easy to read text giving us insight into climate change science!
660485	Dr Karl's random road trip through science Kruszelnicki, Dr Karl	HarperCollins Australia	2019	9780733340321	9plus	Dr Karl is on a mission to track down Awe and Wonder in the Universe. Why do wombats poo cubes? Do fish drink water? What nearly destroyed humanity on Halloween 2015? How do you use an incinerating toilet? Find out why we've sent a spacecraft with Dr Karl's name on it to kiss the Sun, whether cannibalism is nutritious, how birds fly when they're asleep and much more. So strap in and get ready for a random ride through everything, from atoms to rogue planets and everything in between, including the Big Question - why does spaghetti always break into three parts? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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13752	Dr Karl's short back & science Kruszelnicki, Dr Karl	Pan MacMillan	2015	9781743533345	7-9	Settle in for some cutting-edge scientific snippets and comb through some of the greatest scientific conundrums of our age. Find out what's killing half the bacteria on Earth every two days, why mole rats don't get cancer, why scientists are running around naked in the Antarctic, how a toilet seat helped to end the First World War, and lots, lots more.
751129	Dr Karl's surfing safari through science Kruszelnicki, Dr Karl	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780733340338	9plus	Dr Karl is surfing the Universe for all that's gnarly, awesome, weird and wonderful. Why is sharpening a pencil in space a risky business? What makes a sunset red and not blue? How far would the Earth's viruses reach if you laid them end to end? Which animal grows an anus every time it needs to poo? Find out how spiders can fly and count, whether 5G networks are safe, why we're running out of sand, and the answer to the Question on Everyone's Lips - how to make the best coffee. Plus loads more, including pop-up Karl holograms! So take a surfing safari with Dr Karl and get ready to Hang Ten - or wipe out. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
61200	Dr Seuss' animal antics Seuss, Dr	HarperCollins Australia	2006	9780007241941	K-2	Three separate animal stories compiled into one book by Dr Seuss. Stories include If I ran the circus, If I ran the zoo and On beyond zebra. The same wacky style stories with fun use of language.
5496	Dr Seuss' sleep book Seuss, Dr	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2017	9780008236069	K-2	Full of wonderful, yawning creatures who spread sleep thoughts at bedtime. Great fun for practising reading aloud and ideal for independent readers.
9542	Drac and the gremlin Baillie, Allan	Penguin	1991	9780140541427	3-4	Two stories told side by side. Drac is fighting the evil Gremlin and children are acting out the fantasy in the garden.
9209	Dracula Calcutt, David	Oxford University Press	1999	9780198314561	7-9	A stage adaptation of Bram Stoker's famous novel.
1507	Dracula Stoker, Bram & Humphries, Tudor (ill)	Dorling Kindersley	1997	9780751370706	7-9	Jonathan Harker is travelling to Castle Dracula to see the Transylvanian noble, Count Dracula. The locals beg him not to go because, on the eve of St George's Day when the clock strikes midnight, all the evil things in the world will come out. But, Jonathan goes to the Castle and his nightmare begins. A retelling of the classic story with striking, coloured illustrations and detailed, historical background information.

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9418	Dracula tooth McAllister, Peter	Puffin Australia	2003	9780143300403	3-4	Ryan likes being called Dracula Tooth especially if it means he can protect himself against the school bully. He likes it, that is, until he gets a late-night visit from Fangface and his gang.
772963	Dragon and her boy, The Chrimes, Penny & Szabo, Levente (ill)	Hachette Australia	2021	9781510107120	7-9	Stick lives in the city of London with his other gutterling friends, performing on the streets for food and money. When children start disappearing, including some of Stick's friends, he starts to investigate. Unexpectedly, this leads him to discover a grumpy dragon trapped in a tunnel underneath London. Will helping her escape and find a new home cause him to disappear, too? Or can the dragon help him to find his friends?
	Dragon Blood Pirates series Jerris, Dan & Walker, Rory (ill)				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.
2999	Dragon dawn Wilkinson, Carole	Black Dog Books	2008	9781742030623	7-9	At less than 1000 years old, Danzi is a young dragon. He should be hibernating for winter but has an obligation to deliver an inheritance to the family of his old Dragonkeeper's family. His duty is interrupted when he rescues a man from some brutal soldiers. It is a dangerous time for a dragon to be without a keeper.
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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689221	Dragon hoops Luen Yang, Gene	Pan MacMillan	2020	9781626720794	9plus	From small steps to great leaps ... Gene understands stories - comic book stories, in particular. Big action. Bigger thrills. And the hero always wins. But Gene doesn't get sports. As a kid, his friends called him "Stick" and every basketball game he played ended in pain. He lost interest in basketball long ago, but at the high school where he now teaches, it's all anyone can talk about. The men's varsity team, the Dragons, is having a phenomenal season that's been decades in the making. Each victory brings them closer to their ultimate goal: the California State Championships. Once Gene gets to know these young all-stars, he realises that their story is just as thrilling as anything he's seen on a comic book page. He knows he has to follow this epic to its end. What he doesn't know yet is that this season is not only going to change the Dragons's lives, but his own life as well. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 or above.
29477	Dragon horse Ward, Peter	Corgi Books	2009	9780552553544	7-9	Aeons ago, dragons spread terror across the Chinese empire. Their descendants became magnificent horses, which are now drawn into a battle, caused by an ancient evil and the destiny of two brothers.
41853	Dragon legends Passes, David	Pavilion	2012	9781843652120	5-6	Look inside the mythical and fantastic world of dragons. A magnificent mixture of heroic myths, stories and folktales from the storytelling traditions of India, Greece, England, Wales, Sweden and China.
15335	Dragon machine, The Ward, Helen & Anderson, Wayne (ill)	Koala Books	2003	9780864614766	3-4	Unseen, ignored and overlooked, the dragons went unnoticed, just like George, until he was gone.
17258	Dragon mode Odgers, Sally	New Frontier Publishing	2007	9781921042577	K-2	A mischievous but loveable boy changes his behaviour according to whether he is in boy or dragon mode.
6227	Dragon quest Baillie, Allan	Scholastic Australia	1996	9781863881203	3-4	When he embarks upon a search for the last dragon, a young boy travels through a fantasy landscape, full of mysterious creatures.

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833197	Dragon skin Foxlee, Karen	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526108	7-9	How to save a dragon: 1) Assemble equipment. Water, Weet-Bix, sugar, syringe, sticky tape, scissors. 2) Believe in everything. Pip never wants to go home. She likes to sit at the waterhole at dusk and remember Mika, her best friend. At home her mother's not the same since her boyfriend moved in. They don't laugh anymore and Pip has to go to bed early, turn off her light and pretend she doesn't exist. When she finds a half-dead creature at the waterhole, everything changes. She knows she has to save this small dragon and return it to where it comes from. But how?
1019873	Dragon towers Bird, Pip & O'Connell, David (ill)	Farshore	2024	9780008641863	3-4	Take to the skies and join Dragon Towers the school where everyone has their own dragon best friend! Ten-year-old Theo LOVES dragons - he knows every dragon type, has every dragon book there is and has even made his own Dragon Rider jacket. So, when he gets his letter inviting him to dragon school it's a dragon-y dream come true. At Dragon Towers every child is paired with their very own dragon best friend, and every dragon has their own special magic power, from fire-breathing to going invisible and even making slime. Theo can't wait to find out what type of dragon he has. But when he meets his dragon Wanda, she doesn't seem to have any powers at all...
5064	Dragon with a chocolate heart, The Burgis, Stephanie	Bloomsbury	2017	9781408880319	5-6	All Aventurine wants to do is explore the world outside of her family's mountain cave. However, as a young dragon, her tough scales haven't fully developed yet, so the outside is too perilous (or so her family says). She is determined to fly on her own and prove them wrong by capturing the most dangerous prey of all- a human. But when that human tricks her into drinking an enchanted hot chocolate, Aventurine is transformed into a puny human girl- no sharp teeth, no fire breath, no claws. Still she's the fiercest creature in these mountains, and now she's found her true passion-chocolate!

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74031	Dragon's lie, The Lardner, Kym & Lardner, Oliver (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2010	9780733325229	K-2	A small boy is surprised to find a dragon in a cage at the zoo. He wonders why this once powerful, fire breathing creature is lying miserably in a cage. He discovers that it's not just bars that limit freedom. Manga style.
1431673	Dragonborn Murray, Struan	Puffin UK	2025	9780241741061	5-6	When the frustration inside Alex finally gets too big to bear, it rushes to the surface. And flames spill from her mouth. Because Alex is a dragon. One of the many who live among us, unless something awakens their true nature.
1380680	Dragonfall: The fate of dragons Clark, Sarina & Gil Celdran, Alba (ill)	Little Moa	2025	9781869715748	5-6	Long ago, Ataraxia was a magical, united nation where dragons lived in harmony. Now, the three dragon tribes - Cliffs, Fireflies, and Ferns - are divided and live in fear, hiding from monsters like the ferocious Blade Wolf. A newly hatched Fern dragon, Astra, is rescued by a Firefly dragon, Dessa, and together they show anything is possible if they work together.
84950	Dragonfly Golding, Julia	Oxford University Press	2008	9780192727602	7-9	When the uptight Fourth Crown Princess of the Blue Crescent Islands is sent to marry the uncouth Prince Ramil ac Burinholt, heir to the throne of Gerfal, in order to unite their lands, they are both horrified. They hate each other on sight and their lives have been very different. But, their countries are under threat and the only chance of peace is for them to form an alliance.
1102	Dragonfly pool, The Ibbotson, Eva	Pan MacMillan	2014	9781447265658	7-9	Twelve-year-old Tally, a thoughtful child, deeply loved by her father and two aunts, attends Delderton, a progressive boarding school. At the cinema, Tally learns about the small country of Bergania, whose King refuses to bend to Hitler's demands. So, when Delderton is invited to Bergania, Tally insists they attend. In Bergania, the children witness the king's assassination and must help young prince Karil escape to safety.
40734	Dragonfly song Orr, Wendy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760290023	5-6	The firstborn baby daughter of a priestess is cast out and, after raiders kill her adopted family, she is abandoned, anonymous and mute. Called No-Name, the cursed child, she is raised a slave. At twelve, she learns that her real name is Aissa, the dragonfly. Every year, the Bull King takes two young children to brave the bloody bull dances in his royal court. None has ever returned. But, for Aissa, it is the only escape. She is resilient, resourceful and fast but, to survive the bull ring, Aissa will have to learn the mystery of her true nature.

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	Dragonkeeper series Wilkinson, Carole				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.
	Dragons of Deltora series Rodda, Emily				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.
12496	Dragons of Galapagos Whatley, Bruce	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734404619	K-2	The little land dragon of the Galapagos islands risks great danger to lay her eggs inside a volcano. Follow her adventure through lava plains, forests of steam and down steep, rocky slopes and wonder if she will ever find a safe place.
1308013	Dragons vs Wolves: Eye of the Dragon Glenn Dakin	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760260187	5-6	Dark forces are at work in Hunter's Reach. Strange dragons lurk in the catacombs of Howling Rock, and signs of sorcery have left their mark upon its walls. Prince Lyricon is no longer a prisoner, but nor is he allowed fly freely. He suspects his brother's smug commands conceal a more sinister purpose. Meanwhile, Rana and the wolves find themselves in exile in the secret paradise of Ungoria. And with their warriors all missing, the pack looks to Rana to lead the strike against the dragons who've burned their lands. But how could they possibly win against such powerful foes? Little does Rana realise, a secret weapon is right under her nose ...
1308014	Dragons vs Wolves: Fallen Star Dakin, Glenn	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760260170	5-6	The ancient war between dragons and wolves is about to begin again. As a young wolf learning to hunt, Rana is teased for being a daydreamer, while Fenn, her brother, is seen as a cheeky show-off. But when Rana survives a perilous encounter with a fire-breathing dragon, she is made spokeswolf for the pack. And Fenn's claim that he can sense danger suddenly doesn't seem so wild. Only Rana and Fenn stand against the dragon's charm and magical power. And the wolves' whole world is at stake.

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1380684	Dragons vs wolves: Haunted forest Dakin, Glenn	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760260194	5-6	The final battle is at hand ... It is a dark and terrible winter in Hunter's Reach as strange phantoms prowl the lands, turning all they encounter to stone or ice. Rana is sure Lyricon and the dragons are to blame for the shocking magical attacks ... but they all seem to have disappeared. Meanwhile, in the realm of Ormeria, the dragon king prepares a mighty military force to attack Howling Rock and destroy the wolves once and for all. But neither the wolves nor the dragons are prepared for the sinister force that threatens them both.
21610	Drake the dragonboy Schultz, Rebecca	JoJo Publishing	2013	9780987497093	3-4	Drake Dramco's father, head of Thermodynamics in Dragonland, has invented a shield called a force field to protect the dragonfolk from the terrifying Quintas. When Drake's father is kidnapped, Drake, Juniper, and Ronan fly off to find him. He has been taken to a city across the wasteland through the force field. After exhaustive preparations, the young dragonfolk set out into the unknown.
9138	Drama Telgemeier, Raina	Graphix	2012	9780545326995	7-9	Callie loves theatre. But, she can't really sing. Instead, she's the set designer for the drama department's stage crew and, this year, she's determined to create a set worthy of Broadway, on a school budget. But, Callie will need to learn about carpentry, try and sell tickets and help the crew work well together. But, once the actors are chosen, the offstage dramas don't help, and the two cute brothers who enter the picture just make things crazier. Graphic novel.
18375	Draw Aussie animals Isham, Marion & Steve	Bandicoot Books	2001	9780958653664	5-6	An interesting way to learn about Australian animals... by learning how to draw them.
18123	Draw buildings and cityscapes Schwarz, Hans	A & C Black	2004	9780713669718	7-9	This book offers an exciting and interesting approach to drawing buildings and cityscapes. It includes detailed, step-by-step instructions and useful advice on composition and drawing techniques.
18124	Draw wild animals Brown, David	A & C Black	2005	9780713669640	7-9	Specialist instruction book that will appeal to students interested in art and drawing. Step-by-step instructions and examples included.
17497	Drawing together Thebo, Mimi & Meserve, Jessica (ill)	Walker Books	2005	9781844281176	K-2	Lucy, Jack and Ibrahim start school together but everyone else has a best friend. It is not easy for three people to all be best friends.

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4514	Drawn onward McKinlay, Meg and Frazer, Andrew (ill)	Fremantle Press	2017	9781925164848	5-6	From the masterful pen of multi-award-winning Meg McKinlay and dynamic new illustrator Andrew Frazer, Drawn Onward explores shifting perspectives and the inner voice. The text is a palindrome that takes readers from the glass half empty - 'There is no light on the horizon and it is foolish to think you can change anything at all' - to the glass half full- 'You can change anything at all. It is foolish to think there is no light on the horizon.'
1019881	Drawn to change the world: Graphic novel collection Reynolds, Emma & Donovan, Natasha & 15 others	HarperCollins US	2024	9780063084216	7-9	Emma Reynolds shines a spotlight on sixteen incredible youth activists from around the world who are fighting to protect the planet and all life on Earth. From Autumn Peltier campaigning for clean water to Edgar Edmund Tarimo turning plastic waste into building materials-and many more-these inspiring true stories highlight the importance of taking charge and creating change.
1000114	Drawn Together Le, Minh & Santat, Dan (ill)	Little Brown	2018	9781484767603	7-9	When a young boy visits his grandfather, their lack of a common language leads to confusion, frustration, and silence. But as they sit down to draw together, something magical happens-with a shared love of art and storytelling, the two form a bond that goes beyond words.
4625	Dreadful fluff, The Blabey, Aaron	Puffin Australia	2012	9780670075997	K-2	Serenity's life was perfect. Bu then she discovered something perfectly awful... the DREADFUL FLUFF!
6192	Dream bird, The Darlison, Aleesah & Middleton, Emma (ill)	Wombat Books	2018	9781925563337	K-2	George is a day child. He rollicks and romps in the light. But at night, George just can't seem to get to sleep. That is, until Gran tells him a bedtime story about a magical bird who sings children to sleep. Will the Dream bird's magic work on George?
17612	Dream land Hyde, Lily	Walker Books	2008	9781406307658	7-9	All her life, Safina's parents have dreamed of returning to Grandpa's native village in Crimea. But, exchanging their sunny Uzbekistan house for a squalid camp is more like a nightmare for twelve year old Safi. She wonders whether this strange land can ever become home. A compelling story about the Crimean Tatars' struggle to reclaim the land from which they were exiled in the Second World War.
9560	Dream of bunyips dancing, A Hurst, Elise	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2002	9780734403360	3-4	LuLu wants to see the legendary bunyips and her quest takes her to the creek at the end of her garden. But she doesn't know what bunyips look like.

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112	Dream of seas, A Norman, Lilith	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1995	9780091830212	5-6	Set in Bondi, a boy moves from the country to the city following the death of his father.
21653	Dream of the thylacine, The Wild, Margaret & Brooks, Ron (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742373836	5-6	The last of the thylacine, or Tasmanian Tigers, died in Hobart Zoo in the late 1930s. With actual images of this animal incorporated within the text and landscapes, you can almost feel its anguished cry for freedom. The verse is powerful and succinct urging a respect for what is no more.
617336	Dream riders: Frankie Bloom, Laura & Blackadder, Jesse	Walker Books	2019	9781760650513	5-6	Frankie's dream of owning a horse becomes more of a nightmare when it turns out to be a shaggy disobedient pony. Now she will never fit in with the girls in her new town, especially Violet. If only her new friend Shannon, the horse whisperer, can help her then all of her dreams may come true.
751153	Dream riders: Kai Bloom, Laura	Walker Books	2020	9781760652029	5-6	Without a saddle or a bridle, all that's left is the truth. Kai thinks he doesn't care about horses- until he meets Monty, the little Brumby who the dream riders rescue and bring back to The Pocket. But Kai has to go back to the city, so Kai's sister finds a way for Monty to come too. There's a lot for them to learn together about friendship and fitting in. And when Monty faces his biggest challenge yet, Kai needs to draw on everything he's got to make sure Monty doesn't have to do it alone.
4308	Dream walker, The Carless, Victoria	Hachette Children's Books	2017	9780734417473	9plus	A wonderful work of magical realism from a debut Australian Author. The Dream Walker is the story of Lucy, 16 years old and desperate to escape her life in her small impoverished fishing village. But the year ahead will change not only Lucy but reshape her entire world. Framed by the stunning Northern Queensland setting this magical tale, equally sad and optimistic, with remarkably believable characters is a joy to read and a book that is difficult to forget. Contains mature themes, usually read by student in Years 9,10 or above.
3937	Dreamers Kwaymullina, Ezekiel & Morgan, Sally (ill)	Fremantle Press	2015	9781922089700	K-2	We are the dream and the dreamers; the song spinners and the rainbow dancers. Use your imagination.
1423962	Dreaming Goodes, Adam & Laing, Ellie & Hardy, David (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761065095	K-2	Way way back in the beginning, Akurra slithered, carving rivers, in a Creation story from my Dreaming, my Muda. In my Muda, the Ancestors are never far, and I can see how I fit in and who I am.

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886448	Dreaming by starlight Curham, Siobhan	Walker Books	2022	9781529504019	7-9	What happens when a dream is impossible to achieve? Jazz, Hope, Allegra and Portia seem an unlikely group of friends but they are determined and smart and, together, the Moonlight Dreamers help one another to believe in themselves and make their dreams come true.
751146	Dreaming of Australia A to Z Racklyeft, Jess	Windy Hollow Books	2019	9781922081780	K-2	Starting with A and going all the way to Z read about some of the amazing things to find in Australia.
2984	Dreaming tree, The Oliver, Jo	New Frontier Publishing	2016	9781925059489	3-4	Through free-verse and rhyming poems, celebrate the joy and freedom of being a child in the Australian landscape.
9455	Dreaming, The Yavu-Kama-Harathunian, Cheri	Aboriginal Nations	1997	9780646327631	3-4	Through these stories of the Dreaming, we learn the best way to act in certain situations and what can happen if we don't.
1414783	Dreaming, The: Volume 1 Chan, Queenie	IFWG Publishing International/IPI Comics	2023	9781922856395	7-9	Twin sisters Amber and Jeanie are accepted into an exclusive boarding school - as long as they don't tell anyone, including the vice principal that they are twins. As they get to know the school, they quickly realise it is a mansion of secrets and danger - students in the past have vanished without a trace!
1414799	Dreaming, The: Volume 2 Chan, Queenie	IFWG Publishing International/IPI Comics	2024	9781922856456	7-9	After the discovery of Millie's body, Greenwich Private College grinds to a complete halt as gloom and despair sets in. As students begin to leave the school, Jeanie continues to investigate more into the school's dark past, while Amber's dreams reveal a dark, namless entity.
846152	Dreams from my father (adapted for young adults) Obama, Barack	Text Publishing Co	2021	9781922458445	9plus	'Barack Obama was the 44th President of the United States and the first African-American president. This memoir has been adapted for young adults and explores family, race and identity. It is a revealing portrait of a young Black man asking questions about self discovery and belonging, long before he became one of the most important voices in America. The son of a white American mother and a Black Kenyan father, Obama was born in Hawaii, where he lived until he was six when he moved with his mother and stepfather to Indonesia. At twelve he returned to Hawaii to live with his Grandparents. Obama explores the challenges of high school and college, living in New York, becoming a community organiser in Chigago and travelling to Kenya. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 or above.

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2933	Dreams of freedom Amnesty International & various	Frances Lincoln	2015	9781847804532	5-6	Quotations by seventeen eminent people explore the many different aspects of freedom. The freedom to have an education, the freedom not to be hurt or tortured, the freedom to have a home and the freedom to be yourself.
15308	Dreamstone Smith, Helene	Fremantle Press	2005	9781920731632	3-4	Lucy is unhappy on her first holiday with her dad since her parents split up. When a strange being called Sharni comes from outer space, Lucy's dreams come true.
14686	Dreamtime at the 'G Hayes, Alinta & Nelson, Andrew	Indij Readers	2007	9780975686195	7-9	A Year 8 student and a Year 10 student meet with Aboriginal AFL players at the Melbourne Cricket Ground to interview them about their profession as elite footballers. Topics include training, racism in sport, rewards and coaching.
5978	Dreamwalker Carmody, Isobelle & Woolman, Steven (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2001	9780734403902	9plus	Ken's ambition was to be a comic-book artist using lifelike drawings and real stories. When he wakes from a dream, one of his characters claims to have imagined him. Ken must find who is the dreamer and who was the dream. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
593322	Dress-up box, The Guest, Patrick & Eckstrom, Nathaniel (ill)	Little Hare Books	2018	9781760124922	K-2	The Frolleys have to move from their beloved house at 32 Sunshine Avenue to a place with dripping taps, stinky carpets and ants. But they have brought something with them that can turn any house into a home.
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. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Pip Harry read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/7-9-book-list#drift-pip-harry

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18423	Drift house: the first voyage Peck, Dale	Bloomsbury	2005	9780747580355	5-6	Susan and her two younger brothers go to stay with their eccentric uncle on a remote Canadian lake. His house turns out to be a ship and they embark on a voyage across the Sea of Time to stop diabolical Queen Octavia and her plan to banish time.
12358	Drop kick, The Wickes, Annette	Omnibus Books	2003	9781862915152	5-6	The members of Duncan's family are sports mad and have heaps of trophies. Duncan is the odd one out and not good at any sport. Duncan's Dad says he can have a pet of his own if he kicks the winning goal for the football team.
1216886	Drop of golden sun, A Saunders, Kate	Faber & Faber	2024	9780571310982	7-9	It's 1973, and 12-year-old Jenny is in shock. She's just been cast as one of the lead roles in a feature film. She's going to be a child actor! Soon she must jet off to France, to the idyllic Chateau Mouchotte, where she will join her film family: three other children and two renowned actors. The glitz and glamour of being on set is a million miles away from Jenny's normal life, but showbiz is never straight-forward and there's one fierce and famous actor that threatens the whole shoot. It's up to Jenny and her friends to keep the peace and save the film. Jenny is about to experience a life-changing summer in the spotlight!
1423915	Dropbear Bunting, Philip	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760657796	K-2	The say Dropbear is mean. Dropbear is savage. But They are the gossips. Meet Dropbear, if you dare, and decide for yourself!
1502270	Dropped! Kuipers, Alice	Orca book publishers	2024	9781459837744	9plus	Daring. Dangerous. Do whatever it takes. Dex needs to escape real life. Dumped by his ex, his social status destroyed, he's desperate. Then he becomes one of six contestants on an internet reality show on a deserted island. The prize is a ton of money and influencer status. To win, he just needs the most follows and likes. Easy? Dex thinks so! With wild rivers, high cliffs and a new crush, there's a lot of opportunity to get attention. And the more dangerously Dex acts, the more people watch. But how extreme can he be? And is it worth it to win? This title is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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35460	Dropping In Havel, Geoff	Fremantle Press	2015	9781925162219	5-6	Sticks and Ranga live on the same street, go to the same school and love skateboarding and PlayStation. When new kid James arrives in his wheelchair, Sticks isn't sure they can be friends. But, Sticks quickly discovers that while Cerebral palsy stops James from doing some things, it hasn't dulled his sense of humour, and he's pretty brainy, too. The one thing James can't do is skateboarding. But, a beat-up old couch, a couple of skateboards and a steep hill might solve the problem.
22985	Drought French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781743817599	5-6	I remember when rain stopped, When day by day the water dropped, All across a sun-bleached land, Drought spread its withered, deadly hand.
1423946	Drought kangaroo, The French, Jackie & Snell, Danny (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2025	9781460765197	3-4	Drought has devastated Joseph the kangaroo's home. He longs for green grass and the cool, clear water he can smell in the distance. Kangaroos can leap higher and further than any other animal, but can even Joseph's strong hind legs help him reach the waterhole? And will the new mob there accept a stranger? This is a true story about a young kangaroo who went on the longest journey of his life and ended up living by a creek on Jackie's property.
846168	Drover McMullin, Neridah & Anthony, Sarah (ill)	Walker Books	2021	9781760652081	5-6	A drover's life is one of hardship and daring, but also one of mateship and adventure. This tells the story of Edna Jessop who was one of the few female drovers who worked at this dusty and dangerous job.
1482207	Drover's son, The Purcell, Leah & Leffler, Dub	Penguin Books Australia	2026	9781761341977	5-6	With his father away for much of the year, Danny has had to grow up fast. He thinks that soon he will have no choice but to leave home and go droving with his father. But then he meets Yadaka, and Danny finds another path. One in which a man can be wise and gentle and a warrior too. A story of healing and connection that shares challenging truths about the history of this country and living on the land.
5554	Drowned maiden's hair, A Schlitz, Laura Amy	Candlewick Press	2008	9780763638122	7-9	When fiery Maud Mary Flynn is adopted, she leaves Barbary Asylum with high hopes of being cherished. Little does she know that the sisters who have adopted her require her for their family business, a shadowy extortion racket of the early 19th century that uses spiritualism to fleece the susceptible and tragic. Into this web stumbles Mrs Lambert, grieving mother of a drowned child.

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783576	Drum roll please... it's Stevie Louise Hennessy, Tanya & Hedstrom, Leigh (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526412	5-6	Meet Stevie Louise. She is an entrepreneur (that's like a business person), an entertainer (obviously), and an extrovert on the inside (wait, is this a thing?). Stevie has a BRILLIANT PLAN. She's going to have fun, make money, and most importantly, make sure the Brooke Street kids stay best friends forever. Then a new neighbour arrives and threatens to derail all Stevie's plans. And then real disaster strikes. But the show must go on. After all, Stevie is a professional.
751268	Dry Shusterman, Neal & Shusterman, Jarrod	Walker Books	2018	9781406386851	7-9	When the California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, a group of teens is forced to make life and death decisions in this harrowing story of survival. The drought -- nor the Tap-Out, as everyone calls it -- has been going on for a while now. Everyone's lives have become an endless list of don'ts: don't water the lawn, don't take long showers, don't panic. Until the taps run dry. Suddenly, Alyssa's quiet suburban street spirals into a warzone of desperation; neighbours and families turned against each other on the hunt for water. And when her parents don't return, she and her younger brother must team up with an unlikely group in search of water. Each of them will need to make impossible choices to survive.
751030	Dry to dry: The seasons of Kakadu Freeman, Pamela & Anelli, Liz (ill)	Walker Books	2020	9781760650285	3-4	In the tropical wetlands and escarpments of Kakadu National Park, the seasons move from dry to wet to dry again. Those seasons have shaped the astonishing variety of plants, animals, birds, insects ... migratory birds by the thousands, grasshoppers and owls, lizards and turtles, fruit bats and spear grass. And, gliding past them all in the rivers and waterholes, the long, sinuous shapes of crocodiles ...
12072	Duck Watts, Barrie	Franklin Watts	2002	9780749644307	K-2	With photographs and simple text, this book traces the life cycle of the duck, showing its growth and development from when it is an egg until it is old enough to mate and produce offspring.
2183	Duck and the Darklings, The Millard, Glenda & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743312612	5-6	Grandpapa's eyes shine brightly when he remembers the beauty of the world. Now they all live underground and Peterboy wants to find something to bring the light back and keep it there. What he finds is an injured duck.

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12429	Duck catcher, The Aaron. Moses (reteller) & Mackintosh, David (ill)	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2003	9780733412882	K-2	Gombei catches only one duck a day because that's all the food he needs. When the days turn cold, Gombei decides that if he can catch a hundred ducks, he won't have to work all winter. But, Gombei walks into a trap.
628140	Duck duck moose Gifford, Lucinda	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760634704	K-2	Duck duck...moose? A hilarious and heart-warming story about finding friends in unexpected places.
8357	Duck for a day McKinlay, Meg & Rudge, Leila (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2010	9781921529283	3-4	Abby's class has a duck named Max who waddles and quacks and makes your feet all warm with his feathery breathing. A duck you might get to take home, just overnight, if you can make everything absolutely perfect. Abby can do it. She is sure she can. The problem is, everyone else wants to take Max home, too.
1536	Duck for cover Jennings, Paul, Greenwood, Ted & Denton, Terry (ill)	Penguin	1996	9780140346077	5-6	A large-format joke book with a couple of levels of interpretation so readers will find something new with each reading.
3994	Duck gets a job Ross, Sonny	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760405359	3-4	My name is Duck and I would like a job. My friends work in the city and never stop talking about it. So, any job please. Yours sincerely, Duck.
55512	Duck in the gun, The Cowley, Joy & Belton, Robyn (ill)	Walker Books	2009	9781921150838	5-6	The general and his men are about to fire on a town they are at war with. But, the Gunner has bad news for the General. They can't load the gun because a duck is nesting inside it.
31131	Duck! McKinlay, Meg & Eckstrom, Nathaniel	Walker Books	2018	9781925381535	K-2	It was a quiet afternoon on the farm until...DUCK!
2829	Duck's stuck Mewburn, Kyle	Scholastic New Zealand	2008	9781869438265	3-4	Greedy duck sticks his head where he shouldn't and it gets stuck. Now his only hope is that rat can get him out. A cautionary tale.
669518	Duck, apple, egg Millard, Glenda & Heiduczek, Martina (ill)	ABC Books	2020	9780733340185	K-2	Explore the world around you. Duck on the green, sun in the sky, egg in the nest, apple on the tree, and me.
18821	Duck, death and the tulip Eribuch, Wolf	Gecko Press	2007	9781877467172	7-9	A duck strikes up an unusual and unlikely friendship with Death.
	Duck, Duck, Porcupine series Yoon, Salina				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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1495495	Duck: Look who's talking! Stanton, Matt	ABC Books	2026	9780733342059	3-4	Do you ever think about the animals we share our streets with? Well, they think about us. And talk about us. Quite a lot, actually. And, boy, do they have opinions! Duck, Mouse and Dog have decided that the fancy new coffee shop in town is bad news. It's time for the animals of Redhill to UNITE and RUFFLE SOME FEATHERS before it's too late!
7876	Duckling gets a cookie, The Willems, Mo	Walker Books	2012	9781423151289	K-2	An adorable little duckling gets a cookie just by asking politely. Politely reminds the duckling, but the Pigeon is already off on an hilarious rant about all the things he asks for, ending with the all-too-familiar refrain, 'it's not fair'.
916664	Duckling runs away Wild, Margaret & To, Vivienne	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761065804	K-2	Duckling is running away and she's never, ever coming back! Or is she? Luckily, no matter how far Duckling roams, a mother's love is always near.
9501	Ducks and other birds Morgan, Sally	Thameside Press	2001	9781930643444	3-4	The life span, mating behaviour, diet and self defence of ducks, and other birds, with amazing facts, relevant definitions and key terms included.
5334	Ducks don't wear socks Nedwidek, John & White, Lee (ill)	Viking UK	2008	9780670061365	K-2	Emily is a serious, little girl. She thinks that a duck wearing socks is no laughing matter. When Emily tries to explain this to Duck, he just won't listen as he continues to wear more and more outlandish outfits. Perhaps, Emily is smiling just a little bit.
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.
9576	Dugong meadow, The Mairou, Naomi	Trapdoor Press	2002	9780958098205	3-4	The tranquil seagrass meadow seems a safe place for gentle Dugong and his aquatic undersea friends to play until one day a trawler with its scoop net appears.

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571297	Duke of hinklewinkle, The Phillips, John	Big Sky Publishing	2018	9781925675153	K-2	Bridget lives in the sleepy, seaside town of Hinklewinkle. She spends a lot of time with her Grandpa. Her mother often has to work late and her father lives in another town. Luckily, her caring Grandpa is always close at hand to help out. Grandpa breeds show chickens and Bridget loves to help out. One day when Bridget is feeling a little lonely, Grandpa decides to let Bridget pick a chicken of her own. Far from picking the most beautiful chicken, she picks a strange looking roster she names the 'Duke of Hinklewinkle'. The two become inseparable. When Grandpa's cranky old neighbour, Mr Borewater's chickens are under threat, The Duke of Hinklewinkle surprises everyone.
1539	Dulcie and Dud and the really cool club Martin, Carol Ann & Dawson, Janine (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2003	9781862915121	3-4	When stuck-up Portia Pratt starts a club and doesn't invite Dulcie and Doug to join, they decide to start one of their own. But, sometimes, trying to do really cool things can backfire.
659249	Dumazi the big yellow lion Khoza, Valanga & Ottley, Matt (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781742994116	3-4	On her way to the waterhole, Dumazi finds a big yellow lion caught in a trap. Please save my life and set me free, he begs. But Dumazi knows that lions roaming free eat little Zulu girls like her...
	Dummies Junior series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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589990	Dumplin' Murphy, Julie	HarperCollins Children's Books	2017	9780062327192	9plus	Self-proclaimed fat girl Willowdean Dickson has always been at home in her own skin. Her thoughts on having the ultimate bikini body? Put a bikini on your body. When until Will takes a job at the local fast food joint, she meets Private School Bo -- a hot former jock. Will is unsurprised to find herself attracted to Bo. But she is surprised when he seems to like her back. Instead of finding new heights of self-assurance in her relationship with Bo, Will starts to doubt herself. So she sets out to take back her confidence by doing the most horrifying thing she can imagine: entering the Miss Clover City beauty pageant -- along with several other unlikely candidates -- to show the world that she deserves to be up there as much as any twiggy girl does. Along the way, she'll shock the hell out of Clover City -- and maybe herself most of all. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1542	Dunbi the owl Lofts, Pamela (comp) & Utemorrah, Daisy (teller)	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781865046266	3-4	Based on the story told by Daisy Utemorrah of the Worora people to children living in Derby, Western Australia. One of a series of Aboriginal stories about animals and birds. Dunbi the owl is discovered in a tree by some children who soon learn the consequences of mistreating him.
1019918	Dungeon Academy: No humans allowed! Roux, Madeleine & Probert, Tim (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780063039124	5-6	Welcome to Dungeon Academy, where monsters and creatures train for the dark world that awaits just beyond the dungeon walls! But Zellidora "Zelli" Stormclash is a bit... different. She's the one thing monsters and creatures of the Forgotten Realms fear the most: Zelli is a human! Knowing she'll never be accepted, Zelli's parents disguise her as a minotaur in hopes she'll blend with the academy's monstrous surroundings. Zelli does her work, keeps to herself, and becomes "invisible" to everyone. While in History of Horrible Humans class, Zelli learns of the great human adventurer, Allidora Steelstrike, who oddly resembles her. Could Zelli also be a Steelstrike? Seeking answers to her true lineage, Zelli embarks on a dangerous adventure.

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1019919	Dungeon Academy: Tourney of Terror Roux, Madeleine & Probert, Tim (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780063039148	5-6	Something BIG has come knocking on the gates of Dungeon Academy! The undefeated Waterdeep Dragons have arrived for the Tourney of Terror games, which happens every fifty years and features every monster'ss favorite sport: Goreball! The Dungeon Academy Flumphs are outnumbered, outsized, and outmonstered! But our hero, Zelli Stormclash (a forbidden human, secretly disguised as a minotaur), is no stranger to impossible odds. Just a few weeks ago, Zelli and her crew, the Danger Club, came face-to-face with a maniacal necromancer and his army of undead! If this wasn't enough to raise scales Zelli's reoccurring nightmare of a dark entity annihilating her world may be more than just a bad dream. Something sinister is lurking in the halls of the academy, and only Zelli seems to notice. But when Zelli uncovers a dark past hidden beneath Dungeon Academy, she unlocks something that will concern everyone at school, every dragon at Waterdeep, and everything within the Forgotten Realms.
1359286	Dungeon runners: Level 1 hero trial Larwood, Kieran & Todd-Stanton, Joe (ill)	Nosy Crow Ltd	2024	9781839945182	3-4	CALLING ALL DUNGEON RUNNERS - There's space for a new team of heroes. This is your chance to enter the leagues and fight your way to the top! Kit has dreamed of being a Dungeon Runner all his life, although being a gnorf (part gnome, part dwarf) means he's much smaller than the other competitors. But when a space opens up for a new team in the Dungeon Running League, Kit doesn't want to miss this chance to try out! With his new friends Sandy and Thorn, they're ready to take on anything - mazes, puzzles, monsters, treasure and most of all adventure! Are you ready for the games to begin? Welcome to the Dungeon!

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1019917	Dungeons and drama Boyce, Kristy	Delacorte Press	2024	9780593647011	7-9	Musical lover Riley has big aspirations to become a director on Broadway. Crucial to this plan is to bring back her high school's spring musical, but when Riley takes her mom's car without permission, she's grounded and stuck with the worst punishment: spending her after-school hours working at her dad's game shop. Riley can't waste her time working when she has a musical to save, so she convinces Nathan - a nerdy teen employee - to cover her shifts and, in exchange, she'll flirt with him to make his gamer-girl crush jealous. But Riley didn't realize that meant joining Nathan's Dungeons & Dragons game... or that role playing would be so fun. Soon, Riley starts to think that flirting with Nathan doesn't require as much acting as she would've thought...
943507	Dunggiirr Brothers and the caring song of the whale, The Smith, Shaa	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526313	5-6	Welcome to Ngambaa Country on the mid-north coast of New South Wales. I am Aunty Shaa and this is the story of the Koala Brothers, the Dunggiirr Brothers. This is the story of our Country. We live the story of being saved by Dunggiirr and we do a ceremony to keep it alive. It is this story and memory we share with you in this book.
926	Dust Bongers, Christine	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741664461	9plus	Cecilia grew up on a farm, with her six brothers, in rural Queensland. She despised her neighbours, the Kapernicky girls. When Cecilia returns as an adult, secrets which were deeply buried come to the surface. Contains adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
130954	Dust Thompson, Colin & various illustrators	ABC Books	2007	9780733320736	7-9	Shows the reality and horror of children dying of starvation. Fourteen artists focus on different aspects of the suffering, deprivation and starkness of the life and death of a starving child. Proceeds go to 'Save the Children'.
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?

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660743	E-boy #1: E-boy Do, Anh	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760877521	5-6	Ethan is supposed to be doing regular teenage things. He is not supposed to be in hospital getting a brain tumour removed by Gemini, a high-tech android doctor. But just as the operation begins, the building is hit by an unusual bolt of lightning.
763768	E-boy #2: Robofight Do, Anh & Wahl, Chris (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760877859	5-6	Last week, Ethan was a teenager who was lying in hospital with a brain tumour. Now, he has the superhuman power to hack into any computer system with his mind. Ethan and Dr Penny are battling the android healer turned deadly assassin. The Robofight Games might be the perfect cover for their mission. Or they might find themselves in even more trouble.
803512	E-boy #3: Enter the jungle Do, Anh & Wahl, Chris (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760879020	5-6	New friends. Deadly foes. Ethan was a normal teenager, until a freak lightning strike gave him the power to control any electronic device within range. Now he's on the run from the dangerous Agent Ferris and his killer android Gemini, whose sole goal is to terminate Ethan. But at the moment, that's the least of his worries! When Ethan accidentally interrupts a robbery by the mysterious Money Man, the villain vows to make him pay. Escaping the Money Man will lead Ethan deep into the jungle, where he'll need all his wits to survive. And Gemini is still on his tail.
901545	E-boy #4: A new Gemini Do, Anh & McEwan, Tim (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760879037	5-6	Ethan was a normal teenager, until a freak lightning strike gave him the ability to hack into any electronic device-with his mind! When Ethan's link to Gemini breaks down after a mid-air battle, he and Doctor Penny decide to fix the android. But all the equipment they need is with the enemy! Can Ethan, Doctor Penny and Gemini work together to outsmart the dangerous Agent Ferris and infiltrate enemy headquarters

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977705	E-boy #5: Superhuman army Do, Anh & Baez, Marcelo (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761065668	5-6	Somewhere deep in the ocean lies the key to superhuman strength. Ethan's powers will be put to the ultimate test when he, Penny and Gemini find themselves in a desperate race to reach the mythical power source before Agent Ferris and his army of androids. Will they make it in time to seize the Grapes of Atlantis?
1425825	e-Revolution, The McKeown, Catriona	Rhiza Press	2026	9781761112867	7-9	Jolie and her friends Charlotte, Bronwyn and Hayley are at war with three boys in Year 9 at school. It's a love/hate relationship, where they set each other up with dares and the losers have consequences. When the boys win a bet, the girls cry 'Unfair!' However, their plan for revenge backfires and leads to the principal banning all e-scooters from school premises and insisting students must follow government regulations, which means they can only ride a scooter with an adult. How can they get to school? To their jobs? Jolie and her friends want to fix things, but what can they achieve on their own? Is the only person who can help the one person Jolie doesn't want to turn to?
1549	Each beach Rubinstein, Gillian	Box Press	1998	9781876233051	3-4	Eccentric and lovable characters search for the best ice cream, with funny tongue twisting rhymes.
872823	Each orange had 8 slices Giganti, Paul & Crews, Donald (ill)	Greenwillow	1999	9780688139858	3-4	If each orange has 8 slices and each slice has 2 seeds, how many seeds are there in all? You'll have fun whether you multiply, add or count your way through the math puzzles hiding in the world all around you.
9613	Each peach pear plum Ahlberg, Allan & Janet	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	1989	9780140509199	K-2	Many well-known nursery characters are hiding in the pictures and a poem on each page gives a clue as to who or what is in the picture on the opposite page.
	Eager series Fox, Helen				7-9	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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7466	Eagle in the snow, An Morpurgo, Michael & Foreman, Michael (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2015	9780008134174	5-6	Barney's home in Coventry has been bombed along with most of the other houses in the street so he and his mother are on a train to Cornwall. But even a train is not safe as it comes under fire by a couple of Messerschmitt aircraft, only just escaping destruction in a tunnel. Barney's fear of the dark is gradually eased when a stranger begins a story as they wait for the all clear. And what a story it is. A young soldier in World War 1 became the most decorated Private of that war due to his bravery, loyalty and mateship. But one of his actions, at the time seen to be the right thing to do, turned out to have some terrible consequences. It is up to him to make things right.
5202	Eagle inside, The Manning Bancroft, Jack & Bancroft, Bronwyn (ill)	Little Hare Books	2015	9781742974699	K-2	Jimmy, the honeyeater, is the smallest bird at flying school. Surrounded by big, tough birds, Jimmy feels different in every way and is certain he will never fit in. Cockatoo bullies him and tells him he can't succeed. But, with Eagle's help, Jimmy discovers that being different can also be a strength.
29073	Eagle of the east Lawrence, L S	Omnibus Books	2007	9781862917071	9plus	Ardavan is a young Parthian soldier whose mother was a Roman. After the disastrous Battle of Carrhae, many Roman soldiers lie dead on the battlefield and the survivors must serve Parthia as mercenaries. Able to communicate with both sides, Ardavan is raised to a special position where he and the beautiful Shara must survive in a world of intrigue and plots. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
113	Eagle of the Ninth, The Sutcliff, Rosemary	Oxford University Press	2000	9780192750457	7-9	A young officer in Roman Britain sets off to discover what happened to the Ninth Legion, a legion that disappeared in the mists.
1147	Eagle, crow and emu Milroy, Gladys & Milroy, Jill (ill)	Fremantle Press	2016	9781925163711	3-4	Three stories, mostly about about birds. Birds who can't fly and snakes who can. Mistakes to be made and problems to be solved. Great enemies and even greater friends.

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5793	Early learning guide to Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre Medina, Melissa & Colting, Fredrik & Andronic (ill)	Moppet Books	2017	9780998820507	K-2	Orphans, attic ghosts and afternoon tea all come together in our illustrated learning guide to Jane Eyre. As we follow our heroine, Jane, from childhood to womanhood, we see her brilliance shine as she learns how to love and be loved. Fantastically illustrated, we also explore the life of author, Charlotte Bronte, and the Victorian era in which this classic love story is set. More than picture books, our educational learning guides offer an interactive story time for adult literature fans and their children, or as we like to call them future lit fans.
5772	Early learning guide to Homer's The Odyssey Colting, Fredrik & Medina, Melissa & Yun, Yeji (ill)	Moppet Books	2018	9780998820514	K-2	Come with us on an epic journey through ancient Greek mythology, where one-eyed giants and 6-headed sea monsters are only some of the obstacles our hero, Odysseus, has to overcome. With our beautifully illustrated story summary and analysis, you and your child can experience the greatest adventure story ever written, and even learn a bit about the legendary storyteller, Homer. More than picture books, our educational learning guides offer an interactive story time for adult literature fans and their children, or as we like to call them future lit fans.
5791	Early learning guide to Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice Medina, Melissa & Colting, Fredrik & Yice, Lett (ill)	Moppet Books	2017	9780997714555	K-2	There's a ball at Netherfield and you are invited! Join Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy as they dance through, not only the great ball room, but this illustrated learning guide to Jane Austen's most famous novel. With our simplified, kid-friendly summary and analysis this fanciful piece of classic literature will delight both children and parents. More than picture books, our educational learning guides offer an interactive story time for adult literature fans and their children, or as we like to call them future lit fans.
686887	Earth heroes: 20 inspiring stories of people saving our world Dyu, Lily, & Lay, Jackie (ill)	Nosy Crow Ltd	2019	9781788008525	5-6	With twenty inspirational stories celebrating the pioneering work of a selection of Earth Heroes from all around the globe, from Greta Thunberg and David Attenborough to Yin Yuzhen and Isatou Ceesay, each tale is a beacon of hope in the fight for the future of our planet, proving that one person, no matter how small, can make a difference.

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4945	Earth to Daniel Rees, Gwyneth	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408883013	5-6	I felt like a visitor from another planet instead of a normal human being who actually belonged on planet Earth. Daniel has moved and has to start at a new school. And to make matters worse, his mum is his new school principal! As if things are not bad enough, when his dad goes overseas, his mum starts to act really strange and does some really embarrassing things. Daniel wonders if this has anything to do with an illness that she had a long time ago. His mum needs help and it looks like Daniel has to be the one to save her.
9276	Earthfasts Mayne, William	Hodder & Stoughton	1995	9780340653272	5-6	Time travel and adventure intersect in this initial volume of the trilogy of the same name.
1109572	Earthquake French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761524950	3-4	Down below the giant rumbled, all around us buildings crumbled, Newcastle began to shake. 'Quake!' yelled someone. 'Out! Earthquake!'
	Earthsea series, The Various				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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1551	Earthsong Kelleher, Victor	Penguin	1997	9780140380026	7-9	The earth appears safe again and must be recolonised but strange relationships have evolved and our futuristic Adam and Eve face many new dangers. Their computerised companions are wonderful. inspiring, resourceful and very funny.
1329971	Earthspeak: Boodjar Wangkiny McCann, Sean & Goodwin, Jade (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181238	K-2	Will the earth's heart beat just like ours? A bush walk in a stunning landscape becomes a heartfelt invitation to engage with our senses, care for the environment, and learn some Noongar language words along the way.
9494	Earthworms Llewellyn, Claire & Watts, Barrie	Watts Publishing Group	2002	9780531146514	3-4	One of the Minibeasts series, describing the physical characteristics, behaviour and habitat of the earthworm.

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660630	Easter Bunnyroo, The Chambers, Susannah & Wood, Laura (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760635015	K-2	Last week my Dad found something special, Ruby. She has long ears and big feet and an built-in basket for carrying Easter eggs. Surely Ruby must be the Easter Bunny. A delightful Australian Easter story from Susannah Chambers and Laura Woods.
903355	Easy peasy Garvey, Ky & Calautti, Amy (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2023	9781922539441	K-2	Ruby loves her shiny new red roller skates. She's never roller skated before, but she's sure it will be easy peasy! So when her dad offers to help her learn to skate, Ruby says no. But things don't go as planned...
1019710	Eat my dust! McMullin, Neridah & Masciullo, Lucia (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760654191	3-4	In 1928 girls don't drive cars, let along race them. Until two fearless and intrepid best friends make history, racing across Australia and beating the land speed record... with Barney the dog in tow. The amazing true story of Jean Robertson and Kathleen Howell who helped map Australia.
7725	Eat the sky, drink the ocean Murray, Kirsty (ed) & Dhar, Payal (ed) & Anita Roy (ed)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781743319789	9plus	A collection of science fiction and fantasy writing, including six graphic stories, showcasing twenty exciting writers and artists from India and Australia. Dive into these stories and see how girls cope with the dangers of worlds gone mad. Every story is a journey and each story has its own magic. Includes some violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
24953	Eat your dinner Miller, Virginia	Walker Books	2008	9781406311860	K-2	Bartholomew is less than pleased with his dinner. When he is told to eat up, he says the one word he knows, with emphatic insistence. But, when big George proceeds to polish off his own dinner which is then followed by something delicious, Ba has second thoughts.
12015	Eating things on sticks Fine, Anne	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9780385616027	5-6	Harry has burned down the house by mistake. He is saved from having to stay at Aunt Susan's because he can blackmail his Uncle Tristram over the cat incident. So, they are off on holidays with the very comely Morning Glory on her strange island home where Harry will very much be the gooseberry, and a trouble-making one at that, and they will start by eating nettle pancakes and end up eating things on sticks.
24966	Ebi's boat Saxby, Claire & Spudvilas, Anne (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2006	9781921136955	3-4	Ebi has a passion for boats and builds a fantasy world around them. When he meets an old, ex-sailor who lives next door, the two share Ebi's fantasy world in a host of imaginary ways.

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15310	Echidna Pyers, Greg	Echidna Books	2002	9781740707756	5-6	Interesting facts about the unusual life of Australia's echidna. Excellent diagrams and photographs show the different stages of development. Includes a fact file and glossary of terms.
12250	Echidna and the shade tree, The Lofts, Pamela (comp) & Green, Mona (teller)	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781865046228	K-2	based on a story of the jaru people. In the dreaming, there was a shade tree in the middle of the desert. The animals went hunting for themselves and their babies but they only gave the echidna the scraps. When he gets angry and attacks the shade tree, the other animals must do something.
566578	Echo after echo Capetta, Amy Rose	Candlewick Press	2017	9780763691646	9plus	Zara Evans has come to the Aurelia Theater, home to the visionary director Leopold Henneman, to play her dream role in Echo and Ariston, the Greek tragedy that taught her everything she knows about love. When the director asks Zara to promise that she will have no outside commitments, no distractions, it's easy to say yes. But it's hard not to be distracted when there's a death at the theater, and then another, especially when Zara doesn't know if they're accidents, or murder, or a curse that always comes in threes. It's hard not to be distracted when assistant lighting director Eli Vasquez, a girl made of tattoos and abrupt laughs and every form of light, looks at Zara. It's hard not to fall in love. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
	Eco rangers series Lemon-Scott, Candice & Aska (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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890147	Eddie Albert and the amazing animal gang: The curse of the smuggler's treasure O'Grady, Paul	HarperCollins Children's Books	2022	9780008446871	5-6	Eddie and best friend Flo are spending the Easter holidays on the Romney Marshes with Aunt Budge and all his animals - Butch the dog, Bunty the hamster and pirate goldfish Dan and Jake. When the terrible Rancid Twins arrive in town, set on uncovering the secret mystery of the smugglers' treasure, Eddie and Flo are drawn into a thrilling new adventure. Eddie must use his ability to speak to animals to enlist the help of two elegant alpaca, a friendly sheep called Doris and a famous film-star rabbit to save the day and reveal a treasure of epic proportions.
	Eddie Dickens series Ardagh, Philip				7-9	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.
4106	Eddie Frogbert deGennaro, Sue	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781760276782	K-2	Eddie Frogbert is not the biggest or the bravest frog in the pond. Eddie leaves the hippity hop to the other frogs. Until the diving competition arrives....
1558	Eddy and the demon bowler Carroll, Jane	Scholastic Australia	2001	9781862914513	3-4	Eddy hates playing cricket and he will do anything to get out of it. When there is a game of cricket coming up, he tries all sorts of things with hilarious results.
696282	Eddy Popcorn's guide to parent training White, Dee & Johnston, Benjamin (ill)	Omnibus Books	2020	9781743834022	5-6	The school holidays have started and Eddy Popcorn is grounded until his homework is finished. Faced with no beach and no mates Eddy puts all his energy into writing a helpful book for kids 'Eddy Popcorn's guide to parent training'!
	Edgar & Ellen series Ogden, Charles				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.
1424023	Edge of everything, The Luby, Miranda	Text Publishing Co	2025	9781923058330	7-9	When a rare and highly endangered bird flies into Lucy's bedroom window, she's sure it's a sign. Miranda Luby's second novel is a heartfelt portrayal of grief, a tender romance, and a tribute to a very special Australian bird.

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3044	Edge of extinction Martin, Laura	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2016	9780008152895	7-9	The age of man is over, reintroducing dinosaurs to Earth was an unsurprisingly bad idea. while the Survivors rebuild a society in underground bunkers, some wonder if there is more to what's left than this? Sky Munday breaks free from her compound to face the surface, the dinosaurs and maybe even to find her missing father. Who will kill her first, her former compound community, or the reptilian predators above?
751211	Edge of thirteen, The Weetman, Nova	University of Queensland Press	2021	9780702263125	7-9	Clem is thirteen years old, and her whole world is changing whether she likes it or not. From Santa, to boyfriends, her body, and her complicated relationship with her parents. Normally she would rely on her best friend Bridge to help steer her through, but it seems like even that friendship is changing too. As a new school year starts, and Clem and her friends head off on school camp, Clem finds herself in lots of tricky new situations.
4543	Edie Amelia and the monkey shoe mystery Lee, Sophie & Oxlade, Jonathon (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2009	9780330424189	3-4	Edie Amelia Sparks is a neat girl with very messy parents. While checking that her party outfit for her ninth birthday is in order, she discovers that one of her most treasured possessions is missing. As Edie Amelia sets out to solve the mystery, there is lots of fun as she chases a trail that involves her father, a piece of purple paper, a shadowy tall man, exotic settings and lots of food.
28237	Edie Amelia and the Runcible River fever Lee, Sophie & Oxlade, Jonathon (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2011	9780330425940	3-4	A mysterious illness, with very strange symptoms, is spreading through Runcible, throwing the townsfolk into a panic. Edie Amelia Sparks, nine year old detective extraordinaire, sets out to investigate. With her new best friend, Cheesy Chompster, and Mr Pants, her French bulldog, Edie begins the hunt for a cure and encounters some rather unusual things along the way.

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1409496	Edie tells a lie Laguna, Ingrid	Text Publishing Co	2025	9781922790729	5-6	Edie lives with her mum-it's just the two of them. Her best friend, Bowie, lives right next door, until Bowie moves to the country. Edie feels alone and forgotten, but she soon meets Aleki, and she's happy to have a new friend. Aleki has a big family with lots going on all the time. Edie wishes she had a big, interesting family too. So she invents a story-a lie. It's only a small story, but it soon grows, and it lands her in trouble. Suddenly Edie is lonelier than ever. But then she finds a mysterious letter in an old book. It's written in Polish, the language of her dad's family, and Edie discovers she has a famous great aunt who lived a remarkable life with wild animals in a forest in Poland. Edie is proud of her Polish heritage, and she wants to tell her classmates about her amazing auntie. But, after her lie, will anyone believe her?
	Edsel Grizzler series Roy, James				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.
9228	Education of Little Tree, The Carter, Forrest	Vintage/Ebury (Random House)	2000	9780712672696	7-9	A classic story set in the 1930s about an orphaned boy who goes to live with his Cherokee grandparents in the mountains of Tennessee. His education is not formal but an ancient native wisdom and way of life.
12134	Edward and Edwina emu Knowles, Sheena & Clement, Rod (ill)	Cornstalk Publications	2002	9780732277208	K-2	Edward and Edwina emu are the proud parents of ten chicks in this story told in rhyming text.
12133	Edward the emu Knowles, Sheena & Clement, Rod (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	1993	9780207183287	K-2	Edward is bored being an emu and wants to be noticed by the visitors to the zoo. In his quest for attention, Edward imitates the other animals.
1470623	Edward's astonishing animals Theo, Michael & Brissenden, Ella (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761720949	K-2	This is the story of a quiet young boy named Edward. Edward always knew he was no ordinary child. And then one day he discovered something truly amazing and astonishing and surprising ... Edward could transform into all kinds of animals.
2439	Edwardo: the horriblest boy in the whole wide world Burningham, John	Red Fox	2007	9780099480136	K-2	Edwardo just gets worse and worse until he lives up to everyone's expectations and becomes the horriblest boy in the whole world. When someone starts believing in Edwardo, unexpected things begin to happen.
12135	Edwina the emu Knowles, Sheena & Clement, Rod (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	1996	9780207189142	K-2	Edwina, the emu, tries to find a job while Edward sits on the eggs.

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22471	Edwina: the dinosaur who didn't know she was extinct Willems, Mo	Walker Books	2006	9781406312294	3-4	Edwina is anything but extinct, just ask those people who enjoy her choc-chip cookies. But, Reginald Von Hoobie-Doobie thinks it is time everyone, including Edwina, learnt how extinct dinosaurs are.
871581	EE in the deep blue sea, The Barker, Judith & Frith, Janie (ill)	Woodslane Press	2020	9781925868401	K-2	This is the story of the ee. A curious sound as you can see. 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. 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. The first book from Judith and Janie, the Oo in Uluru, won a 2019 Book of the Year award from Speech Pathology Australia.
895458	Egg Atkins, Clare & Vial, Harrison (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2022	9780702265594	3-4	When something strange washes up on the eggs' island, they are scared. It looks like them but its not. Most of them want the egg to go back to where it came from, but one is not afraid. Can their friendship overcome the fear and prejudice?
4284	Egg Henkes, Kevin	HarperCollins Children's Books	2017	9780062408723	K-2	Four eggs. One big surprise!
5205	Egg and spoon Maguire, Gregory	Candlewick Press	2014	9780763672201	7-9	Elena Rudina lives with her dying mother in the impoverished Russian countryside. One day, a train arrives carrying untold wealth, a cornucopia of food, and Ekaterina, a girl of Elena's age. When the two girls' lives collide, an adventure begins that includes mistaken identity, a monk locked in a tower, a prince travelling incognito and a wise-cracking Baba Yaga, a witch who lives in a house perched on chicken legs.
12387	Egg drop Grey, Mini	Jonathan Cape	2002	9780099432036	5-6	A quirky story about a young, independent egg who wants to fly. The egg doesn't want to wait or listen to advice.
15630	Egg is quiet, An Aston, Dianna & Long, Sylvia	Chronicle Books	2006	9780811844284	3-4	A beautifully illustrated, sophisticated and fascinating look at all sorts of eggs. American spelling and imperial measurement do not detract from the attractiveness of language, ideas and pictures.

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846055	Egg marks the spot Timberlake, Amy & Klassen, Jon (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760877057	5-6	Skunk and Badger both find themselves in difficult situations with careless friends and family. Skunk suggests they go on a rock finding expedition to take their minds off their troubles, and to try and find a very special rock to complete Badger's collection. A simple camping trip gets complicated quickly by Skunk's giant backpack and a very special chicken with a very big secret.
16131	Egg, The Robertson, M P	Frances Lincoln	2007	9781845077990	K-2	A friendly dragon appears from a very large egg hatched by George's mother's favourite chicken. The dragon thinks George is its mother and George takes on the role of teaching the infant suitable 'dragonly' ways. Eventually the dragon is lonely and needs to be with its own kind.
5312	Egghead Scott, Clare	Walker Books	2008	9781921150814	5-6	Paddy is excited when his teacher announces a week-long experiment. He imagines an awesome experiment with interesting potions and eruptions. Too bad the experiment is not what it's cracked up to be.
9338	Eglantine: a ghost story Jinks, Catherine	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2007	9781741146585	7-9	Allie and her family move into a new home. The last thing they expect is an unwanted guest. But Bethan's room seems to be inhabited by a ghost who writes on the walls. Layers of paint, experts on psychic phenomena and Feng Shui don't help.
30304	Egyptian diary: journal of a young scribe Platt, Richard & Parkins, David (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781406330625	3-4	The year is 1465 BC and Nakht's family is moving from their village to Memphis, where his father has just become an important scribe. With Nakht, we explore this bustling Egyptian city, visiting the craftsmen's workshops and the shipyards, watching a burial ritual, and learning how the land is farmed, and how houses are built. Most thrilling of all, he witnesses a tomb robbery in the pyramids and meets the King of Egypt.

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27257	Eid al-Adha adventure, The: Peg + Cat Oxley, Jennifer & Aronson, Billy	Candlewick Press	2018	9780763699321	K-2	It's Eid al-Adha, a very special holiday for Yasmina and Amir, who invite their friends Peg and Cat to check it out. After they all rock out with some singing, it's time to head to the celebration, where there's so much food waiting! Amir explains that an important part of celebrating Eid al-Adha is dividing the meat into three equal parts, one third to be shared with someone who has less. But with all three bowls of meatballs holding different amounts, they've got a big problem! Thanks to a balancing scale, a trip to a soup kitchen, and an unexpected visit to a housebound neighbour, Peg and Cat learn all about the concept of taking from where there's more and giving to where there's less. Even Cat discovers how awesome giving can be. Eid Mubarak!
25232	Eight Lee, Lyn & Gamble, Kim (ill)	Omnibus Books	2006	9781862914568	K-2	Timmy's favourite toy is Eight, the octopus. They go everywhere together until, one day, Eight is left in the park. Timmy wonders if he will ever see his friend again.
21660	Eight keys LaFleur, Suzanne	Penguin	2011	9780141342030	7-9	Elise's life takes a turn for the worse. She's bullied at school and now feels embarrassed by her best friend, Franklin, who's decidedly uncool, and she's struggling to cope with new arrivals in her home. Elise receives a mysterious key left for her by her father. A key that unlocks one of the eight doors upstairs in the barn. As Elise begins to unlock her past, she starts to realise that she can take control of her future.
660623	Eight princesses and a magic mirror Farrant, Natasha & Corry, Lydia (ill)	Head of Zeus	2019	9781788541152	5-6	Mirror, mirror on the wall...what makes a princess excellent?' The magic mirror is the thread that connects the worlds of ten very different Princesses after an enchantress flings her magic mirror into the universe. Ten short stories. Ten very unusual Princesses. Ten Princesses who are brave enough to be themselves. The answer to the question is not what you expect it to be.
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...
114	Eighteenth emergency, The Byars, Betsy	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2000	9780099408673	5-6	Mouse and Ezzie have concocted seventeen hilarious emergency procedures for coping with life's dramas, but they are not prepared for the eighteenth emergency.

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846209	Einstein the penguin Rangeley, Iona & Tazzyman, David (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2023	9780008475994	3-4	When the Stewarts spend a sunny, frosty December day at London Zoo, they're enchanted by one small penguin. At the delight of young Imogen and Arthur, Mrs Stewart insists the penguin must come and stay with them whenever he likes. But not one Stewart expects the penguin to turn up at their door that evening, rucksack labelled Einstein on his back...
1019749	Einstein the penguin: The case of the fishy detective Rangeley, Iona & Tazzyman, David (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2022	9780008476038	3-4	Imogen and Arthur have been missing Einstein since he moved back to Australia. So when an encounter throws up an opportunity for the penguin to return to London, they jump at the chance. Then Einstein and his friend, Isaac, find themselves kidnapped! It's time for Imogen and Arthur to turn detective again...
1209741	Einstein the penguin: The case of the polar poachers Rangeley, Iona & Tazzyman, David (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9780008476076	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.
	EJ12 girl hero and EJ spy school 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.
630979	El deafo Bell, Cece	Harry N Abrams Inc	2014	9781419712173	5-6	Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful - and very awkward - hearing aid.

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7320	Eleanor and Park Rowell, Rainbow	Orion	2014	9781409157250	9plus	Eleanor is new in town. And she stands out instead of fitting in, with her mismatched clothes, her wild red hair and her chaotic home life. The day she sits in the seat next to Park on the bus, impossibly cool Park, she starts to learn what it means to fall in love. Set over the course of one school year, Eleanor and Park fall in love thanks to late-night conversations and a stack of mix tapes. They have nothing and everything to lose. They are more real than any other character you will ever meet. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1149664	Eleanor Jones can't keep a secret Doak, Amy	Penguin Books Australia	2024	9781761342424	7-9	Eleanor Jones stirs up more mystery and danger in this fast-paced YA mystery. Things have settled down in Cooinda and Eleanor Jones is getting used to her new normal - spending time with her friends, going to school, and working on a project at the local old age home. But just as things start to feel calm, a series of events once again rock Eleanor's world- Troy's ex-girlfriend is back in town and, during a visit to the old age home, Eleanor's buddy Nance admits to witnessing a murder, swearing Eleanor to secrecy. In an effort to definitely not be concerned about Troy's ex, Eleanor throws herself into solving the mystery of the murder Nance spoke about. Enlisting the help of new friend and genealogy expert Jem to research Nance's past, Eleanor soon realises that digging into old secrets can sometimes be incredibly dangerous indeed.

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1019863	Eleanor Jones is not a murderer Doak, Amy	Penguin	2023	9781761342417	7-9	Eleanor Jones has just started at her ninth high school in less than five years. Since she and her mum are always moving on, Eleanor likes to stay on the outer, to stay invisible. So maybe it's just bad luck that the very first person she talks to at Cooinda Secondary College, Angus Marshall, is stabbed and left for dead the same day. The last message on Angus's phone is from Eleanor Jones. After being interviewed by the police, Eleanor realises they don't have all the facts and decides to investigate. In trying to understand what happened to Angus, Eleanor inadvertently becomes involved with an eclectic group of fellow students - all of whom have their own reasons to want to solve the mystery. As they slowly unravel Angus's secrets, Eleanor discovers the true meaning of friendship - and uncovers a danger lurking at the heart of the town...
1356597	Eleanor Jones is playing with fire Doak, Amy	Penguin	2025	9781761350634	7-9	Eleanor Jones isn't looking for trouble. But someone is starting fires in Cooinda - and the first one looks like a murder. Eleanor is determined not to get involved, but when she receives a note warning her to 'keep quiet' she can't help but work out who sent it. Who had motive to murder Eleanor's neighbour? Could it really be one of her classmates? And are the fires connected to the car thefts in town? The more Eleanor tries to do the right thing, the more danger she finds herself in...
115	Eleanor, Elizabeth Gleeson, Libby	Penguin	1998	9780141303024	5-6	Eleanor finds her grandmother's diary in the old schoolhouse where she did her lessons.
	Elementals trilogy Kaufman, Amie				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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	Elephant & Piggie series Various				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.
5280	Elephant in the garden, An Morpurgo, Michael & Foreman, Michael (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2010	9780007339563	5-6	It's 1944 and Elizabeth's father is fighting with the German army on the eastern front. In Dresden, Elizabeth, Karli and their mother are fleeing the city as the allied bombs fall. They face a torturous journey through a perilous, snow-covered landscape to reach the safety of the west. It would be hard enough, without an elephant in tow.
871682	Elephant Island Timmers, Leo	Walker Books	2022	9781776574346	K-2	When Elephant is shipwrecked on a tiny island, who will rescue him? Does he need rescuing? When mouse and dog and a host of other animals arrive, they find that Elephant is happy on his tiny island and welcomes them to share it too.
9961	Elephant man Di Fiore, Mariangela & Hodnefjeld, Hilde (ill) & Hedger, Rosie (trans)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760292201	5-6	Joseph doesn't look like other people. His skin is thick and lumpy, his limbs are oddly shaped, and his head has a big, bony lump. People call him Elephant Man and scream in terror when they see him. But, inside, Joseph longs for a friend to understand him. Based on the famous, true story of Joseph Merrick.
22102	Elephant mountain Brian, Janeen & Rippin, Sally (ill)	Puffin Australia	2008	9780143303282	5-6	Kasem is thrilled when he is given responsibility for baby elephant, Pooky, and promises the elephant that he will always look after him. Kasem has to remember many important things and wonders whether he will be able to keep his promise to Pooky.
35610	Elephant, The Carnavas, Peter	University of Queensland Press	2017	9780702259616	3-4	Olive's father has a sadness so big that she imagines it as an enormous elephant following him around. Every day Olive sees the elephant, and every day she wishes it would go. With the help of Grandad and her best friend, Arthur, Olive sets out to chase the elephant away.

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7557	Elephants have wings Gervay, Susanne & Pignataro, Anna (ill)	Flying Elephants Media	2014	9781925000399	3-4	Nestled in the wings of a mystical, white elephant, two children embark on a great journey of discovery. They fly across the universe, seeing its beauty then conflict, to discover there is a pathway to the humanity in all of us. The parable of the blind men and the elephant is told in Buddhism, Sufism, Hinduism, Jainism and studied in philosophy universally.
12838	Elephants' big day out, The Hurst, Elise	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734405500	K-2	Late one night, under the eye of the moon, three little elephants who crave adventure escape from their cage in the zoo. They have so much fun, it is doubtful they will ever return to the zoo.
1573	Eleventh sheep, The Mewburn, Kyle & Richards, Claire (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2008	9781741691337	K-2	Sian counts sheep to fall asleep. A quaint story that looks simply but whimsically at selflessness and belonging.
3502	Elfrida Fall, Klara & Stollinger, Heide (ill)	Gecko Press	2006	9780958259835	K-2	Elfrida the sheep is bored with her style, so the shearer gives her a new clip and colour, which soon catches on.
29754	Eli the good House, Silas	Candlewick Press	2011	9780763652883	7-9	For ten year old Eli Book, the summer of 1976 threatens to tear his family apart. There's his distant mother, his traumatised Vietnam vet dad, his rebellious sister, his anti-war protesting aunt, and his tough, yet troubled, best friend, Edie. As tempers flare and his father's nightmares rage, Eli watches from the sidelines. But, soon, even he cannot escape the current of conflict.
60125	Elite, The Cass, Kiera	HarperCollins US	2013	9780007466702	9plus	America is the strong competition for Maxon's heart, to leave her life and live the world of luxury as a One. But the violence of the rebels and her feelings for an ex-boyfriend means nothing is a certainty. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
773007	Eliza Vanda's button box Rodda, Emily	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9781460759608	5-6	Milly is feeling unsettled. Things are changing in her life over which she has no control. When mysterious newcomer Eliza Vanda sets up shop in the sleepy seaside town of Tidgy Bay, Milly is curious. Eliza is a dressmaker with a difference. In every garment she sews magical buttons. The buttons enable their owner to signal Eliza when she is needed. When she asks Milly to run an errand for her, it is not to the corner shop. Buttons three, attend to me! Take me where I want to be! If Milly speaks these words and touches the magic buttons in her pocket, she is whisked away to a fantastical place with intriguing inhabitants who need her help. Will Milly be brave enough to overcome what lies ahead?
9409	Eliza, Eliza, the biography of Eliza Winstanley Irvine, Nance	Mulini Press	1997	9780949910721	5-6	Told through words and illustrations, the story of Australia's first leading lady and the first Australian actress to gain overseas success.

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	Elizabella series Norton Lodge, Zoe & Norton Lodge, Georgia (ill)				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.
11696	Elizabeth and Zenobia Miller, Jessica	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781925355031	5-6	Timid Elizabeth and her unusual, fearless friend, Zenobia, arrive at Witheringe House, the old manor where Elizabeth's father and his beloved sister, Tourmaline, lived as children. Peculiar things begin to happen, especially in the forbidden East Wing. Sometimes, the flowers and vines of the wallpaper seem to be alive. A mirror has a surface like the water of a pond and an old book tells a different story after midnight. Zenobia is thrilled by the strangeness but Elizabeth is not so bold. Until she makes a mysterious and terrifying discovery.
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 dominate by men, who thrived as a mother, businesswoman and farm manager. An inspirational Australian story.
642801	Ella & Mrs Gooseberry: Discovering what love looks like Conley, Vikki & Pratley, Penelope	EK Books	2019	9781925335255	K-2	Grumpy old Mrs Gooseberry from next door has lost her love. 'I didn't know you could lose love,' says Ella, her young neighbour. So she begins her quest to find out what love looks like and how she can help Mrs Gooseberry to rediscover it.
	Ella and Olivia series Various				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 Poshoglian, 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 pawsitively 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?
1426067	Ella and the mystery of the missing frogs Polimeni, Cassy & Breeze, Hykie (ill)	University of Western Australia Press	2026	9781760803193	3-4	Have you ever had a day when everything goes wrong? Ella is having one of those. To make matters worse, the orchestra of frogs that lives in her backyard has disappeared. Ella thinks the two things might be connected, and is determined to get to the bottom of it. There's only one problem: her little brother Will. Can Ella find the frogs and break the curse -- or will her little brother keep getting in the way?
644951	Ella and the ocean Tanner, Lian & Bentley, Jonathan (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760633691	K-2	Ella lived in the red-dirt country where the earth was as dry as old bones and it hadn't rained for years and years and years. One night Ella dreamt of the ocean.
886463	Ella and the useless day McKinlay, Meg & Blair, Karen (ill)	Walker Books	2022	9781760653095	K-2	Ella's house is full of things, useless things. At least that is what she and dad think. But when they decide to have a cleanup day, something very curious happens. Maybe what is useless to them is a treasure to someone else.
785819	Ella at Eden: Camp midnight Sieveking, Laura	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781760977368	5-6	The girls from Eden College are going on a camping trip to Mount Midnight National Park. Ella is nervous but excited about camping in a tent in the middle of the bush. After some confusion with the groups, Ella and her friends become lost in the national park. Can they survive the wilderness and get back to their class?
781392	Ella at Eden: Musical Mystery Sieveking, Laura	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781743834954	5-6	Eden College is putting on Enchantment the Musical. Ella and her friends are very excited and throw themselves into auditioning. But then things start to go wrong at rehearsals. Could the problems be linked to an old curse on the theatre? Can Ella save the show before it's too late?
660712	Ella at Eden: New girl Sieveking. Laura	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781743834930	5-6	Ella has started at her new high school, she is getting to know her new friends and enjoying the many things the school has to offer. Until things start to get complicated, she insults the school diva, hears a ghost in the dorm and items start to mysteriously disappear. Can Ella catch the thief and solve the mystery?

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1344976	Ella at Eden: Paris adventure Sieveking, Laura & McDonald, Danielle (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761521461	5-6	Ella and her friends from Eden College are off to Paris for the trip of a lifetime. Between sightseeing, sampling French treats and admiring the fashion, there is also a mystery to solve when something valuable goes missing. With each girl sharing her own perspective, readers will enjoy the fun, friendship and excitement of this Paris adventure. A lively story full of sparkle and discovery, perfect for students in Years 5-6 who enjoy school stories, travel and a touch of mystery.
1361309	Ella at Eden: Perfect score Sieveking, Laura	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761207327	5-6	Ella is training hard for the upcoming Interschool Gymnastics Championships. She's even trying to face her fear of doing a backward walkover on the balance beam. But once the competition begins, Ella discovers that someone has been tampering with the equipment. Is it an innocent mistake or something more sinister? And will Ella and her team take home the Championship trophy?
1039330	Ella at Eden: Puppy rescue Sieveking, Laura	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761292590	5-6	Ella's class are given a new opportunity to help the community through their Service-Learning project, and Ella is excited to be assisting at the Morningside Animal Shelter. She immediately bonds with a dog named Luna, and has a bunch of ideas for the shelter's special adoption day. But when Ella overhears something that makes her fear for Luna's future, she knows she must do whatever it takes to help Luna find her forever home.
1399451	Ella at Eden: The missing piece Sieveking, Laura	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761521454	5-6	The Eden College musicians have been given an amazing opportunity to play in a concert at the Sydney Opera House. Not only will they be on a world-class stage, but they will also get to play with real musicians, including the renowned violinist Allegra Novic. But when Allegra's pricless violin goes missing, Ella finds herself in the centre of a criminal mystery. Can Ella and her friends crack the case with the help of some special, international friends?
696367	Ella at Eden: The secret journal Sieveking, Laura	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781743834947	5-6	Ella has settled into Eden College. She loves her new friends and her school. When Ella accidentally uncovers a hidden diary her curiosity is sparked. She follows the clues and discovers there is more to Eden college than meets the eye.

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	Ella diaries series Various				3-4	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1580	Ella enchanted Levine, Gail Carson	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2003	9780007171682	5-6	Ella is given a blessing at birth, the gift of obedience, by a very stupid fairy. It proves to be a mixed blessing for Ella who literally has to do what anyone, and everyone tells her.
18573	Ella Kazoo will not brush her hair Fox, Lee & Wilcox, Cathy (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2006	9780734408563	K-2	Ella Kazoo simply refuses to brush her hair and it soon develops a mind of its own. Her hair grows so big and so wild that it has a bird's nest on top. Ella has to prove she has what it takes to change a bad hair day into a good situation.
71093	Ella Kazoo will not go to sleep Fox, Lee & Wilcox, Cathy (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2011	9780734411419	K-2	As the Kazoo household settles down for the night, Ella is wide awake and ready for adventure. She begs for a drink, another bedtime story and chats to her teddy. But, when Ella finally captures the pirate ship, Dread, she discovers something rather surprising about the fearsome Captain Shut-eye and his pirates.
18513	Ella mental and the good sense guide Deckers, Amber	Orchard Books	2005	9781843627272	9plus	Ella is very good at providing advice to her friends. But, when her group begins to fall apart, Ella discovers that perhaps she is not as 'together' as she thought. Contains minor references to smoking and alcohol. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
5596	Ella who? Ashman, Linda & Sanchez, Sara (ill)	Sterling Publishing Co	2017	9781454919049	K-2	It is moving day and look who slipped in the door, an elephant! But when a little girl tries to tell her family about their unusual guest, the distracted grown ups just say, Ella WHO? Even as children giggle at the girl's adventures with the smallish pachyderm, and at the fun, recurring refrain, they will relate to the poignant theme about making and sometimes letting go of new friends.
15181	Ella's big chance Hughes, Shirley	Red Fox	2005	9780099433095	5-6	An updated version of Cinderella with a surprise ending.
116	Elli: coming of age in the Holocaust Jackson, Livia Bitton	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1983	9780812963274	9plus	Ellie's recount of harrowing experiences in a concentration camp. Taken at thirteen years of age, from her beautiful home and imprisoned in Auschwitz and Dachau as part of Hitler's final solution, she emerges a year later, looking like a sixty year old. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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1424053	Ellie Engle saves herself! Johnson, Leah	Scholastic UK	2023	9780702313462	5-6	Twelve-year-old Ellie is an unassuming and unspectacular coming-book-geek, and she idolizes her best friend, Abby, who is cool, popular and talented. But when an earthquake strikes their town, Ellie learns that she has acquired an unimaginable power... And when a video of her power suddenly goes viral, Ellie's ordinary life takes an extraordinary turn.
714434	Ellie's dragon Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2020	9781406387629	K-2	When Ellie is very little, she finds a newborn dragon fresh from the egg on a supermarket shelf and calls him Scratch. He is quite the sweetest thing she has ever seen! From that day on, Ellie and Scratch do everything together. Ellie's mum and her teacher can't see her fiery friend, but all her friends can - and, over the years, Ellie's dragon grows to be big, house-trained, and very affectionate. And Ellie grows, too.
22704	Ellie, engineer Pearce, Jackson	Bloomsbury	2018	9781681195193	3-4	Ellie wants to be an engineer when she is older. She has her own workshop, tool belt and notepad for keeping track of her sketches and completed projects. Her best friend Kit has a birthday approaching and Ellie always engineers and builds Kit's gifts. So this year Ellie decides to build a really special project as a gift.
	Ellyse Perry series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1424098	Elmer and the white bear McKee, David & Milewski, Marysia	Andersen Press Ltd	2025	9781839134654	K-2	When the ice starts to melt at the North Pole, a polar bear sets off on an adventure that takes him all the way to Elmer's jungle. When a mysterious white bear appears in the jungle, Elmer and Wilbur are keen to hear his story.
	Elmer series McKee, David				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.

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705674	Eloise and the bucket of stars Brian, Janeen	Walker Books	2020	9781760651879	5-6	Eloise has spent her life at the orphanage doing chores and being a good example for the younger children, but she cannot win favour with cruel Sister Hortense. Eloise holds on to hope of a family of her own, but she is also becoming aware of the world outside the orphanage and city gates. She feels a connection to something greater than the strict rules and limited experiences of the orphanage; something magical.
943392	Elsa the koala Aussie Ark	Woodslane Press	2023	9781922800145	3-4	This is the story of Elsa, a little koala who was raised at The Australian reptile Park. Find out how Elsa is doing her part for koala conservation.
1423328	Elsewhere Matheson, Shelby	Wombat Books	2025	9781761112140	5-6	At the outbreak of World War I, eleven-year-old Elsie Clarke is shipped off to Wales to attend Miss Coleridge's Academy for Gifted Youths. What at first appears to be an institution for talented academics soon reveals that 'Gifted' means something else entirely, and only the mysterious Madam Tryll holds the answers. Only she can open the Gateway to The Place Where Lost Children Go - a sentient forest called Elsewhere with the power to enhance the talents, desires, and fears of unique souls. And then there's Elsie, the newest Guardian, with the power to open the Gateways into Elsewhere, borrow Gifts in emergencies, and enhance other Gifts with her touch so that her Gifted friends can grow stronger. But Elsie's powers are unpredictable and her new role as mentor comes with a lot of responsibility. Meanwhile, the war rages on, and the headmistress believes the students are the solution. She intends to push them to their academic limit, training them in the art of war, stripping them of their childhood. The Gifted must use their newfound talents to bring down her awful regime and win a battle of their own. But with the war growing ever closer to home, Elsie can't help but feel like Elsewhere has been recruiting them too, training them for something bigger than just school.
18682	Elsewhere Zevin, Gabrielle	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	2005	9780374320911	9plus	Killed in an accident, 15 year old Liz is sent to Elsewhere. She struggles to understand what has happened and how family and friends continue without her. But, in Elsewhere, Liz meets the grandmother she never knew, makes friends and falls in love. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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903362	Elsewhere Girls Gale, Emily & Weetman	Text Publishing Co	2021	9781922330451	5-6	Cat and Fanny live in Sydney but more than one hundred years apart. Cat has started a new school and is struggling with the commitment needed for her early morning swim sessions. Fanny, who dreams of being a champion, is struggling to get more time in the pool. A mysterious switch in the cool water of Wylie's ocean baths leads them to adventures and a new understanding of themselves.
587527	Elsie Mae has something to say Cavanaugh, Nancy J	Sourcebooks Inc	2017	9781492668183	5-6	Elsie Mae is pretty sure this'll be the best summer ever. She's sure that the letter she's written to President Roosevelt will save her beloved Okefenokee swamp and make her a major hometown hero. What's more, Elsie Mae gets wind of hog bandits stealing from swamper families, and she sees another opportunity to make her family proud. But when her cousin Henry James shows up and ruins her investigation, Elsie Mae will learn the hard way what it really means to be a hero.
14445	Elvis and his pelvis Cox, Michael & Reeve, Philip (ill)	Scholastic UK	2001	9780439997560	7-9	Not quite the full life story of Elvis Presley, told in chronological order and with humour, including some of his 'lost diary'.
15336	Elvis Presley: the king of rock 'n' roll Gogerly, Liz	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2003	9780750244947	7-9	With great photos and information, this book tells of the journey of a shy country boy who became the undisputed king of rock 'n' roll.
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!
569196	Embassy of the dead Mabbitt, Will	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9781510104556	5-6	When Jake Green meets a spooky old bloke in a dark alley one evening, a series of unfortunate events is set in motion. Jake is given a box containing a severed finger, which summons a grim reaper to drag him to the Eternal Void, and now they are running for their lives - even though Stiffkey, the spooky old bloke, is already dead. Now that he can see and speak to ghosts, Jake finds himself the leader of a strange little gang - Stiffkey the undertaker, Cora - the hockey stick wielding poltergeist, and Zorro the ghost fox. They have one mission - get the finger to the Embassy before the baddies can find it and use it to unleash hell on earth while keeping ahead of Mawkins, the grim reaper. Will they make it in time and avoid everlasting damnation in the void?

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	Embassy Row series Carter, Ally				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1359339	Embrace the serpent Mara, Sunya	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9781444983067	7-9	Saphira has spent her life trying to remain invisible. Despite her rare gift for harnessing the magic in gemstones, she lets a corrupt jewelsmith take credit for her impressive work. But when the king sends his handsome huntsman to find the best jewelsmith of all, Saphira's powers are exposed. Now she must choose between falling in the grasp of the Empire that made her an orphan, or marrying a monster - the ever feared Serpent King.
571293	Emerald the green turtle's tale Darlison, Aleesah	Wild Eyed Press	2018	9780648161103	3-4	Emerald the Green Turtle hatches from her egg and, with her many sisters, makes her perilous journey to the beckoning sea. An Endangered Species Wildlife Book.
578873	Emergency echo Ivanoff, George	Penguin Random House Australia	2016	9780857988782	5-6	Twelve year old Alice is an ordinary girl living in the outback mining town of Mount Magnet. One morning, during a game of backyard cricket, she is struck down with the crippling pain of acute appendicitis. Shockingly, the nearest hospital is hundreds of kilometres away and a violent storm is rapidly approaching. An urgent call is made to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. The pressure is on for the RFDS to safely transport Alice to medical attention before it is too late.
660711	Emergency rescue angel Whittle, Cate	Omnibus Books	2020	9781760669263	7-9	Life has returned to routine for Mitch. Mostly. He's had to find a new kind of normal after his dad drowned saving a local kid. But now there's a new girl in Mitch's class and she's stirring things up. Her name is Max and she dresses a bit like a goth, and suddenly seems to be everywhere. One night Mitch sees Max and she looks different. She has ... big feathery wings. It turns out Max is an angel, but not quite how you'd imagine one. She is Mitch's emergency rescue angel, and just the kind of friend you want on your side when life gets tricky.
7856	Emil and the detectives Kastner, Erich	Arrow / Random House	2001	9780099413127	5-6	When Emil's money goes missing on the train to Berlin, his determination to get it back leads him to team up with the local detectives.

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25612	Emily and Alfie Hooper, Meredith	Hachette Children's Books	2006	9780733621819	K-2	Emily and Alfie are two young penguins. They venture into an ice cave against their father's advice and nearly lose their lives.
893	Emily and the big bad bunyip French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2008	9780732286927	3-4	It's Christmas day in Shaggy Gully. The kangaroos are bouncy, the echidnas are prickly and the bats and possums are just hanging about. Only the bunyip is gloomy and Emily Emu is determined to make him smile for Christmas.
50338	Emily Brown and the Thing Cowell, Cressida & Layton, Neal (ill)	Orchard Books	2007	9781846166945	K-2	Emily Brown and her old grey rabbit, Stanley, are trying to sleep but a noise is keeping them awake. When they find the Thing crying on the windowsill, Emily and Stanley begin trying to find out what he needs for a happy night's sleep.
43237	Emily eases her wheezes Roe, Katrina & Hedstrom, Leigh (ill)	Wombat Books	2014	9781925139129	K-2	Emily feels frustrated when asthma stops her playing with friends. She wants to whiz around the park on her scooter and bounce on her trampoline. Instead, she has to stay inside on cold or windy days. Emily's friends help her find a way to ease her wheezes.
	Emily Eyefinger series Ball, Duncan				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.
6379	Emily Green's garden Harrison, Penny & Forward, Megan	New Frontier Publishing	2018	9781925594249	K-2	Emily Green lives in a perfectly lovely house, in a perfectly lovely street where people are always busy and bustling, hurried and hustling. One day Emily Green decides she wants to bring the outside into her home. She catches a glimpse of something green on the pavement, and visits the library to learn more about plants. Soon she has created something magical. She just needs to share it with others.
1591	Emily loves to bounce King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2000	9781865042749	K-2	Emily is full of life and full of smiles. But most of all, she's full of bounce, on her head, on her toes, on her bottom. Skipping bounces, springing bounces, singing bounces. Wherever she may be, you can be sure she's in the air.

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9638	Emily's bush Christmas French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2015	9780732286934	K-2	It's Christmas Day in Shaggy Gully. The kangaroos are feeling bouncy, the echidnas are being prickly and the possums are just hanging around. Only the Bunyip is gloomy. Dawn and her chorus are playing Christmas carols but Emily Emu can't get a note right. Her musical mishaps float down to the creek, where the grumpy Bunyip lives.
15126	Emily's Rapunzel hair Matthews, Cecily & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	ABC Books	2005	9780733315237	K-2	Seven stories about childhood experiences. The link is Emily's determination to have 'Rapunzel hair'.
1592	Emma Austen, Jane	Penguin	2009	9780141192475	9plus	Beautiful, clever, rich and single, Emma Woodhouse is perfectly content with her life and sees no need for either love or marriage. Nothing, however, delights her more than interfering in the romantic lives of others. But, when she attempts to arrange a suitable match for her protege, Harriet Smith, her carefully laid plans soon unravel and they have consequences that she never expected. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
	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.
9022	Emo the emu Wilson,Tony & Masciullo, Lucia (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781742834382	K-2	Emo the Emu is grumpy about everything. He is the grumpiest Emu in Humpty Doo. One day, he meets Katie the Kangaroo and she takes him on a journey around Australia. Perhaps, this might brighten Emo's mood.
1363767	Emperor's Egg, The Tan, Rae	Hachette Children's Books	2025	9780734422514	K-2	Looking for a worthy successor to his throne, an ageing emperor gives all the children in his kingdom an egg. After thirty days, he will judge what each child delivers to him and choose his heir. Ren brings his egg home and takes the best care of it. He reads to it, sings to it, sleeps with it and keeps it warm. Ren waits and waits, but his egg never hatches, while all around him wondrous hatchlings are emerging from other children's eggs. In a hall full of magical creatures, how can Ren present his unhatched egg to the emperor?

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31885	Emperor's kingdom, The: penguins on ice Kirkwood, Roger	Black Dog Books	2010	9781742031262	3-4	Join the Emperor Penguins in Antarctica and experience a year in the life of these amazing creatures. Find out how the baby penguins stay snug and warm on their dads' feet, how they are fed and how the colony huddles together during the freezing winter.
19822	Emperor's new clothes horse, The Wilson, Tony & deGennaro, Sue (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2012	9781742830452	K-2	The Emperor has won every horse race in the kingdom except the Cristobel Cup. When two brilliant, international trainers claim to have found the fastest racehorse for the Emperor, it seems his wish will finally come true. After all, everyone else agrees too. Well, nearly everyone.
9538	Emperor's watchmaker, The Sissay, Lemn & Newey, Gail (ill)	Bloomsbury	2000	9780747547556	3-4	A poetry collection that is a curious compilation of regal, traditional and everyday living themes in a wide range of poetry forms.
23413	Empire of the waves: Voyage of the Moon Child Richardson, Christopher	Penguin Books Australia	2015	9780143307549	7-9	Pel Narine is on the edge of war and Anni Tidechild's world is on the brink of change. Uncertain about her past and fearful of the future, Anni lives a life of evasion, avoiding both her guardian, Wavelord Filip Able, and the voice that calls to her from the sea. When she meets Duck Knifetooth, the new friends are catapulted into unforeseen dangers -pirates, a giant, a mysterious ship and ancient creatures of the deep.
6649	Empty Pratley, Andrew & McMullan, Angel (ill)	Little Steps Publishing	2019	9781925117783	K-2	A little girl finds she has an emptiness. She embarks on a journey of friendship, music and giving, and along the way she finds her own joyful fulfilment.
18949	Empty city, The Megarrity, David & Oxlade, Jonathon	Lothian Books	2007	9780734410122	K-2	A little boy has extraordinary adventures, or does he just imagine them, when he is separated from his mother in the crockery section of the shops.
9442	Empty frame Pilling, Ann	HarperCollins Australia	2003	9780007121540	5-6	Max, one of the three children spending their holidays with a cousin at The Abbey, hears a woman crying on his first night there. He investigates and discovers that the sixteenth century portrait of Lady Alice is now just an empty frame.
823	Empty fridge Doremus, Gaetan	Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd	2012	9780987109934	K-2	Everyone has been so busy, they haven't thought of buying anything to eat. When one neighbour has carrots and discovers another has eggs and cheese, what will other neighbours upstairs be willing to share.
15518	Emu egg, The Thorpe, Sharon & Leffler, David (ill)	Indij Readers	2004	9780975064122	K-2	Searching for emu eggs can be more risky than you'd expect.
11224	Emu's Halloween Mangan, Anne & Cornish, David (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2015	9780732298906	K-2	Emu wants to have a truly terrifying Halloween party but is worried that it will be as scary as a lamington. Luckily, her friends are there to ensure that Emu has the most spooktacular night of the year.

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660370	En pointe Bayliss, Chloe	Pantera Press	2019	9781925700756	9plus	En Pointe is the real-life story of how an aspiring ballerina became an inspiring young actor after overcoming a life-threatening illness. Miracles really can happen, even if they're not the ones you asked for. This book contains references to medical procedures and mental health themes, and is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
117	Enchanted island: stories from Shakespeare, The Serraillier, Ian	Heinemann	1981	9780435121006	7-9	Excerpts from some of the most well-known Shakespearean plays are compiled in this book.
1598	Enchanted wood, The Blyton, Enid	Egmont Childrens	2002	9780749748005	3-4	The cousins have many adventures in the strange lands at the top of the magic faraway tree, with all their unusual friends who live in the tree.
9219	Encyclopaedia of preserved people: pickled, frozen and mummified corpses from around the world, The Prior, Natalie Jane	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780375922879	5-6	Descriptions of procedures and items such as Einstein's pickled brain will fascinate older primary readers.
601746	Encyclopedia of Grannies Veille, Eric	Gecko Press	2019	9781776572434	K-2	Grannies come in all shapes and sizes, and with different hobbies, moods, wrinkles and sayings. This encyclopedia of grannies shows us that loving and caring for others is just one of the many things grannies do.
660475	End and other beginnings, The: Stories from the future Roth, Veronica	HarperCollins US	2019	9780008347772	9plus	Within this masterful collection, each setting is more strange and wonderful than the last, brimming with new technologies. Yet for all of the advances in these futuristic lands, the people must still confront deeply human problems. In these six short stories, Veronica Roth reaches into the unknown and draws forth something startlingly familiar and profoundly beautiful. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
10510	Endangered Wilkinson, Rick	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2002	9781865086644	5-6	Looks at endangered animals and what wildlife organisations are doing to increase the animals' chances of survival.
19548	Endgame: The complete training diaries Frey, James	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2015	9780007585342	7-9	Before they were Players. Before the Calling. They trained to be selected as the one to save their ancient bloodline and win Endgame. In this collection of Training Diaries novellas, follow the Twelve (Marcus, Chiyoko, Sarah, Alice, Aisling, Baitsakhan, Jago, An, Shari, Kala, Maccabee and Hilal) through sacrifices and betrayals, broken hearts and broken bones, as they shed their normal lives and transform into the Players they were meant to be.

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1304629	Endless sea, The Thai, Chi & Dao, Linh (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529516487	5-6	This story of one family's perilous journey from Vietnam to the UK. On the first day, we ate rice cakes. On the second day, they were all gone. On the third day, the water ran out. On the fourth day, we reached the sea.
118	Endless steppe: growing up in Siberia, The Hautzig, Esther	HarperTrophy	1995	9780064405775	7-9	It is 1942 and Ester and her family are arrested as capitalists by Stalin. For the next five years, they live in exile in the endless wasteland of Siberia.
5403	Endsister, The Russon, Penni	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781741750652	9plus	Meet the Outhwaite children. There's teenage Else, the violinist who abandons her violin. There's nature-loving Clancy. There's the inseparable twins, Oscar-and-Finn, Finn-and-Oscar. And then there is Sibbi, the baby of the family. They all live contentedly squabbling in a cottage surrounded by trees and possums...until a letter arrives to say they have inherited the old family home in London. Outhwaite House is full of old shadows and new possibilities. The boys quickly find their feet in London, and Else is hoping to reinvent herself. But Sibbi is misbehaving, growing thinner and paler by the day, and she won't stop talking about the mysterious endsister. Meanwhile Almost Annie and Hardly Alice, the resident ghosts, are tied to the house for reasons they have long forgotten, watching the world around them change, but never leaving. The one thing they all agree on - the living and the dead - is never, ever to open the attic door...Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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1395121	Enemy's daughter, The Poett, Melissa	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2025	9780008716561	9plus	It's been thirty-seven years since the Republic was destroyed. Now two settlements - the five clans and the Kingsland - fight for control of the untainted land. Though the five clans are outnumbered, they've finally struck, killing Kingsland's brutal leader. In the war that follows, Isadora, an eighteen-year-old healer, risks her life to help injured soldiers. But when she stops an attack from Tristan, a Kingsland assassin, his soldiers shoot her with a poisoned arrow. As Isadora lies dying, Tristan does the unimaginable: He offers to save her life using a rare magic. In choosing to live, Isadora is unknowingly bound to the mysterious Tristan. Worse, even acknowledging the attraction between them allows him to glean fragments of her memories and the very knowledge he needs to destroy the five clans. But their magical connection works both ways. So to save her people, Isadora will have to open her heart to her most cunning enemy. Because in a race for ultimate survival, she'll need to destroy Tristan and his people first. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
831	Enemy, The Cali, Davide & Bloch, Serge (ill)	Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd	2007	9780958557184	5-6	There's a war on. We see something that could be a desert, in which there are two holes. In the holes are two soldiers. They are enemies.
7414	Enigma: a magical mystery Base, Graeme	Penguin Books Australia	2008	9780810972452	3-4	Young Bertie Badger loves to visit his grandpa and friends at the retirement home for elderly magicians. One day, he arrives to find all the magic props have vanished. Bertie will have to solve the mystery before the magic show can start. Maybe you can help him.
7759	Enoch the emu Winch, Gordon	Childerset Publishers	2006	9780949130044	3-4	Enoch the emu thinks it will be very easy being a house husband. He is not so sure once his partner, Wilhemina, leaves him to look after the eggs. By the time the story finishes only the joy of fatherhood can make up for his ordeal.
	Enola Holmes series Springer, Nancy				7-9	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.
119	Enora and the black crane Meeks, Arone Raymond	Scholastic Australia	1991	9780868966441	5-6	An aboriginal story that tells of Enora's fascination with the coloured birds of the forest.

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1607	Enormous crocodile, The Dahl, Roald	Puffin UK	2002	9780140568226	3-4	The Enormous Crocodile is incredibly greedy. He plans to guzzle as many children as he can for his lunch. Luckily, he's not very clever and the other animals in the jungle are determined to spoil his wicked schemes.
833097	Enough love? Hutchings, Maggie & Barron, Evie (ill)	Affirm Press	2021	9781922400833	K-2	Willa had one dad one mum one home and a bird. And that was enough. So when Willa's parents split up, she's pretty sad. But at least they are still all hers. Until Dad meets Kevin and Willa's family starts to grow - and keeps on growing. When will enough be enough? Or is there always room for more love?
25919	Eon Goodman, Alison	Viking Children's	2008	9780670062270	9plus	Eon has been studying the ancient art of Dragon Magic to become an apprentice to one of the twelve energy dragons of good fortune. But, he has a dark secret, living a dangerous lie for the chance to become a Dragoneye. When Eon is catapulted into the treacherous world of the Imperial court, he makes a powerful enemy, Lord Ido. Some violence and adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
58464	Eona Goodman, Alison	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2011	9780732284947	9plus	Once she was Eon, a girl disguised as a boy, risking her life for the chance to become a Dragoneye apprentice. Now she is Eona, thrust into the role of her country's saviour. Eona must find the strength to walk a deadly line between truth and justice, friendship and duty, and, most of all, her feelings for the king and Rat Dragoneye. Some violence and adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1409586	Epic factopia!: Follow the trail of 400 extreme facts Davidson, Rose & Smith, Andy (ill)	Britanica Books	2025	9781804661376	5-6	Follow an ingenious trail of 400 facts about daredevils, death-defying stunts, world records, wacky weather, extreme sports, unusual animals, and so much more -- all of which are connected in fun and unexpected ways.

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750975	Erasure initiative, The Wilkinson, Lili	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760525057	9plus	A girl wakes up on a bus, but has no memory of how she got there and what she's doing there. There are other passengers too and it soon becomes obvious that they don't have any memories either. Then begins a series of tests where the passengers decide the outcome. At first the tests seem harmless enough but soon it becomes obvious the passengers are doing more than making judgements on imagined scenarios - in fact the tests become a case of life or death. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10, or above.
5159	Erebos Poznanski, Ursula & Pattinson, Judith (trans)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781742379531	7-9	Nick finds himself caught between two worlds, playing a game on the computer that depends on his actions in real life.
130979	Eric and Einstein Heffernan, John & Snellgrove, Alex (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2007	9780330423175	3-4	At home, Eric's parents are always busy and at school, he is always in trouble. When Eric meets Einstein, a genius mouse who has escaped the clutches of a mad scientist, Eric's life begins to turn around. But, the mad scientist is on their trail.
47155	Eric finds a way Vescio, Robert & Finn, Ann-Marie (ill)	Wombat Books	2017	9781925563030	K-2	Eric loves to read. He has a towering bookshelf brimming with stories of strange and wonderful worlds. But if only there was a way to actually get to these magical places. He just can't seem to find the right words and his drawings never look quite right - not like his books at all! Eric just needs to find a way to tell his stories!
15056	Eric the liontamer Elliot, Rachel & Mayer, Uwe (ill)	Meadowside Children's Books	2004	9781845390228	K-2	Eric collects animals to perform in his circus presentation. The 2004 edition is a waterproof and tear-resistant picture book.
4741	Eric the postie Shanks, Matt	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781743811931	K-2	Eric had a dream. He knew he could be the best postman ever. There was one big obstacle, he didn't have any mail to deliver. But Eric is not going to let that stop him.
	Eric Vale series Bauer, Michael Gerard & Bauer, Joe (ill)				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.
12455	Erika's story Vander Zee, Ruth & Innocenti, Roberto (ill)	Creative Editions	2003	9781568461762	7-9	A beautiful, haunting picture book portraying the true story of a survivor of the holocaust. In 1944, Erika is thrown by her mother from a cattle train on the way to a concentration camp. She is found by a German woman who risks her life to raise Erika.

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783588	Ernest the elephant Browne, Anthony	Walker Books	2021	9781406395099	K-2	Ernest is a happy baby elephant. But when his curiosity gets the better of him and he leaves the rest of his herd to explore the alluring and dangerous jungle, he becomes very lost indeed. Amongst the undergrowth, he meets a rude gorilla, a weary lion, an impolite hippo and an uncaring crocodile. Will anyone help Ernest find his way out of the jungle and home to his mum?
	Ernie & Maud series Watts, Frances & Watson, Judy (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.
9566	Ernie dances to the didgeridoo Lester, Alison	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780618104420	3-4	Ernie is going to live in the Australian Outback for a year. He is going to write a postcard during each season. Lots of lovely pictures and fun.
121	Ernie Dingo: King of the kids, an Australian story Dingo, Sally	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2000	9781740517102	7-9	The story of Sally Dingo's husband, Ernie, and his mob written for children.
750946	Ernie's Journey Woodland, David	Berbay Publishing	2020	9780648785149	K-2	Uncle Ernie is a daring adventurer and an enchanting storyteller. He travels to far-off places, where he encounters wonderous and sometimes very rare creatures. Are these places real? Are the creatures he meets? It's up to you and his nephew Eli to decide. All Uncle Ernie can say for sure is that when you travel, sometimes you reason and sometimes you run. But you always end up with a story to tell.
568281	Errol Zanni, Louise & Bunting, Philip (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742766300	K-2	Errol is a penguin who refuses to come when his mother counts to three. What happens next is a bright and playful adventure.
647167	Errol's garden Hibbs, Gillian	Child's Play International Ltd	2018	9781786280848	K-2	Errol loves gardening, but there isn't enough room in his flat to grow everything that he would like. When he discovers a secret but neglected space at the top of the apartment block, he has a wonderful idea, but to carry it out he'll need some help from his neighbours. Will they be interested in his garden in the sky?

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54045	Escape by sea Lawrence, L S	Omnibus Books	2008	9781862917699	9plus	Sara, a strong and resourceful young woman, escapes with her father from Carthage by sea to face the hostile Roman navy and pirates. The naval tactics, medicine and international relations of the third century, and the insights into trades such as jewellery and sword-making, are an exciting backdrop to their perilous voyage and the political intrigue they encounter. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
27079	Escape from kids' club Gwynne, Phillip	Puffin Australia	2010	9780143305620	5-6	Max, Lily, Boaz and Jesse are stuck in Kids' Club at an island resort, forced to watch endless Pirates of the Caribbean re-runs while their parents relax by the pool. After eight days, they decide to break out and let the real fun begin.
1423976	Escape from Sherwood Alvarez, Beattie & Allan, David (ill)	Christmas Press	2025	9780648815495	3-4	Michael Robins has a new game. It's cool. It's retro. It has bows and arrows, an evil king and something that he can see out of the corner of his eye. A chance glitch and a child's sticky fingers finds Michael and his friends sucked inside the computer where the game is reality and The Master is about to reset the program. Time is running out. Complete the levels or be deleted.
11607	Escape from the forbidden planet Grasso, Julie Anne	Cane River Pecan Co	2012	9780987372505	3-4	Caramel Cinnamon thought the worst day of her life was the day her grandparent's the King and Queen of the Elves of Cardamom went missing. She was wrong. The day she spills sticky toffee syrup onto her father's computer, that's when her worst nightmare begins. Suddenly she finds herself marooned on a forbidden planet by an evil clone, with a very sticky secret.
5781	Escape to Eaglehawk Farrer, Vashti	Otto Books, www.vashtifarrer.com	2002	9780958016407	7-9	Overseers, superintendents and gaol bullies make the lives of boys transported to Van Diemen's Land in the 1830s miserable, even dangerous. Determined not to be stuck at Point Puer, Sam and Jemmy find plans can so easily go wrong.
1136	eSide Alexander, Goldie	Five Senses Publications	2013	9781741307740	5-6	Sam and her mother live in the rear of the Conch Cafe, close to Sam's best friend Melody. The building is owned by greedy witch Hecate who will do everything in her power to own the cafe's Good-Luck-Conch. After Hecate steals the shell and the cafe burns down, the girls have a series of adventures in eSide where they must travel through dangerous digital worlds before they can recover their conch.

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1613	Esio Trot Dahl, Roald	Puffin UK	2001	9780141311333	3-4	A shy man, Mr Hoppy, wants to win Mrs Silver's affection. He only has courage for polite conversation as she tends her pet tortoise, Alfie, on the balcony below. When he learns that her dearest wish is for Alfie to grow, he hatches a plan.
785442	Esmerelda's nest Moore, Robert & Foot, Mandy (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2020	9781925227666	K-2	Each day Esmeralda collects a variety of objects and waddles down the hill. Everyone wonders why the Saddleback sow is carrying a bottle, fencing wire and a pair of sneakers in her mouth. Only Esmeralda knows. Nothing will stop her.
1754	Esther's rainbow Kane, Kim & Acton, Sara (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743313701	K-2	Esther spies a rainbow under her chair and then it disappears. Where will she find her rainbow next.
10336	Esty's gold Arrigan, Mary	Frances Lincoln	2009	9781845079659	5-6	The 1840's potato famine in Ireland and the death of her father dramatically change thirteen year old Esty's life. The remaining family members migrate to Australia in the hope of making their fortune. The goldfields, Ballarat and the Eureka Stockade feature in the life of this feisty heroine.
752347	Eternity's wheel Reaves, Michael and Reaves, Mallory	HarperCollins Australia	2015	9780007523504	7-9	The heart-pounding conclusion to the InterWorld series, by award-winning writers Neil Gaiman, Michael Reaves and Mallory Reaves As the threat of FrostNight looms ever closer, Joey Harker seeks out more of his fellow Walkers across the Altiverse, training them as fast as he can. But even a solid team of recruits can't prepare Joey for the ultimate showdown with InterWorld's enemies, old and new. Joey never wanted to be in charge. But he's the one everyone is looking to now, and he'll have to step up if he has any hope of saving InterWorld, the Multiverse, and everything in between.
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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660552	Euphoria kids Evans, Alison	Echo Publishing	2019	9781760685850	9plus	Ever since the witch cursed Babs, she turns invisible sometimes. She has her mum and her dog, but teachers and classmates barely notice her. Then, one day, Iris can see her. And Iris likes what they see. Babs is made of fire. Iris grew from a seed in the ground. They have friends, but not human ones. Not until they meet Babs. The two of them have a lot in common: they speak to dryads and faeries, and they're connected to the magic that's all around them. There's a new boy at school, a boy who's like them and who hasn't yet found his real name. Soon the three of them are hanging out and trying spellwork together. Magic can be dangerous, though. Witches and fae can be cruel. Something is happening in the other realm, and despite being warned to stay away, the three friends have to figure out how to deal with it on their own terms. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
9425	Eureka gold Farrer, Vashti	Otto Books, www.vashtifarrer.com	1996	9780646274706	3-4	Will and his family head for Ballarat to find gold. They face heat, dust and flies in summer; rain, mud and cold in winter. Along with other diggers and a young man with a strange past, the events of the Eureka Stockade change them forever.
9429	Eureka Stockade Boardman, Alan & Harvey, Roland (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1997	9781863887083	3-4	An historic account of the Eureka Stockade, with humorous illustrations.
686619	Eureka! A story of the Goldfields Wilson, Mark	Hachette Children's Books	2020	9780734416810	5-6	Molly and her father have emigrated to Australia to try their luck as gold prospectors in Ballarat, Victoria. Life on the diggings is hard and Molly misses her mother, who died before they left England. A Chinese teenager, Chen, shows Molly and her Papa how to pan for gold and helps them when their food and money run out. Not everyone on the goldfields is friendly, however. Chen and other Chinese diggers are often bullied and the police lock up miners who haven't paid the exorbitant gold licence fee. Before long, Molly, Papa and Chen are caught up in a protest that will become known as the Eureka Rebellion - a legendary battle that will profoundly affect them all.
6387	Eva's imagination Shurety, Wenda & Erasmus, Karen (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2018	9781925594232	K-2	Eva doesnt know what an imagination is. With the help of her dog, Chops, Eva goes on a hunt to find it. A delightful story about the power of imagination.

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885702	Evacuation Road Waugh, HM	Rhiza Press	2021	9781761110351	9plus	Eva is far from home when everything goes wrong. And then it gets even worse. Her evacuation bus leaves her behind, stranded with classmates she barely knows. The chase is on. But South America is big, and the old rules are changing quickly. This is the road trip Eva never knew she needed. This is the race for the last flight home. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1247	Evan's Gallipoli Greenwood, Kerry	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743311356	5-6	Evan is 14 when his father decides they should deliver some comforting goods to the Allied soldiers. They are ill-prepared for the danger, horrors and hardship they will encounter at war.
46375	Evangeline, the wish keeper's helper Alderson, Maggie & Fletcher, Claire (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2011	9780670075355	3-4	Evangeline, the toy elephant, lies under the bed all day, waiting and waiting for something to happen. If only she could be useful somewhere. One morning, a broom sweeps her out onto the bedroom floor.
3042	Eve and Elly Dumbleton, Mike & Wood, Laura (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9780857988515	K-2	Elly is Eve's toy elephant and her best friend. When Elly goes missing, Eve is the one who is lost. Her dad will do anything to cheer her up so he tells Eve what adventures her toy has been having. Dad's tall tale turns little Elly into a towering hero.
1617	Even bigger whoppers Simons, Moya	Penguin	2000	9780141308425	3-4	Natasha, the new girl at school, insists she's a Russian princess. She insists her life is in great danger. Her new friends don't know if this is true or the biggest whopper ever.
14963	Even my ears are smiling Rosen, Michael & Cole, Babette (ill)	Bloomsbury	2011	9781408802977	3-4	Have some ear-tickling fun with this modern treasure trove of poetry, featuring classic favourites, some brand new ones and lots of tongue twisters.
6161	Even superheroes have bad days Becker, Shelly & Kaban, Eda (ill)	Sterling Publishing Co	2018	9781454913948	K-2	When Superheroes don't get their way, when they're sad, when they're mad, when they've had a bad day...they could super-tantrum, they could but they don't, because real Superheroes just wouldn't - they won't!
578969	Even superheroes make mistakes Becker, Shelly & Kaban, Eda (ill)	Sterling Publishing Co	2018	9781454927037	K-2	When superheroes are not up to speed, when they slip up, and trip up, and fail to succeed, they could hang their heads down, they could, but they don't! Because real superheroes just wouldn't, they won't!

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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 Sams 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 Orders 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!
65430	Evening at Alfie's, An Hughes, Shirley	Red Fox	2009	9781862307865	K-2	Mum and Dad have gone out and Maureen is looking after Alfie and his little sister, Annie Rose. All is quiet until Alfie hears drip, drip, drip. It's raining inside and the drip becomes a downpour. Maureen's parents save the day but only Alfie can work out what's worrying Annie Rose.
13398	Eventual poppy day Hathorn, Libby	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2015	9780732299514	9plus	Living one hundred years apart, two seventeen year old men are artists and share a love of painting. In 1915, Maurice enlists to fight in World War l and his story allows us to see the brutality and futility of war, as well as the friendship and loyalty that develops. A century later, it is Maurice's diary, preserved in a tin box, that saves his deeply-troubled nephew, Oliver, from entering a downward spiral. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
6301	Ever Levine, Gail Carson	HarperCollins US	2009	9780061229626	9plus	When Kezi's mother's life is threatened, her father bargains with Admat, god of oaths, to spare her. He is unprepared for the consequences, that he must sacrifice Kezi, instead. Kezi finds hope in Olus, the Akkan god of the wind, who loves her and determines to save her. Together, they face seemingly insurmountable trials but, if both succeed, they will become immortal. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
18399	Ever so, ever so Gray, Kes & Nayler, Sarah (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2005	9780340873342	K-2	When baby, Susan, is brought home from hospital, all the family think she is ever so cute and ever so wonderful except her sister.

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1423807	Every day amazing: Fun facts for all 365 days of the year! Barfield, Mike & Madriz, Marianna (ill)	Laurence King Publishers	2025	9781510232020	3-4	Something amazing really does happen every single day! From momentous moments in history to real-life silly stories from around the world, this incredible compendium gives you weird, wacky and wonderful facts for all 365 days in the calendar.
6028	Every minute in Australia Poshoglian, Yvette	Scholastic Australia	2012	9781742832128	5-6	Ever wondered what is happening every minute in Australia? This book will tell you how much tomato sauce will be consumed, money spent on bottled water and how many cars will cross the Sydney Harbour Bridge, plus much more.
5000	Every minute on Earth Murrie, Steve & Matthew & Lloyd, Mary Anne (ill)	Scholastic US	2007	9780439908870	5-6	Packed with interesting and entertaining facts about the things that happen on Earth every sixty seconds. To whet your appetite, 2,000 thunderstorms occur, 45 million gallons of water go over Niagara Falls, 2,271 working satellites orbit Earth, a hair grows 0.00027 inch and 15,000 gallons of air are inhaled by a blue whale.
1047617	Every night at midnight Cheong, Peter	Simon & Schuster	2023	9781665917384	K-2	Every night at midnight, Felix turns into a wolf. His hands and feet become velvety paws and he grows a long, bushytail. Felix has the night-time world to himself. There's no one else like him. Felix isn't a wolf during the day, but it still feels like there's no one else like him. That's okay. Felix is just fine on his own. But after a chance encounter, this little lone wolf starts to wonder whether he might find his pack after all... A tender and whimsical picture book about finding friendship in unexpected places.
1278	Every picture tells a story Ross, John & Booth, Anne	Thames and Hudson (Australia) Pty Ltd	2008	9780980354034	7-9	Artworks from the National Gallery of Australia convey the history and development of Australian culture. Each double page spread features an aspect of our heritage, including the first Australians, convicts, the gold rush, explorers, a love of the beach and the diversity of the land.
608	Every planet has a place Baines, Becky	National Geographic Society	2008	9781426303135	K-2	Think about your address as Earth, third planet from the Sun in the Milky Way Galaxy. Find out lots of information about Earth and outer space, amazing places.

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1395103	Every spiral of fate Mafi, Tahereh	Electric Monkey (London)	2025	9780008629243	9plus	At long last, the wedding day of the Jinn queen to the enigmatic ruler of Tulan has arrived. Cyrus, tethered by a blood oath to the bride-to-be he's falling in love with, can find nothing to celebrate in this union, knowing it will result in his death at Alizeh's hand. Sworn to an ancient, unbreakable magic, Alizeh has no choice but to end her marriage in murder in order to free her people. Alizeh has been hunted all her life by insidious forces determined to keep the Jinn suppressed, and her imminent victory has disrupted the balance of power. To prepare for war and protect her people, Alizeh must finally discover her magic--and outrun the enemies trying to stop her. Every allegiance will be tested, every darkness uncovered, and when the shattering secrets of the Tulanian king are finally revealed... Nothing, and no one, will be the same. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1078772	Everyone starts small Scanlon, Liz Garton & Ramsey, Dominique (ill)	Candlewick Press	2024	9781536226157	3-4	Everything starts small, in seed or rock or rocky bed. But in the natural world, everything is connected. As Water gathers in strength from a tumbling creek to a roaring river, it quenches Tree's thirst and helps it grow and stretch towards the sky. As the Sun's rays grow stronger, so too do the sprouts, fruits and insects of the forest. Even Fire sometimes creates a fresh start for the next generation of living things.
579251	Everything all at once: School, heaven, hell, waiting for the bell Camden, Steven	Pan MacMillan	2018	9781509880034	7-9	A week of high school gossip, dread, embarrassment, loneliness, connections and even love are all collected in this book of short narrative poems. Confessions and conversations cover a large range of events and feelings found in any high school, but the common ground is that everyone is feeling the same things all at once. Unfortunately, no one seems to know it.
6416	Everything is changed Weetman, Nova	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702254161	7-9	Jake and Alex. Best mates. One terrible mistake. Two lives that will never be the same. Told in reverse, this powerful and gritty novel moves through the wreckage of a broken friendship, back to the moment when everything changed.
26557	Everything you McPike, Elizabeth & Fleck, Jay (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2018	9780702260032	K-2	You're every wish answered, our hearts, how they grew...every day countless, everything you. A cute story about different animal families welcoming babies into their lives.

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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.
17630	Everything you need to know about the human body Dr Macnair, Patricia	Kingfisher	2012	9780753431979	5-6	Packed with information, amazing facts, questions and creative activities, this human body encyclopedia will tell you everything you want to know about what the body can do, the human life cycle, food and digestion, the brain and the senses, structure and movement, and much more.
3815	Everything, everything Yoon, Nicola & Yoon, David (ill)	Corgi Books	2015	9780552574235	9plus	Maddy is allergic to the world. She hasn't left her house in seventeen years. Olly is the boy next door. He's determined to reach her. A story about the crazy risks we take for love. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
4080	Everywhere Bear, The Donaldson, Julia & Cobb, Rebecca (ill)	MacMillan	2017	9781447280736	K-2	We meet the members of class one. There are Ollie and Holly and Josie and Leo and April and Theo and April, and the everywhere bear, who goes home with one of them each weekend. All goes well until the everywhere bear is in the backpack of the new boy, Matt and tumbles out onto the street. So begins a series of adventures, wild and breathtaking, for the bear and for the young reader.
660679	Evie and Pog take off McCartney, Tania	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9781460757932	3-4	High in a tree house live two very best friends. One is a girl and one is a dog. And everyone knows them as Evie and Pog. Evie is six years old and Pog is a pug. They are very different but they both love to have fun! Join them for three happy adventures, with lots of cake, glitter - and more cake!
689002	Evie and Pog: Party perfect McCartney, Tania	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2020	9781460757956	3-4	High in a tree house live two best friends. One is a girl and one is a dog. And everyone knows them as Evie and Pog. Evie is six and likes reading and baking and rolling in daisies. Pig is a pug and he likes to drink tea and read the paper. Join them on their many adventures as they look for fun things to do.

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902463	Evie and Rhino McMullin, Neridah & Hicks, Astred (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2022	9781760654207	5-6	On a stormy night off the coast of southern Australia, a ship transporting a cargo of exotic animals tosses and turns in enormous seas. Rhino senses they are in grave danger... Not far away, ten-year-old Evie and her grandfather shelter in their crumbling, once-grand old home. They know too well how deadly storms can be. When all is calm, Evie treks over the dunes to the sea and makes a discovery that will change her life, and Rhino's, forever. Will the tragedies of their pasts finally be put to rest?
705686	Evie and the animals Haig, Matt & Gravett, Emily (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781786894311	5-6	Evie is a girl with a special talent! She can talk to the animals! But whens she sets the school rabbit free she gets into big trouble. She promises her dad she won't talk to the animals anymore. But one day 'missing' posters for all the animals in her neighbourhood start popping up all over the streets. With the help of Granny Flora, Evie uses her magical gift to find out who is behind the disappearances.
18728	Evie's mad hair day McG, Shane	Koala Books	2005	9780864615213	K-2	Evie will not brush her hair. She's far too busy doing much more interesting things.
9687	Evolution of Calpurnia Tate, The Kelly, Jacqueline	Henry Holt & Co	2011	9780312659301	5-6	The summer of 1899 is hot in eleven year old Calpurnia Tate's sleepy, Texas town. She begins a nature diary and, intrigued by an invasion of large, yellow grasshoppers, spends more time with her remote and cantankerous grandfather, an avid naturalist. When they are about to make an amazing discovery, the reality of Callie's situation catches up with her. She's a girl, expected to cook and clean and sew.
1019789	Evolution: Join us on an exhilarating journey from the origins of life to the present day Darwin, Sarah & Sadowski, Eva-Maria & Baumert, Olga (ill)	What on Earth Books	2023	9781912920532	5-6	Dive into the history of life on Earth and learn about the theory of natural selection that Sarahs great-great-grandfather, Charles Darwin, and naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace came up with together. In this beautifully illustrated book, feature spreads explain the important things that you need to know, and a timeline plots the history of life on Earth.

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34160	Excalibur, the legend of King Arthur (graphic novel) Lee, Tony & Hart, Sam (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781406321593	9plus	Arthur Pendragon frees the enchanted sword, Cliburn, from its rocky sheath and fights to save his kingdom from King Ulric. When Arthur marries Guinevere, Merlin the magician, agrees to help Arthur forget his true love, Vivianne, the Lady of the Lake. The legend of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table unfolds dramatically in this action-packed, graphic novel. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
35567	Exchange of heart Groth, Darren	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9780143781578	9plus	Since the death of his sister, Evie, Munro Maddux has been stuck. Flashbacks. Anger. Chest pains. A constant ache in his right hand. And a taunting voice he calls the Coyote. In an act of desperation, Munro heads off on a student exchange to Australia - the country of Evie's dreams. Forced by his new school to join a volunteer program, Munro discovers the Coyote is silenced in one place: Fair Go, an assisted-living residence in Brisbane's west. Munro gets to know his team of residents: designer Bernie; sleeping refugee Shah; would-be wedded couple Blake and Dale; comic creator Iggy; and self-defence tutor Florence. As this unlikely group shows Munro the sights, Munro's notion of what it means to be a big brother begins to change. But the burden Munro carries is not so easily cast aside. Will the Coyote triumph? Or can Munro find the fortitude necessary to mend his heart? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
25617	Excuse me! Hughes, Dave & Ife, Holly	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781742765914	K-2	Martha May has marvellous manners. She always says please and thank you...and she most certainly DOES NOT FART! But what will happen on the day of the Baked Bean Bonanza?!
587799	Excuse me, Santa! Hughes, Dave & Ife, Holly & Bunting, Philip (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742997896	K-2	Martha May has marvellous manners, especially at Christmas. She writes very neat cards and gives very thoughtful gifts... and she never forgets to leave yummy snacks for Santa Claus and his reindeer! But what will happen when Martha May gives Santa a giant pudding?!

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833005	Exit through the gift shop Master, Maryam	Pan MacMillan	2021	9781760983512	5-6	Anahita Rosalind Ghorban-Galaszczuk (yes, that really is her name but you can call her Ana) is discovering that life is absurd. As if dying of cancer at the age of 12.5 isn't bad enough, she still has to endure daily insults from her nemesis, Alyssa (Queen Mean) Anderson. Ana's on a wild roller-coaster of life and death, kindness and cruelty, ordinary and extraordinary. And she's got a few things to do before she exits . . . LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Maryam Master read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#exit-through-the-gift-shop-maryam-master
1409670	Experiment, The Stead, Rebecca	Penguin	2025	9781923058576	5-6	Although he appears to be a typical grade-six kid, Nathan learned at an early age that his family is from another planet, and that he is part of an important alien experiment to work out how to behave like a human and blend in. But the experiment suddenly seems to be going wrong. Some of the other experimenters have disappeared. Nathan's family is called back to the mothership, and what they find there makes Nathan question everything he has been taught to believe about who he is and why he is on Earth.
	Exploding endings series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
3857	Explore Australia: the kid edition Scott, Janine	Explore Australia	2015	9781741174908	5-6	A travel guide for kids covering destinations and activities all around the country. Packed with fun facts, beguiling history and tips on what to see and do, the guide is organised into state chapters, highlighting the top attractions in each capital city and a range of holiday regions. There are also sections on weird place names, how to read maps and Aussie road signs.

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35560	Explorer, The Rundell, Katherine	Bloomsbury	2017	9781408885284	5-6	After surviving the crash of their small plane in The Amazon, four children with no food, water or hope of rescue. But, details of another earlier person takes our four survivals on an suspenseful adventure through the forest, on the river and through the ruins of this mighty forest.
4762	Exploring soils: A hidden world underground Grover, Samantha & Heisler, Camille (ill)	CSIRO	2017	9781486305001	3-4	Have you ever wondered what happens in the earth underneath us? James has, and he wants to learn more about soil. In Exploring Soils: A Hidden World Underground, James discovers that soil is not just dirt for digging in. He explores how plants and animals live in soil, how soils are formed, how they differ, and the many ways that soil is essential in our lives.
15942	Exposure Peet, Mal	Walker Books	2008	9781406306491	9plus	The controversial marriage of Otello, black football star, and Desmerelda, socialite and white pop icon, attracts jealousy and betrayal. The poor, street kids like Bush fight just as desperately for their family to survive. Realistic street language and drug references. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1470	Extra time Gleitzman, Morris	Puffin Australia	2013	9780143307754	5-6	Matt is a talented young soccer player who is selected to travel to England to join the Premier League, with his ten year old sister as his manager.
38818	Extra yarn Barnett, Mac & Klassen, Jon (ill)	Walker Books	2013	9781406342314	K-2	A little girl cocoons her cold, grey town in joy and warmth with brightly coloured yarn, until a selfish man arrives to take the yarn for himself.

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751215	Extraordinaries, The Klune, T J	Hodder & Stoughton	2020	9781473693050	9plus	In Nova City, there are the Extraordinaries - Shadow Star: a protector who can manipulate darkness in his quest to protect those who cannot protect themselves. His arch-nemesis is Pyro Storm: an Extraordinary capable of controlling fire who is bent on bringing Nova City to its knees. And then there's 16 year old Nicholas Bell: who isn't Extraordinary in the slightest. He's Shadow Star's number one fan, writing fan fiction of their adventures together. Too bad ADHD isn't a superpower, otherwise Nick would be golden. Instead of stopping villains, Nick must contend with starting his junior year, a father who doesn't trust him, and a best friend named Seth, who may or may not be the love of Nick's short, uneventful life. It should be enough. And it is...until a fateful encounter with Shadow Star forces Nick to realize his true destiny. He's tired of being ordinary, and he'll do whatever it takes to become something more. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
666030	Extraordinary Harrison, Penny & Wilson, Katie	New Frontier Publishing	2020	9781925594911	K-2	Extraordinary! celebrates the best moments in life: the ones we share with family and friends in the great outdoors. They may be simple, like picking up a leaf and looking at its patterns, they may be ordinary, but they are moments we will cherish forever.
26951	Extraordinary and unusual adventures of Horatio Lyle, The Webb, Catherine	Time Warner	2006	9781904233787	9plus	Set in Victorian London, a former Special Constable who loves science and inventions must solve a case for her Majesty's government. Mystery, conspiracy and even a touch of the supernatural. Blasphemous language may offend some readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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1174839	Extraordinary disappointments of Leopold Berry, The Riggs, Ransom	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761181474	9plus	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. 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. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
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.
	Extraordinary lives series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
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.

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	Extreme adventures series D'Ath, Justin				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.
25541	Extreme animals: the toughest creatures on Earth Davies, Nicola	Walker Books	2006	9781406305593	5-6	Fascinating insight into how animals can survive some of the harshest conditions on the planet. Find out how sperm whales and elephant seals can stay underwater for up to 50 minutes and lots more interesting and unusual facts.
	Extreme jobs series Hyland, Tony				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.
9759	Extreme pets Harrington, Jane	Scholastic US	2006	9780439829489	7-9	Fascinating facts about some very unusual animals and insects in a magazine style book. Each animal has its own report card with a rating out of ten on the animal's coolness, friendliness and ease of care.
31148	Extreme planet: exploring the most extreme stuff on Earth Dubois, Michael & Hilden, Katri	Lonely Planet Publications	2012	9781743214107	7-9	A whirlwind tour of the globe, seeking out the highest, deepest, widest, thinnest, coolest, scariest, smelliest things on the planet. It's all here!
47787	Extreme sports Evans, Lynette	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781741694598	5-6	An engaging look at some very extreme and whacky sports, including parachuting and skydiving, baseboarding and blading, bungee jumping and extreme ironing.
23942	Eye of minds, The Dashner, James	Corgi Books	2014	9780552569736	9plus	The government needs Michael to track down a rogue gamer, but the risk is enormous and the line between game and reality could be blurred forever. Includes some violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
4018	Eye to eye Base, Graeme	Penguin Books Australia	2015	9780670078592	3-4	Imagine you could soar high in the sky with an eagle or dive into the deep with a majestic blue whale. Come eye to eye with some of nature's most impressive creatures.
122	Eye to eye Jinks, Catherine	Penguin	1997	9780140384444	9plus	Jansi, a feral boy, and the computerised intelligence of a crashed spaceship make an unlikely pair in this story, set after the apocalypse. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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12184	Eyes in disguise Clement, Rod	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	1992	9780207174445	K-2	Large and quirky illustrations tell the underwater tale of two shy and unattractive fish and deal with the issue of ocean pollution.
1630	Eyes in the dark Dale, Kim	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2001	9780734401991	3-4	Poetry, printed in large white font on glossy black pages, describes a variety of Australia's nocturnal birds and animals, all of whom have eyes that stare out of the dark pages.
14219	Eyes in the night Ramage, Jan & Peterson, Laura (ill)	University of Western Australia Press	2004	9781920694258	3-4	In a suburban backyard that borders the bush, the night is dark and a storm is coming. Peter leaves the comfort of his house to check his pets and is just in time to save a young owl from the clutches of a feral cat.
15337	Eyes of gray wolf, The London, Jonathan & Van Zyle, Jon	Chronicle Books	2004	9780811841412	3-4	Gray Wolf loses his mate and finds a new one during a winter of survival.
803461	Eyes that kiss in the corners Ho, Joanna & Ho, Dung (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2021	9780062915627	3-4	A young Asian girl notices that her eyes look different from her peers'. They have big, round eyes and long lashes. She realizes that her eyes are like her mother's, her grandmother's, and her little sister's. They have eyes that kiss in the corners and glow like warm tea, crinkle into crescent moons, and are filled with stories of the past and hope for the future. Drawing from the strength of these powerful women in her life, she recognizes her own beauty and discovers a path to self-love and empowerment.
855831	Eyes that speak to the stars Ho, Joanna & Ho, Dung (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780063057753	3-4	A young boy comes to recognize his own power and ability to change the future. When a friend at school creates a hurtful drawing, the boy turns to his family for comfort. He realizes that his eyes rise to the skies and speak to the stars, shine like sunlit rays, and glimpse trails of light from those who came before- in fact, his eyes are like his father's, his agong's, and his little brother's, and they are visionary. Inspired by the men in his family, he recognizes his own power and strength from within. This extraordinary picture book redefines what it means to be truly you.
1124719	Eyes that weave the world's wonders Ho, Joanna & Kleinrock, Liz & Ho, Dung (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9780063057777	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.

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	Eyewitness 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.
	Eyewonder series Various				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.
960018	F Team, The Arja, Rawah	Giramondo	2020	9781925818543	9plus	'Meet Tariq Nader, leader of 'The Wolf Pack' at Punchbowl High, who has been commanded by the new principal to join a football competition with his mates in order to rehabilitate the public image of their school. When the team is formed, Tariq learns there's a major catch - half of the team is made up of white boys from Cronulla, aka enemy territory - and he must compete with their strongest player for captaincy of the team. At school, Tariq thinks he has life all figured out until he falls for a new girl called Jamila, who challenges everything he thought he knew. At home, his outspoken ways have brought him into conflict with his family. Now, with complications on all fronts, he has to dig deep to control his anger, and find what it takes to be a leader. In confronting and often hilarious situations, Tariq's relationships with his extended Lebanese family and his friends are tested like never before, and he comes to learn that his choices can have serious consequences. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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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.
9224	Faber book of Greek legends, The Lines, Kathleen	Faber & Faber	2001	9780571206728	5-6	Greek legends for the younger reader.
41647	Fabish, the horse that saved a bushfire McMullin, Neridah & McLean, Andrew (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781925266863	3-4	Fabish was a handsome, grey racehorse who always tried his hardest. When he retired, Fabish took care of the flighty yearlings, showing them what was expected of a racehorse. One hot summer day, a wild wind blew up and Fabish smelled smoke. Fire was coming, fast. When the trainer opened the gate, Fabish and the yearlings galloped away. The fire raged through the night as the trainer battled to save the racehorses. The next morning, there were no signs of Fabish or the young horses. Based on a true story during the Black Saturday fires.
993	Fabulous fishes Stockdale, Susan	Working Title Press	2013	9781921504556	K-2	Vibrantly coloured fish burst from some pages, while others dare you to see past their camouflage.
27787	Fabulous friend machine, The Bland, Nick	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781760277659	K-2	Popcorn is, quite simply, the friendliest chicken at Fiddlesticks Farm. When she finds a Fabulous Friend Machine in the barn, Popcorn sets about making some brand new friends. But, behind the screen of the Fabulous Friend Machine, maybe her new friends are not so friendly after all.
4986	Fabulous frogs Jenkins, Martin & Hopgood, Tim (ill)	Walker Books	2015	9781406357417	K-2	Find out about the variety of frogs around the world, including the mighty West African Goliath frog, the colourful South American Poison Arrow frog and the south-east Asian Flying frog. The author, a conservationist biologist, includes the humble frog in your garden pond.

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14426	Face to face with grizzlies Sartore, Joel	National Geographic Society	2009	9781426304743	3-4	Find out lots of fascinating information about the magnificent brown bears of North America, and why it is so important to preserve them and their habitat. Includes stunning photographs, a glossary, and book and website references so you can discover even more.
44877	Face to face with wild horses Momatiuk, Yva & Eastcott, John	National Geographic Society	2009	9781426304668	5-6	Meet the wild horses and find out lots of information, including how they became wild, how they communicate, the difference between a wild horse and a domesticated one, and how their habitats are threatened.
916637	Facing the wave Marshallsay, Rebecca & Duck, Vaughan (ill)	Larrikin House	2022	9781922503695	K-2	Jude would love to join in the fun of surfing with his family but is scared. Will he be able to overcome his fears and try join in with his family? A great book for anyone who has been afraid to try something new.
864510	FACTopia Hale, Kate & Smith, Andy (ill)	Walker Books	2021	9781912920709	5-6	Did you know that a squid has a brain shaped like a doughnut? Or that some butterflies drink turtle tears? Welcome to FACTopia, a world of perfectly amazing facts, all of which are verified by Encyclopaedia Britannica! Every fact in the book is connected to the next in an ingenious trail of information. Hop from topic to topic in unexpected and hilarious ways, and discover extraordinary facts about space, bones, dinosaurs, goats, spiders, crocodiles, sharks, robots, Ancient Rome, kings and queens, pharaohs, and more. But there's not just one trail through these pages: sometimes your path branches and you can choose to jump to a totally different (but still connected) part of the book. Discover where your curiosity will take you!
9223	Faeries Froud, Brian & Lee, Alan	Chrysalis Books Group	2000	9781862055582	7-9	A finely illustrated presentation of myths and legends of the world of faerie magic.
4337	Fail safe, The Heath, Jack	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781925266078	7-9	Everyone seems to know who Fero is, except Fero. He's either a ruthless boy soldier from Besmar or an innocent teen recruit from Kamau. Whatever, he's running out of time to decide. If he doesn't help a renegade spy steal a politician's briefcase, his two countries could end up in a full blown nuclear war, the kind that no one wins. Sequel to The cut out.

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1019752	Faint of heart, The Wilson, Kerilynn	Greenwillow	2023	9780063116221	7-9	Not that long ago, the Scientist discovered that all sadness, anxiety, and anger disappeared when you removed your heart. And that's all it took. Soon enough, the hospital had lines out the door - even though the procedure numbed the good feelings, too. Everyone did it. Everyone except high school student June. But now the pressure, loneliness, and heartache are mounting, and it's becoming harder and harder to be the only one with a heart. One day, June comes across an abandoned heart in a jar. The heart in the jar intrigues her, it baffles her, and it brings her hope. But the heart also brings her Max, a classmate with a secret of his own. And it may rip June's own heart in two.
	Fair dinkum series French, Jackie & Sheehan, Peter (ill)				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.
49269	Fair dinkum war, The Cox, David	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743310625	3-4	A look at life in Australia through the eyes of a primary school boy during World War II. The excitement of seeing the American soldiers and tanks, the concept of black-outs, bomb shelters and ration coupons are explained.
1423823	Fair game Alcott, Dylan & Regan, Fiona & Ziersch, Nahum (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9780733343216	5-6	Dylan loves to come first. From breaking the wheelchair wheelie world record to playing with his little sister to coding amazing games, he's always trying to win. And with the school sports carnival coming up, he's sure he'll nail it on the day. But suddenly nothing seems to be going his way. His parents keep interfering, he's losing on and off the field, and then there's the disaster with the Party of the Year. It takes the people who care about Dylan to help him realise that winning is not always about coming first.
12189	Fair, brown and trembling: an Irish Cinderella story Daly, Jude	Frances Lincoln	2000	9780711214637	3-4	A lively retelling of an Irish folk tale in the Cinderella tradition. The book is peppered with curious names and whimsical illustrations featuring the costumes of fifteenth century Ireland.

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6985	Fairest Levine, Gail Carson	HarperCollins US	2008	9780060734107	9plus	Aza must save the kingdom of Ayortha and hopefully, win the love of the handsome prince. Possessed with a beautiful singing voice and an unusual gift, but bereft of popular beauty, Aza has been hidden in the shadows until she is drawn into palace intrigue by a jealous, insecure queen. An important lesson in true beauty and self-acceptance with all the treachery of Snow White. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
4957	Fairy dancers, The Prior, Natalie Jane & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	ABC Books	2015	9780733333576	3-4	Every Saturday, with a hop, a skip and a magical twirl, Mia, Emma and Grace turn into fairy dancers.
1285182	Fairy door diaries: Eliza and the flower fairies McDonald, Megan & Wen, Lenny (ill)	Candlewick Press	2025	9781536201420	K-2	When Eliza passes through the fairy door, she finds... a foul wind blowing. The flower fairies have been cursed. Can Eliza of the Elves reverse the spell? Only if she can survive Strangleweed Swallow. Only if she can slip by the Evil Ones, Wolfsbane and Belladonna. Only if she can find the kindly Witch Hazel. Only if she can harness the mighty power that could save her friends from wilting away. And only if she can do all of that before time runs out!
7762	Fairy four-eyes Matthews, Penny & Quay, Emma (ill)	Puffin Australia	2007	9780143302773	5-6	A star ballerina doesn't want to wear glasses with her tutu or dance with the only boy in ballet class who is new and who has become the teacher's favourite.
	Fairy realm series Rodda, Emily				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.
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!
9383	Fairy tales Doherty, Berlie & Ray, Jane (ill)	Walker Books	2000	9780744561159	3-4	A beautiful collection of twelve, well-known classic fairytales from a wide range of cultures.
751005	Fairy tales gone bad: Zombierella Coelho, Joseph & Hartas, Freya (ill)	Walker Books	2020	9781406389661	3-4	A yellow moon hangs in a satin sky the night Cinderella, barefoot and in hand-me-downs, slips at the top of the stairs and dies. But not for long. The Shadow of Death arrives to breathe life back into her bones and, for three nights only, Cinderella goes forth as Zombierella.

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6519	Fairy's wings, The Rubinstein, Gillian & Smith, Craig (ill)	Penguin	1998	9780140389555	3-4	When Tania finds a tiny pair of wings hanging on the clothesline, she is sure that they belong to a fairy that must be looking for them.
	Fairyland series Valente, Catherynne. M. & Juan, Ana (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.
18729	Fairytale cake, The Langley, Jonathan	The Chicken House	2005	9781904442691	K-2	A cheerful rhyme about preparing, decorating and delivering a huge birthday cake.
15554	Fairytale news Hawkins, Colin & Jacqui	Candlewick Press	2004	9780763621667	3-4	Modern retelling of the fairytales. Read all about it in The fairytale news that Jack delivers. Find out how Jack's paper run gets a very interesting customer.
581455	Fairytales for feisty girls McFarlane, Susannah	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760523541	3-4	Feisty typically describes one who is relatively small, lively, determined and courageous. Girls can rescue themselves - just watch Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella and Thumbelina use their talents and brains to problem-solve their way out of some tricky situations.
1062	Fairytales for Wilde Girls Near, Allyse	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9781742758510	9plus	Isola Wilde sees lots of things others don't. But when a dead girl appears at Isola's window, full of threats, Isola needs help. Can her real-life friends and her brother-princes - magical creatures seemingly lifted from the pages of the French fairytales Isola idolises - protect her. Isola needs to uncover the truth behind the dead girl's demise... before the ghost steals Isola's last breath. Explores concepts for older readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
7733	Faking it Tozer, Gabrielle	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2015	9780732297060	9plus	Things are looking up for Josie Browning. Her boyfriend, James, is crazy about her, and she's scored a writing job at indi. Now the pressure is on for Josie to prove she's got what it takes to help plan indi's launch. Plus, she's battling with flatmates, frenemies and confusing feelings for travel writer Alex. High on the perks at indi, Josie's doing a pretty good job of faking her way in the industry - even though she still hasn't mastered her hair straightener. But when Josie is invited to a media junket, she accidentally sets off a string of lies that threaten to ruin her reputation, love life and career forever. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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41986	Falconer's knot, The Hoffman, Mary	Bloomsbury	2007	9780747589006	7-9	Chiara's family can no longer afford to keep her so she is given to the Poor Clare's nunnery. Silvano has been accused of a brutal murder and must take refuge in the nearby friary. When two more murders occur, Chiara and Silvano attempt to solve the crimes.
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.
5078	Fall, The Bancks, Tristan	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2017	9780143783053	5-6	Sam is staying with his crime reporter father as he recovers from a knee operation when he is woken shortly after 2am by loud voices arguing in the flat above. Curious he opens the window to hear more clearly when suddenly a man-sized shape falls the six floors to the garden below. Sam goes to his dad's room to wake him, only to discover that he is gone. Fearful that it may be his father lying in the garden he struggles on his crutches downstairs only to discover that there is no one there. But someone is watching Sam and now Sam is in danger too.
123	Fall, The (The seventh tower 1) Nix, Garth	Scholastic Australia	2000	9780439176828	7-9	In a land where sunstones provide the only light, Tal tries to save his family from social oblivion.
35603	Falling Provoost, Anne	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760293925	9plus	Lucas' grandfather has died and his mother decides they should stick with their plan to spend summer in his home, even though he is no longer there to enjoy their visit. A chance encounter with Caitlin from next door, a girl he only vaguely remembers from his childhood summer visits, reveals the stark truth that his grandfather's past is a mystery he may wish he hadn't revealed. And when he and Caitlin are faced with a life or death situation, Lucas finds himself being compared to his grandfather for all the wrong reasons. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
16165	Falling angels Thompson, Colin	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2010	9781741664201	5-6	Sally could fly before she could crawl, travelling across the world to visit beautiful remote areas. She longs to share this world with her grandmother.

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18647	Falling from Grace Godwin, Jane	Penguin	2006	9780143302414	9plus	A fruitless search is mounted for Grace. Kip, the last person to see her on the beach before her disappearance, may have harmed her or a dark and sinister stranger could be involved. Adult themes with strong and coarse language in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1367123	False versus facts Marshall, Dan	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760659721	5-6	Seperate truth from lies, bust some myths and discover once and for all what is false and what is fact.
718072	Family Muir, Aunty Fay & Lawson, Sue & Seymour, Jasmine (ill)	Magabala Books	2020	9781925936285	5-6	Family. Listening. Sharing. Learning. Connecting. Heart and home. Family. Family is a thoughtful contemplation for all to learn the different ways that family makes us whole. This beautifully illustrated children's picture book shows everyone that "family" can be about heart and home; an endless sky; stories and songs. It "learns" us how to be with each other and with Country. Families come in all shapes and sizes, and this remarkably simple story teaches us all, that family can be many things.
1125013	Family disasters: Crash landing Luff, Nathan & Kennett, Chris (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761122729	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 a super embarrassing situation at school, Jakob decides the only way to escape the ridicule is to leave the country on a family holiday. But with a cheapskate worry-wart for a dad and an obnoxiously loud optimist for a mum, fresh humiliation is around every corner. Even worse, the weirdest girl at school is coming along for the ride and won't let Jakob out of her sight. Jakob thinks he has hit rock-bottom. Little does he know there is always further to fall in a family holiday disaster! LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Nathan Luff read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/3-4-book-list#family-disasters-1-crash-landing-nathan-luff

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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!
1019864	Family disasters: Storm warning Luff, Nathan & Kennett, Chris (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761122736	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 getting stranded on a deserted island and then escaping an erupting volcano, Jakob thought his holiday troubles were over. Now onboard the luxury cruise ship that rescued them, Jakob and his family are ready to relax. But they haven't factored in water slide blockages, wardrobe malfunctions, hypnotism mishaps, sea sickness and much worse. Little does Jakob know there are stormy waters ahead in this next family holiday disaster!
1796	Family forest Kane, Kim & Masciullo, Lucia (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2010	9781921564703	K-2	Families come in all shapes and sizes, with half-sisters, big brothers, step-parents. While some kids have a family tree, others have a family forest.
125	Family from one end street, The Garnett, Eve	Puffin UK	2010	9780141329673	5-6	Set thirty years ago, a dustman's large family all had various ways of entertaining themselves, despite the family's lack of money.
797859	Family tree Pyke, Josh & Ghosh, Ronojoy (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781761126307	K-2	It started with a seed, and that seed was me. And, over time, laughter filled my garden ... A heartfelt celebration of family, community and the seasons of life, to cherish and to share.
660434	Family tree, The Peet, Mal & Shoard, Emma (ill)	Barrington Stoke	2018	9781781128053	7-9	The Nest was the best thing my dad ever built, and he built it for me. He built it when we moved into the new house - him, me and Mum. I thought it was wonderful. Outrageous. But then Dad went there to hide from the world, and from Mum, and everything started to go wrong...

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1847	Family with two front doors, The Ciddor, Anna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781925266641	5-6	Nomi is one of nine children living in Poland in the 1920s. Their family is so large, they need to live across two apartments. Their father is a Rabbi and there are many customs to follow, many revolving around food. But, the biggest adventure of all is when big sister Adina is told she is to be married, at the age of fifteen, to someone she has never met. Based on the author's real family, the Rabinovitches dance, laugh and cook their way through an extraordinary life in 1920s Poland.
903395	Family, all that you dream it to be Stephen, Byll & Stephen, Beth & Howe, Simon (ill)	ABC Books	2022	9780733341748	K-2	A girl and her mum ride their bikes through their neighbourhood and tell all about the many people and the different families living their. Though these families are all a little different, the love between members is common to all.
124	Family: a collection of short stories Nieuwenhuizen, Agnes	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1994	9781863303019	9plus	Sixteen stories, which centre round family life, are written by well-known and unknown writers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
3534	Famous Lawrinson, Julia	Penguin Books Australia	2009	9780143304685	5-6	Mrs Pavlich tries to convince Sophie that being famous isn't a job but Sophie and several other students don't think this is right. After all, they have seen plenty of people who are famous for doing nothing in particular. When Sophie gets a chance to go on her favourite TV game show, Mega Match, and gets close to winning, she has to make a choice.
	Famous artists (Anholt) 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.
12686	Famous Australians: Australian children's authors Dixon, Rachel	Redback Publishing	2017	9781925630169	5-6	Famous Australians presents short biographies of people who have made notable contributions to society, and who have helped make sport and children's literature such important and popular aspects of Australian culture!
12690	Famous Australians: Australians at the olympic games Dixon, Rachel	Redback Publishing	2017	9781925630176	5-6	Famous Australians presents short biographies of people who have made notable contributions to society, and who have helped make sport and children's literature such important and popular aspects of Australian culture.

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	Famous five series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
2868	Famous Five's survival guide, The Blyton, Enid	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2008	9780340970836	5-6	For Famous Five fans of all ages, this book is an interesting mix of fact and fiction. Find out how to survive a shipwreck, pack a rucksack, crack a secret code, use interrogation skills and find a secret passage plus an unsolved mystery from the past. A nostalgic look at the Five will appeal to older fans as well.
28346	Famous horse snatched Holper, Paul & Torok, Simon & Axelsen, Stephen (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2006	9781405037327	5-6	When a famous racehorse is stolen from Zac's uncle, Zac and Hannah are in hot pursuit, tracking down the thieves who are trying to pull a fast one on the racing world. Follow the clues and the red herrings, collect the evidence and check out the suspects to solve the crime of the missing racehorse.
	Fancy Nancy series O'Connor, Jane & Preiss Glasser, Robin (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.
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.
9626	Fancy that Allen, Pamela	Penguin	1998	9780140509717	K-2	The noises and the sounds from the fowl yard can be heard for miles around. Little red hen has a secret that makes her the star of the barnyard.
9565	Fancy that: short stories and poems for children Segura, Elaine	Seaview Press	2001	9781740081535	3-4	Stories and poems about children, nature and animals from the author who lives in a small village surrounded by the Royal National Park. Included are tales about Ben, the Galah, and the ferry that still travels between Bundeena and Cronulla.

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1495376	Fanny & Mina: The fastest of friends Tidy, Samantha & Cresp, Hilary (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2026	9781922998231	3-4	The story of Fanny Durak and Mina Wylie who defied traditions and rules to become the first women to win Olympic medals in swimming. They represented Australia in 1912 at the Stockholm Olympic Games.
42742	Fantastic flying books of Mr Morris Lessmore, The Joyce, William Edward	Simon & Schuster	2013	9780857079442	5-6	Morris Lessmore loved words. He loved stories. He loved books. But every story has its upsets...Everything in Morris Lessmore's life, including his own story, is scattered to the winds. But the power of story will save the day.
1649	Fantastic Mr Fox Dahl, Roald	Puffin UK	2001	9780141311289	3-4	Boggis, Bunce and Bean are just about the nastiest and meanest three farmers you could meet, and they hate Mr Fox. They are determined to get him. They lie in wait outside his hole but Mr Fox has other plans to outwit the terrible trio.
	Fantastica series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
3109	Far from fair Arnold, Elana. K.	Houghton Mifflin	2016	9780544602274	7-9	When Odette starts her list of things that aren't fair, living on the road with her parents and her exasperating younger brother is at the very top. But hundreds of miles later at her grandma's house, Odette discovers just how unfair life can really be. With so much that is out of her control, Odette tries to make things right again.
126	Far out, brussel sprout Factor, June & Viska, Peter (ill)	Brolly Books	2009	9781741833089	5-6	A collection of school yard play rhymes.
	Far-flung adventures series Stewart, Paul & Riddell, Chris (ill)				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.
8285	Farm Arlon, Penelope & Gordon-Harris, Tory	Scholastic US	2012	9781407131498	K-2	Find out about animals, crops and machines up close. Watch the farmer hard at work in the changing seasons.

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1359418	Farm by the sea, A Packer, Jillian	Berbay Publishing	2025	9781922610997	K-2	Imagine living on a farm by the sea. After you finish your chores with your family, it's time to play on the beach, where the rockpools are a place for sipping on seagrass tea and dancing to the music of the waves.
14842	Farm kid Clark, Sherryl	Penguin	2004	9780143301301	7-9	An anthology of poems that creates the story of a farm boy and the journey he experiences leading up to the selling of the farm.
12068	Farmer duck Waddell, Martin & Oxenbury, Helen (ill)	Candlewick Press	1996	9781564025968	K-2	One little duck does all the work while the lazy old farmer stays in bed all day. The other farm animals decide to take action.
12466	Farmer Fred's cow Wild, Margaret	ABC Books	2004	9780733307638	K-2	On Farmer Fred's farm, there are four old animals - Cow, Horse, Pig and Donkey. They have never been anywhere beyond the farm. Then, on the night Cow dies, something extraordinary happens and, for the first time, they imagine life beyond the farm.
9967	Farmer's hat, The Barnes, Kim L & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	Omnibus Books	2010	9781862918351	K-2	The farmer loves his dreamy, schemey, tickly wishful hat but it blew off his head and is now lost. Follow the farmer around his farm as he tracks down his whirling, whooshing hat.
919026	Farmhouse Blackall, Sophie	Hachette Australia	2022	9780734421654	3-4	Over a hill, at the end of a road, by a glittering stream that twists and turns, stands a house with twelve children who eat and sleep and work and play, who get into trouble, and argue and dream, who milk the cows and fish in the stream - a farmhouse where they are growing up, waiting to see what the future might bring.
12459	Farmyard cat in trouble, The Anello, Christine & Thompson, Sharon (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1992	9780868968896	K-2	Find out who spilt the milk, chased the goats and scared the chickens. Everyone thinks the farmyard cat is up to her old tricks again but that might not be fair.
1125102	Fart club: Revenge of the beans Wallace, Adam & Hart, James (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781760979218	3-4	Martin Kennedy, aka Fartboy, has been awarded a scholarship to attend The Amazingly Fancy School of Excellence in Sparkle City. But there's a catch. Sparkle City is under attack by alien beans out to get revenge for every bean that's ever been eaten! Their only weakness? The human fart. But there are too many and Fartboy's pong just isn't enough. He must bring together a team of Fartastic super-farters! Can he unite their stink in time to save the planet from a beany end?
1424017	Fart face Daddo, Andrew & Bentley, Jonathan (ill)	Penguin	2025	9781761355882	K-2	We all do them. Yes, I know you do! But there's a time and a place for a fart face. A hilarious and irreverent picture book to entertain young and old alike.

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	Fart monster and me 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.
	Fartboy series Wallace, Adam & Hart, James (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.
7042	FArTHER Baker-Smith, Grahame	Templar Publishing	2010	9781848771260	3-4	A father has a dream of flying. He makes beautiful wings of paper and feathers, but never quite manages to fly. When he isn't preoccupied with his dream of flight and air, he scoops his son up and they play along the beach. He always returns to his dream until the day he is called up to war, never to return. His son decides to make his dream come true.
1656	Fascinating history of your lunch, The French, Jackie	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2001	9780207197505	7-9	An entertaining book about food origins, which covers the development of sandwiches and other familiar lunchbox items including soft drinks and chocolate.
578972	Fast flight Ivanoff, George	Penguin Random House Australia	2016	9780857988829	5-6	Dillon is your typical eleven year old boy who loves to play cricket and is forever getting into trouble for his messy room. He's just a normal kid - except for the fact he has a rare genetic disorder and desperately needs a liver transplant. One day, in the middle of the night, Dillon and his family receive a call from a distant hospital. A donor liver is available. The Royal Flying Doctor service is the only available option to transport Dillon to the hospital and into his new life.
6524	Fast Grandma Clark, Margaret & Smith, Craig (ill)	Puffin Australia	2011	9780143305705	3-4	Evie and Matthew's grandma isn't like other people's grandmas. Their grandma is very active and does everything fast, so fast that they have trouble keeping up with her. Then, they discover Grandma's secret.
1304503	Fast lane, The Newman, Ben (ill) & Stemville	Flying Eye Books	2025	9781913123246	5-6	A fun book filled with details and facts about racing cars, and how science, technology and teamwork work together when racing in the F1.

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1019895	Fast, slow. Let's go! Sutton, Sally & Locelock, Brian (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781760653392	K-2	This is the way we skate along, skate along, skate along. Scoot, bike, bus, swing, sail, run or ride your way across town in a joyous celebration. Come with us and join in the fun.
130924	Faster faster, nice and slow Sharratt, Nick & Heap, Sue	Penguin	2005	9780670894468	K-2	Nick and Sue feature in parallel images showing opposites. Sometimes they are ideas and sometimes they are actions. They can be big and small or fast and slow.
1657	Fat and juicy place, The Kidd, Diana	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	1992	9780207167867	5-6	At the back of Jack's school is a special place. He can't tell anyone except his mate, Lizard, about all the things that can happen there. When Jack meets the mysterious Birdman, he learns secrets about the past that he just can't tell anyone.
566595	Fat Angie Charlton-Trujillo, E. E.	Candlewick Press	2014	9780763680190	9plus	Angie is broken - by her can't-be-bothered mother, by her high-school tormenters, and by being the only one who thinks her varsity-athlete-turned-war-hero sister is still alive. Hiding under a mountain of junk food hasn't kept the pain (or the shouts of "crazy mad cow!") away. Having failed to kill herself - in front of a gym full of kids - she's back at high school just trying to make it through each day. That is, until the arrival of KC Romance, the kind of girl who doesn't exist in Dryfalls, Ohio. A girl who is one hundred and ninety-nine percent wow! A girl who never sees her as Fat Angie, and who knows too well that the package doesn't always match what's inside. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
988	Fat Ferdie Allen, Pamela	Penguin	2013	9780670077168	K-2	Fat Ferdie is a scary beast because of what he likes to eat.
5473	Fat Head the bird Lawson, Liam & others	Indij Readers	2007	9780980359350	5-6	Liam tells the story of Fat Head, the bird, who sometimes gets up to mischief. Liam learns the value of pet ownership and why we need rules.
128	Fat man, The Gee, Maurice	Puffin Australia	2000	9780141310176	9plus	Colin is pleased when an old school friend of his father appears in their small New Zealand town, as the man offers his dad a job. It seems, however, that the man has a mysterious hold over Colin's family. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
120080	Fat Pat Niland, Kilmeny	ABC Books	2008	9780733322396	K-2	Pat is a pampered pet until a visit to the vet has him on a diet. However Pat feels that his family doesn't love him any more and runs away.

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1664	Fate Barnes, Jennifer Lynn	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741663044	7-9	Bailey Morgan is a high school student by day, ancient mystical being by night. As the third Fate, Bailey literally controls the fate of the world but, as plain old Bailey, her life is falling apart. Then, she meets the rest of the Sidhe, an ancient race defined by their power, beauty and a sinister habit of getting what they want at any cost. Before long, Bailey is being drawn into a complicated, otherworldly web.
660388	Fate of Fausto, The Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2019	9780593115015	5-6	Fausto believed he owned everything in the world, from flowers to trees and mountains. One day he decides to inspect the world he owns, and let each thing under the sun know he is the boss.
12776	Father bear comes home Minarik, Else Holmelund & Sendak, Maurice (ill)	HarperTrophy	1987	9780064440233	K-2	Little Bear's father is finally returning home from a long fishing trip. Four short stories about Little Bear, his friends and family.
26648	Father Koala's fairy tales Richards, Kel & Singleton, Glen (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2005	9781865048383	3-4	Join Father Koala as he reads some Aussie fairytales to the young koalas in Gumleaf Lodge. Jack climbs the choko vine, the princess meets the cane toad, the Kangaroos Gruff outwits the bunyip under the bridge and Little Red Riding Hood is almost eaten by the dingo.
1204	Father Koala's nursery rhymes Richards, Kel & Singleton, Glen (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2005	9781865048390	3-4	Join Father Koala and his little mates as they romp through a selection of Aussie nursery rhymes. Little Miss Golden works on her Holden, Black Swan swims in an old billabong, Jack and Jill check boundary fences, Swaggie puts the billy on and we all have tea.
1244408	Father of the lost boys: The Mecak Ajang Alaak story Alaak, Yuot, A.	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760993900	5-6	Once there was a man who rescued 20,000 boys from becoming child soldiers and facing almost certain death. Than man was Mecak Ajang Alaak. That man was my father. One of those boys was me.
129	Father Sky and Mother Earth Noonuccal, Oodgeroo (Walker, Kath)	Jacaranda	1992	9780701630348	5-6	An illustrated book depicting environmental concerns by Oodgeroo Noonuccal, a poet and an activist for Aboriginal rights.
75057	Father's day Brooksbank, Anne	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780143305682	7-9	Sam has been saving his paper-round money for years to buy a boat. When a mysterious person doubles the money in his bank account, Sam could never imagine the trouble it would cause.
4020	Fault in our stars, The Green, John	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2013	9780143567592	9plus	Despite the tumour-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But, when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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4265	Faunaverse: Australian wildlife in poetry Dudley, Alexander & Sullivan, Jane	Fremantle Press	2016	9780994558107	5-6	How much do you know about Australian animals? Have you ever heard of the Pobblebonk who lives underground? Or how about the deadly Assassin Bug? Or maybe you are familiar with Boyd's Forest Dragon? These are just some of the weird and wonderful but 100% real animals you will meet in Faunaverse. A collection of poems aimed at educating readers about Australia's unknown and misunderstood wildlife. The poems are loaded with facts and information, perfect for curious minds of all ages. Poems are accompanied by beautiful wildlife photography by the authors.
1667	Faust's party Ottley, Matt	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780733613562	K-2	Faust's family go off to have a picnic leaving him to mind the house. Unfortunately, Faust has some unexpected and unwanted visitors. Faust decides to enlist his friends to help protect the family home, creating an even bigger problem.
15382	Favourite classic writers Gamble, Nikki	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2003	9780750242851	7-9	Find out what inspired writers such as J R R Tolkien, C S Lewis and Louisa May Alcott to write their classics.
1424043	Fearless Canby, Kelly	Fremantle Press	2026	9781760996611	5-6	Bea Ware is afraid of everything - from shadows to ladders to trampolines, she is in a constant state of anxiety and trepidation. Her friend, Annie Venture, seems completely carefree, skipping through life without a single worry. But Annie shares her secret with Bea. Annie is not fearless, she has simply learned to fear less. So, just a little every day, Bea tries to fear less, too, and uncover a more carefree life.
881	Fearless Funke, Cornelia	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2012	9781906427269	7-9	The second gothic novel in the Mirrorworld series sees Jacob Reckless facing death from the fairy's curse on the other side of the mirror.
38511	Fearless Lott, Tim	Walker Books	2007	9781406308624	9plus	Powerful story of innocent, persecuted children, estranged from society. One special messianic child never gives up hope that they will be rescued. When mass conformity and degeneration replace hope and humanity, what would it take to overcome the absolute power of the oppressor? An allegory for the experiences of the Jewish people in Nazi Germany. Strong language used in context. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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1672	Fearless Thompson, Colin & Davis, Sarah (ill)	ABC Books	2009	9780733320255	3-4	When a baby is born, it's difficult to know whether it will grow up to be big or small or brave or scared of the dark and spiders. So, sometimes, babies get the wrong name. It's the same with dogs. When a new little puppy is named Fearless, it seems a good name for him. Except that Fearless isn't.
23177	Fearless Frederic Arena, Felice	Penguin Books Australia	2018	9780143786757	7-9	When the river rises and the city of Paris begins to disappear under water, Frederic decides to help those who can't help themselves. But as his heroic acts escalate, so does the danger. Frederic will have to battle an escaped zoo animal and fight off pickpockets and looters, but as the waters subside, can he find justice for his father and find out what courage really means?
3566	Fearless in love Thompson, Colin & Davis, Sarah (ill)	ABC Books	2012	9780733329517	3-4	The only thing Fearless can remember his mother telling him is that life is much nicer if you love everyone. For Fearless, the act of loving things equates to devouring them, and loving everyone is much more complicated than he had imagined.
7219	Fearless sons & daughter Thompson, Colin & Davis, Sarah (ill)	ABC Books	2015	9780733330872	3-4	Frearless and Primrose are now parents to five lively puppies. Fearless must work out how to be a father and teach them everything he knows. But, not everything goes to plan.
4800	Fearless with Dad Brooke, Cori & Poli, Giuseppe (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2015	9781925059403	K-2	A little boy's celebration of the endless, wonderful activities, adventures and possibilities he can have with his Dad.
9652	Fearsome five, The Erlbruch, Wolf	Gecko Press	2009	9781877467226	3-4	Toad, Rat, Bat, Hyena and Spider are anything but beautiful but the ugly outcasts learn that beauty comes in many guises.
46564	Fearsome, frightening, ferocious box, The Watts, Frances & Legge, David (ill)	ABC Books	2013	9780733328916	K-2	Open the box if you dare, but danger lies within, beware.
1019893	Feather Leonard, M.G.	Walker Books	2024	9781529506112	5-6	On a school trip to the Royal Swan Natural History Museum, Ava finds herself at the centre of a hundreds of invaluable bird of paradise skins from the Alfred Wallace Collection have been stolen! When she discovers a large jet-black feather, she's sure it's a clue, but the police won't listen to her. Slipping away, she takes the case to the Twitchers in an investigation that leads them to the bizarre and sinister world of fly-fishing, and to a mysterious girl with a pet Raven called Caliban and a dangerous ring of thieves and smugglers
591169	Feather, The Wild, Margaret & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Little Hare Books	2018	9781760124212	5-6	In a world of shadows and ruin, a majestic feather drifts from the clouds to bring redemption and hope.

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53305	Feathered soldiers Farrer, Vashti & Small, Mary & Alger, Elizabeth (ill)	ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee QLD Incorporated	2007	9780975712320	5-6	Pigeons may be taken for granted but they have played a very important part particularly for Australia during World War II. One pigeon flew sixty-four kilometres in fifty minutes through a storm to save a shipload of ammunition. Amusing drawings highlight fascinating facts and true stories in this illustrated tribute to Australia's wartime messenger pigeons.
3184	Feathers Cummings, Phil & Lesnie, Phil (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781760157357	5-6	The sandpiper stretched its wings in the chilling breeze. It knew it was time to leave...so it took flight. Follow the feathers as they fall along this exquisite journey of heartache, hope and home.
130	Feathers and fools Fox, Mem	Harcourt Children's Books	2000	9780152004736	5-6	A modern fable about some peacocks and swans that allow their fear of each other to destroy them.
44447	Feathers for Phoebe Clement, Rod	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2010	9780732289195	3-4	Phoebe doesn't want to be ordinary. She wants to turn heads and be noticed. She wants to be fabulous. But, when Phoebe seeks the help of the outrageous and beautiful Zelda, her transformation leads to some unexpected results.
26459	Feeling sad Verroken, Sarah	Walker Books	2008	9781921150692	K-2	Duck and little toy Dudley are feeling very sad. It is cold, cloudy and wet with not the smallest ray of sunshine. Frog tells her that the clouds will pass and she must look ahead. She does, and Duck feels happy in her new world full of colour.
7464	Feelings Aliki	Greenwillow	1984	9780688065188	K-2	An array of feelings are explored through the pages of Aliki's picture book using all kinds of illustrations and situations. It is a delightful book to share.
3865	Feelings Jones, Richard & Walden, Libby (ill)	Little tiger press	2016	9781848575080	K-2	What you feel is who you are. Explore the world of emotions with this stunning peep-through book. The lyrical text and enchanting illustrations bring each emotion to life to help children understand the universal and unique nature of feelings.
977819	Feelings are wild Williams, Sophy & Scott, Gavin (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180262	K-2	It's true! Feelings are WILD! But whether we are grumpy or glad, brave or sad, with a big hug, a kind word or a little time we can embrace all our wild and wonderful emotions. A warm and playful counting book to help little kids understand their big feelings.

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	Felicity wishes series Thomson, Emma & Bailey, Helen				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.
12478	Felix feels better Wells, Rosemary	Walker Books	2001	9780744589269	K-2	Felix ate too much chocolate and now he doesn't feel very well. Just look at his eyes. His lovely mummy tries to find lots of ways to make him feel better but in the end it's off to Doctor Duck.
	Felix series Gleitzman, Morris				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.
35557	Fenn Halflin and the seaborn Armour-Chelu, Francesca	Walker Books	2017	9781406366181	7-9	Fenn Halflin is on the run. Having survived the explosion of the lock in the earlier book, Fenn Halflin is now on the run from Terra Firma and attempts to find members of the resistance to shelter with. With only his wits and his pet mongoose, Tikki Fenn struggles to travel across the waterlogged lands. To unite all Seaborn people and overthrow Terra Firma is his mission while the water levels rise.
15139	Fergal Onions Harrison, John	University of Queensland Press	2004	9780702234484	K-2	Fergal Onions has a television in every room and his life is shaped by the television schedule. One morning, he hears his young neighbour playing a tune on her violin and, in his quest to find out the origin of the familiar music, he discovers there's more to life than TV.
5831	Fergus and Delilah Knutt, Erin & Alexander, Misa (ill)	Fergus & Delilah	2016	9780994605214	K-2	It is Delilah's first day at the park. She slides, climbs, swings and dances, making friends with a variety of different children. However, despite her best efforts, one boy keeps shooing her away. Delilah tries everything to be his friend.

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1209771	Fern's School for Wayward Fae: The graveyard gift CJ, Piper	Walker Books	2024	9781760659288	5-6	Rosemary Thorpe has aways 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...
1423913	Fern's school for Wayward Fae: The grim adventure Forgettable, Fern	Walker Books	2025	9780593810507	7-9	Just before her thirteenth birthday, Rosemary and her friends return to Fern's School for Wayward Fae, where she uncovers a sinister force threatening the school, with Death itself targeting the students and their magical gifts.
712	Ferocious wild beasts Wormell, Chris	Random House Children's Books	2009	9780224083522	K-2	Jack's Mum has told him that the forest is full of ferocious, wild beasts. But, when he gets lost in the forest, Jack meets lots of friendly creatures who become worried when he warns them to be careful of the ferocious, wild beasts in the forest.
1066675	Ferris DiCamillo, Kate	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760659240	5-6	Ferris Wilkey's summer is full of surprises. Her little sister, Pinky, has vowed to become an outlaw. Uncle Ted has left Aunt Shirley and is painting a mural in the basement. Ferris' grandmother Cherisse sees a ghost who has wild, impractical, illuminating plans. How can Ferris satisfy a ghost with Pinky terrorising the town, Uncle Ted sending her to spy on her aunt and her father battling an invasion of cheeky racoons?
965866	Festivals! Bingham, Jane & Cabassa, Mariona (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781803702902	3-4	Are you ready to experience the wonderful world of festivals? Jump straight into this book and learn about the cultural and vibrant festivals celebrated all around the world.
9444	Fever 1793 Anderson, Laurie Halse	Hodder & Stoughton	2002	9780340854099	7-9	In 1793, fourteen year old Mattie hates getting out of bed and being nagged by her mum. Her friend, Polly, comes down with yellow fever. The disease starts to spread through the city, and even Mattie has to get serious as the panic spreads.

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	Fever Crumb series Reeve, Philip				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.
942779	Feylawn Chronicles book 1: Book of fatal errors, The Slater, Daska	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	2020	9780374301194	5-6	Without mistakes, there wouldn't be stories. Rufus doesn't make mistakes, he makes fatal errors. But when Rufus and his cousin, Abigail, become dangerously entangled in the world of the mischievous and immortal feylings and their battle against greedy goblins with an evil plan, any move he makes might be his final fatal error - or his most spectacular beginning.
12943	Fidel Castro: leader of Cuba's revolution Gibb, Tom	White-Thomson Publishing Ltd	2001	9780750228626	7-9	As a young man, Fidel Castro dreamt of a free and independent Cuba. He led a band of guerilla fighters to overthrow Cuba's dictator. His new government made sure all the people could read and write.
62531	Fidgety itch, The Davey, Lucy & Cowley, Katz (ill)	Scholastic New Zealand	2010	9781869439675	K-2	A rhyming tale about a mouse that gets an itch that he can't scratch. See if you can find out what's causing the itch.
588169	Fierce fragile hearts Barnard, Sara	MacMillan	2019	9781509852888	9plus	Two years after a downward spiral took her as low as you can possibly go, Suzanne is starting again. Again. She's back in Brighton, the only place she felt she belonged, back with her best friends Caddy and Rosie. But they're about to leave for university. When your friends have been your light in the darkness, what happens when you're the one left behind? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 & above.
15013	Fierce little woman and the wicked pirate, The Cowley, Joy & Davis, Sarah (ill)	Gecko Press	2011	9781877467417	3-4	The fierce little woman lived in a house at the end of a jetty. She knitted socks, played bagpipes, fished and swam. Sometimes, she was lonely. One stormy day, a wicked pirate came to her house on the jetty and tap-tapped on her window.
903265	Fifth quarter, The Dawson, Mike	Pan MacMillan	2021	9781250244185	5-6	Lori discovers a love for basketball even though she is not very good. She decides that she wants to put in some practice and become a more important part of her year 5 basketball team. When another girl in her school also shows the same interest, Lori is not sure if she is trying to take something from Lori, or if her intentions are good. For fans of basketball and graphic novels.

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5736	Fifth quest, The Oswald, Debra	Penguin	2002	9780143300014	9plus	Rosie flirts with the value of friendship and the need to resist the surreal world of television. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
43463	Fifth room, The Rushby, A.J.	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781742762548	9plus	What if there was a secret organisation of the leading medical experts that allowed young medical students to carry human experiments out - on themselves? This is the premise of this psychological thriller. Miri is a gifted 17 year old medical student who is willing to test her theories on herself. But, who really is in control? What is Miri up against, and what has she got to loose? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
2645	Figaro and Rumba and the Crocodile Cafe Fienberg, Anna and King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781742373119	K-2	Figaro and Rumba are best friends. Figaro is a dog who loves to run like the wind. Rumba is a cat who once sang and danced in Cuba. When they catch the Very Fast Train that goes all the way to the beach, they meet a cunning crocodile with conga drums and an elegant satin waistcoat. Surely such a musical creature couldn't be a villain?
	Figgy series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
751166	Fight for Planet A Reucassel, Craig	ABC Books	2020	9780733341335	9plus	Most Australians know that climate change is real, but many don't know what to do about it and feel powerless. In Fight For Planet A, Reucassel shows it isn't as scary as we think, and we can make a difference to help protect the world for future generations. Learn how to reduce your carbon footprint, with practical day-to-day changes. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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35563	Fighting stingrays, The Mitchell, Simon	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9780143784104	5-6	Charlie, Masa and Alf are best mates - loyal and adventurous. They're the Fighting Stingrays. In between school, swimming and fishing on idyllic Thursday Island, they have a ripper time role-playing bombing missions and other war games. But when Japan enters World War II, the Fighting Stingrays are told that one of their own is now the real-life enemy. Drawn into a dangerous game of cat and mouse in the Torres Strait, their friendship and loyalties are tested as the threat of invasion looms closer.
3093	Filicudi friends Santamaria, Lynell & Taylor, Deane (ill)	Blake Education Pty Ltd	2010	9781741646245	3-4	Basil and his dad go to the Italian island of Filicudi to visit their family. Basil meets his cousins and learns some Italian words. He also learns about Italian life and his family history. Basil even learns about his own special gifts.
1330229	Filling in the map: Exploring inland Australia Wilkinson, Carole	Wild Dog Books	2025	9781742036557	5-6	When the First Fleet arrived in Australia in 1788, Australia's First Nations people had already lived on the continent for at least 60,000 years. Aboriginal people knew their Country in detail without the need for maps. But for the European settlers, Australia was a 7.7 million square kilometre mystery to solve. This is a history of the explorers who charted the coastlines, scaled the mountains and crossed the deserts in search of farmland and fresh water--and filled the map of Australia.
48198	Filth licker, The Burne, Cristy & Siku (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2011	9781847801364	3-4	Continues the story of Miku's fight against the Takeshita Demons, with a terrifying array of new demons to overcome. Miku is going to school camp in the forest, with her friend Cait and the rest of her class. It should be fun but Miku has premonitions of danger. When Oscar goes down with a festering rash and a rushing wind blows out the bonfire, she's sure something bad is going on.
568870	Finch Matthews, Penny	Walker Books	2018	9781760650759	5-6	For years, Audrey has always believed she is destined to be alone. Even her younger sister calls her 'Nerd Girl'. However, her life is about change forever following her family's relocation to a vineyard in outback Australia. Upon arrival, Audrey meets a mysterious boy named Finch, who seems to understand her like no one else. There's just one problem, no one in the town even knows Finch exists.

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7400	Find me a river Blake, Bronwyn	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734402615	9plus	A story that focuses on the common and shared history of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, and how many individuals are personally coming to terms with this history. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1367137	Find me on the coast McGeachin, Jess	Lothian Books	2025	9780734423634	K-2	Have you exhausted all the David Attenborough documentaries, and you are looking for your next notable nonfiction? Then Find Me on the Coast is the perfect book for you. Go and get your wetsuit on because Jess McGeachin is about to have you peering into rockpools, flipping and flopping with sea otters through kelp forests, lying belly-down in the sand staring eye to eye with baby sea turtles. Part story, part nature guide, this book shows that wherever the land meets the sea, wonderful discoveries are soon to be found.
582929	Finder, The Hendrick, Kate	Text Publishing Co	2018	9781925603811	9plus	Since the disappearance of her identical twin sister nine years ago, 16-year-old Frankie has kept her distance from everyone. Despite the years that have passed, she spends her days scanning and searching for her sister. When the police fail to find an 11-year-old runaway, Frankie takes it upon herself to find her. Despite her best attempts to stay out of the public eye, this earns her a reputation as a 'finder'. Enter Elias - an extrovert with an extravagant sense of fashion and endless enthusiasm, who is looking for his birth mother. When Elias offers to employ a cash-strapped Frankie to track down his birth mother, she reluctantly agrees. What follows next is a journey of self-discovery as both Frankie and Elias uncover the things that truly define them. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
131	Finders keepers Rodda, Emily	Scholastic Australia	1997	9781862913608	5-6	While playing a computer game, Patrick is transported into a parallel world and invited to participate in a TV game show.
15864	Finding Audrey Kinsella, Sophie	Doubleday	2015	9780857534590	7-9	Following a bullying incident at school, Audrey can't leave the house. She can't even take off her dark glasses inside the house. When her brother's friend, Linus, stumbles into her life, his friendly smile and funny notes gradually entice Audrey outside the house. With therapy and Linus' help, Audrey begins to feel she can do the things she'd thought were too scary. Finding her way back to the real world might just be achievable.

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1019828	Finding Bear Gold, Hannah	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2024	9780008582029	5-6	Since returning home from her adventures in the Arctic, April has really struggled to fit in. Her mind and her heart are back in the ice and snow with her unlikely polar bear companion. She remains bound to Bear despite the distance. When April finds out that when an animal resembling Bear is shot, she must return and make sure her friend is safe. The Arctic, however, is no safe place for anyone.
105136	Finding Darcy Lawson, Sue	Black Dog Books	2008	9781742030234	7-9	When Darcy Abbott is sent to live with her surly grandmother and her silent great-grandmother, she finds the silences and secrets at home, and the name calling and bullying at school, hard to endure. A school project sets her on a search for the truth about her great-grandfather, Darcy Charles Fletcher, one of hundreds of prisoners of war who died when the Montevideo Maru was sunk in World War II.
58486	Finding Freia Lockhart Said, Aimee	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2010	9781921529153	9plus	Freia is part of a group at school but she feels she really doesn't belong. Somehow, Freia finds herself helping, as a lighting assistant, with the school production, something she never thought she would do. Freia must try to be brave enough to make more changes in her life and let loose the real Freia Lockhart. Adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
37994	Finding Gobi Leonard, Dion	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2017	9780008244521	5-6	Finding Gobi is the ultimate story of hope and friendship - proving time and time again, that dogs really are 'man's best friend'. In 2016, Dion Leonard, an ultramarathon runner, stumbled across a little stray dog while competing in a gruelling 155 mile race across the Gobi Desert. The pup earned the name 'Gobi' as she went step for step with Dion, keeping pace with him for nearly 80 miles. What Gobi lacked in size, she made up for in heart. Dion had always focused on winning, but as he witnessed the incredible determination of this small animal, he felt something inside him change. This is a story of a life changing friendship between one man and a little stray dog.
567903	Finding granny Simpson, Kate & Jones, Gwynneth (ill)	EK Books	2018	9781925335699	K-2	Edie's Granny is a perfect Granny - she's warm, loving and all things fun! But then she has a stroke, and suddenly, the Granny that Edie knows isn't there anymore. Or is she? A heart-warming story of love and hope...and coping with life's challenges.

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1424018	Finding her edge Iacopelli, Jennifer	Hachette Australia	2025	9781444983951	9plus	Adriana Russo's dream is to conquer the figure skating Junior World Championships. But with her family's ice skating rink facing financial ruin, allowing cameras to film their every move is the only thing keeping that dream alive. Then her new dance partner, Brayden, sparks an idea that could turn them into stars; let the world believe their on-ice chemistry is real. But as Adriana begins to fall for Brayden, Freddie- her former partner and first crush - skates back into her life. Will Adriana claim her place on the podium, or will she follow her heart? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1161	Finding home Crew, Gary & Boyer, Susy (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2009	9781876462871	7-9	A family relocates to Australia after a family tragedy. The parents are focussed on creating a farm and do not value the environment or interdependence of nature. Their young son is lonely and alienated, and misses his home in London. When the parents cut down a tree causing a flock of birds to die, their son makes a huge decision.
871675	Finding Jupiter Rowe, Kelis	Walker Books	2022	9781529500639	7-9	Ray has no time for romance. She's queen of the roller rink, writes found poetry, and has her eyes firmly set on her own independent future. Orion looks like the jock his father wants him to be, but really he's a hopeless romantic. When he spots Ray, it feels like the stars have aligned. But could the past stand in the way of love, and cross their stars forever.
19172	Finding Monkey Moon Pulford, Elizabeth & Wilkinson, Kate (ill)	Walker Books	2015	9781921720734	K-2	Michael and Monkey Moon are inseparable, especially when it's time for bed. But, one night, Monkey Moon is nowhere to be found and Michael's search for him goes way beyond the toy box.
995873	Finding Papa Pham Krans, Angela & Bui, Thi (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2023	9780063060968	K-2	No one can make Mai laugh like her Papa! She loves playing their favorite game-the crocodile chomp chomp! But then Papa leaves Vietnam in search of a new home for their family in America and Mai misses him very much. Until one day, Mama and Mai pack a small bag and say goodbye to the only home Mai has ever known. And so begins Mai and Mama's long, perilous journey by foot and by boat, through dangers and darkness, to find Papa.

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587891	Fing Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2019	9780008349080	5-6	Meet the Meeks! Myrtle Meek has everything she could possibly want. But everything isn't enough. She wants more, more, more! When Myrtle declares she wants a FING, there's only one problem: What is a FING? Mr and Mrs Meek will do anything to keep their darling daughter happy, even visit the spooky library vaults to delve into the dusty pages of the mysterious Monsterpedia. Their desperate quest leads to the depths of the jungliest jungle where the rarest creatures can be found. But will they ever find a FING?
6116	Finn and the big guy Metzenthen, David	Penguin	1997	9780140382679	7-9	Finn comes to the city for his first big break as a stablehand at a large racetrack. Working with the horses he loves, Finn feels valuable for the first time in his life. But there's trouble at the track, and Finn finds it difficult to know who to trust.
11675	Finn family Moomintroll Jansson, Tove; Portch, Elizabeth (trans)	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	2010	9780312608897	5-6	It is spring in the valley and the Moomins are ready for adventure. Moomintroll and his friends Snufkin and Sniff, find the Hobgoblin's top hat, all shiny and new, and just waiting to be taken home. However, they soon realise that this is no ordinary hat. It can turn anything, or anyone, into something else.
7792	Finn throws a fit Elliott, David & Ering, Timothy Basil (ill)	Candlewick Press	2011	9780763656041	K-2	Finn usually likes peaches. But not today. Today, Finn doesn't like anything at all.
12897	Fiona the pig Hobbs, Leigh	Penguin	2004	9780670040971	3-4	Fiona's parents wonder why she can't be more like them, that is, more like a pig. Fiona loves ballet, being clean and having tea parties with her dollies. Fiona's parents are desperate to find a solution to this baffling behaviour.
6166	Fire French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2014	9781742838175	5-6	One small spark brought fire awake, winding like a small black snake. Fire flickered, fire crept, flames snickered, bushfire leapt.
18579	Fire in my soul Corbet-Singleton, Paul	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2006	9780734408648	7-9	Running is everything to James who considers winning the only option. However, fierce competition from a new student and the threat of bushfires may help James to see there is more to life than wanting to win.
737784	Fire never goes out, The Stevenson, Noelle	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780062278272	9plus	The autobiographical highs and lows of a creative human's life in the world are captured in a collection of personal comics. Go on a journey of self discovery and appreciation with Noelle Stevenson. Usually read by students in year 9, 10 and above.

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8686	Fire pony, The Philbrick, Rodman	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2005	9780746065082	5-6	Imagine you have only one person in the world to love and take care of you and that person has a dangerous secret. Roy and his brother Joe Dilly, blessed with the talent of horse whispering, try to find a home in America's deep south.
1434	Fire song Hathorn, Libby	ABC Books	2009	9780733324208	7-9	It's 1954 and Ingrid's family has hit hard times. Her father has gone, her two brothers have been fostered out and there's no money. When her mother asks her to do something she knows is wrong, something completely against her principles, Ingrid is desperate for help to make her own decisions and fight for what she believes in.
10490	Fire stallion, The Gregg, Stacy	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780008261412	5-6	Hilly's costume designer mother is on a trip from New Zealand to Reykjavik to work on a film about a mythological warrior girl called Brunhilda. At the last minute, Hilly gets to join her. What she thought would be weeks of sitting around on boring film sets soon changes when she lays eyes on Mjolnir, or Hammer, the huge and spectacular Icelandic horse who will star in the film. Then, Hilly finds herself caught up in the world of Gudrun, the cultural consultant on set, and before she knows it, Hilly is far more invested in the story of Brunhilda and her fight for survival than ever could have been predicted.
751034	Fire star, The Tait, A. L.	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2020	9781760897079	5-6	Maven and Reeve are maid and squire, teenagers who are committed to their Master and Mistress and drawn together to solve the mysterious disappearance of a magnificent jewel with a cursed history.
846092	Fire truck Santa McPickle, Nic & Eckstrom, Nathaniel (ill)	Albert Street Books	2021	9781760526894	K-2	A Christmas tradition, all round this land, from the city to the country, from the bush to the sand, in a shiny red truck instead of a sleigh, Santa sets out on his jolly old way. But this fire truck has seen better days. It creaks and rattles and groans as Santa makes his rounds. It will take a miracle to get through Christmas Eve...
13999	Fire within, The d'Lacey, Chris	Orchard Books	2001	9781841215334	5-6	When David moves in with Liz and Lucy, he discovers hand crafted, clay dragons that come to life and have magical powers. David's personal dragon inspires him to write a story about the adventures of their local squirrel population.

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751124	Fire wombat, The French, Jackie & Snell, Danny (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9781460759332	3-4	As the flames of a bushfire approaches, one small wombat shelters with other animals in her burrow all throughout a fire-eaten night. This forms the beginning of their courageous journey to safety and survival.
132	Fire, bed and bone Branford, Henrietta	Walker Books	2002	9780744590494	7-9	Set in England in 1381, this story of political and emotional unrest is seen through the eyes of an old farm dog.
812784	Fireborn: Twelve and the frozen forest Fowler, Aisling	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780008394158	7-9	Twelve has lost so much. So she has spoken the pledge and now she is a Huntling. She has even given up her name to train in the art of fighting monsters and keeping the peace. She will not get to choose a new name until she has earned it. During training she finds it hard to make friends and feels like an outsider. But by following her instincts to do what she thinks is right when the one person who showed her kindness is taken by Goblins, she may lose everything.
133	Firebug Harris, David	Penguin	1999	9780141306636	7-9	David has been accused of being a firebug since he started a fire at the age of six that resulted in tragedy. He experiences a horrifying ordeal, at the hands of a real firebug, when fires break out in his local area.
9509	Firefighter Warbrick, Sarah	Harcourt Education Australia	1999	9781863916905	3-4	An exploration of the role of firefighters in our community. Bright, photographic illustrations and simple clear text show the firefighters performing a range of typical work tasks.
72101	Firefighters, The Whiting, Sue & Rawlins, Donna (ill)	Walker Books	2010	9781921529498	K-2	Mrs Iverson and her class pretend to be firefighters, just like the real ones, then they meet genuine firefighters and climb aboard a real fire engine. What fun!
992532	Fireflies in flight Jakobsen, Mette	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2023	9781460762097	9plus	Ally is on the run. The city is in ruins. Her friends are in mortal danger. Nothing about being back in the city is easy, but Ally knows that she must find the missing research before ONE does. The Administration has tight control of the capital and there are eyes everywhere. In her attempt to find somewhere to hide, Ally discovers that not everyone in the underground resistance group she encounters is welcoming, or safe. As tension builds in the city, Ally learns that the go-ahead has already been given to start the deadly experiments on her friends who are still locked up in the Towers. In a race against time, Ally is forced to risk everything. Will she be able to find the hidden research? Can she get back to the Towers to save her friends before it's too late? And can she really trust Josh, the handsome resistance group leader? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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45469	Firefly code, The Blakemore, Megan Frazer	Bloomsbury	2017	9781681195278	5-6	Living a normal life on Firefly Lane, Mori and her friends are safe and have never had to question anything or wonder about how their lives came to be. This all changes when Ilana moves into town - a girl that seems so perfect yet acts so strangely sometimes. Mori and her friends become curious about Ilana and what her background is. Secrets are revealed and decisions must be made.
5804	Firefly forest Frampton, Robyn & Heath, Mike (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2018	9781250122636	K-2	Discover the magic! There's more to this forest than some choose to see, this magical place can set your heart free. Follow the glow of the fireflies to an enchanted space inhabited by unseen creatures. Who do you think lives there? Fairies or gnomes or pixies?
3397	Fireman Sam: red alert Egmont (pub)	Egmont Childrens	2007	9781405229340	K-2	Norman learns a valuable lesson about how important it is not to be careless with drink bottles. Fireman Sam comes to the rescue after some misadventures himself, and shares his safety tips.
129383	Fires: ten tales of dramatic blazes in history Lloyd Kyi, Tanya	Penguin	2004	9780143302186	7-9	Ten short stories about some of the worst fires in history, two with a strong environmental content. They include fires from the great fire in London in 1666 to the fire of the Chenobyl nuclear disaster in 1986.
28813	Fireshadow Eaton, Anthony	University of Queensland Press	2013	9780702233814	7-9	A German teenager is sent to a prisoner of war camp in the bush near Perth. From a position of pride and resistance he finds a new sense of self. Sixty years later another adolescent is escaping from the tragedy of a dead sibling and finds the ruins of the camp. As he reflects on his guilt he meets a girl and her grandfather on a pilgrimage back to the site of the POW camp.
8607	Firestorm Carr, Roger Vaughan	Penguin	1989	9780140341010	7-9	Ben watched in horror as the firestorm approached on Ash Wednesday in 1983.
587176	Firewatcher: Brimstone Gardiner, Kelly	Omnibus Books	2018	9781742994277	5-6	December 1940, London: Christopher Larkham finds an ancient Roman ring inscribed with a phoenix. As he takes shelter from the firestorm of the Blitz, the ring glows, and pushing open a door, he finds himself in 1666 and facing the Great Fire of London. Fire-and-brimstone preacher, Brother Blowbladder, and his men of the Righteous Temple have prayed for the ancient gods of fire to bring flames down upon London, a city of sin. Could Christopher be their messenger? Or was it the strange girl on the quay who drew him back in time? Why do the Righteous men wear the same phoenix symbol as the engraving on Christophers ring?

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660710	Firewatcher: Phoenix Gardiner, Kelly	Omnibus Books	2020	9781742994284	5-6	May 1941. The London Blitz is reaching its fiery climax. Christopher Larkham, a Fire Watcher is facing a dilemma. He is trying to untangle the truth of an ancient Roman ring he has found, while confronting the greatest fires in the city's history. Christopher tries to go back to 1666 to find his new friends and learn more about the power of his phoenix ring. Instead , he is transported to a smaller, older river port known as Lundenwic, where the Saxon community faces an invasion by the dreaded Vikings. Why has the ring brought him here, and how can he get back to his own time? Phoenix is the second, thrilling instalment of the Fire Watcher trilogy, blending time-travel, history, mystery, action and adventure.
5513	Firewood & rabbits Jackson, Ron	Indij Readers	2007	9780980359343	5-6	In this picture book autobiography, Ron Jackson describes his eventful childhood as one of thirteen children in a stockman's family living in isolated Balranald. He discusses home schooling, catching rabbits, and collecting firewood in a homemade boat.
9517	Firewords: a book of wordplay poems Foster, John (ed) & Hughes, Rian (ill)	Oxford University Press	2000	9780192762443	3-4	An anthology of riddles, limericks, rhymes, short humorous poems and tongue twisters that are a mixture of old and new.
6152	First adventures of Princess Peony, The: In which she could meet a bear. But doesn't. But she still could Hilton, Nette & Gifford, Lucinda (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781760650445	K-2	Once upon a time there was a dear little girl called Peony. That's P.E.O.N.Y. And it's me. I live in a Castle with my Dragon whose name is Totts. That's T.O.T.T.S And that makes me a Princess if you really want to know.
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.
4530	First book about the orchestra Taplin, Sam & Longcroft, Sean (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2016	9781409597667	K-2	Readers will enjoy discovering the magic of music by pressing the pages of this book to hear the orchestra come to life.
8425	First book of Samuel, The Dubosarsky, Ursula	Puffin Australia	1998	9780140369953	7-9	Samuel is missing on his twelfth birthday, and his sister must delve into family history to find out why.

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31129	First book of the sea, A Davies, Nicola	Walker Books	2018	9781406368956	3-4	From the dust cover, end pages and secret illustrations on the front and back covers, whatever you love about the ocean this book of poetry will have it. The gorgeous illustrations will transport you from harbours and ships, to joyful days at the seaside, and the fascinating world below the waves. These poems use beautiful imagery to explore the mood of the sea. There is a large surprise to find in the centre.
11283	First day Daddo, Andrew & Bentley, Jonathan (ill)	ABC Books	2013	9780733331206	K-2	It's the first day of school, but who is most nervous about the big day, a little girl, her doll or her mum.
12083	First day Wild, Margaret & Gamble, Kim (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1998	9781760293918	K-2	A class of students from very different backgrounds are starting school. They're excited and a bit nervous, but they all get through in their own particular way. Alex's mum is going back to school again, too, and faces the same problems.
1424041	First day around the world Zoboi, Ibi & Londono, Juanita (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780063078888	K-2	All across the globe, on this first day of school, we will learn... of the first humans to walk the earth in Africa, of the legendary dynasties of Asia, of monarchies and myths, folklore and fairy tales in Europe, of indigenous ancestors, keepers of the land in Australia, of a warming earth and melting glaciers in Antarctica, of ancient civilisations and modern peoples in South America, of freedom, resistance, and change in North America.
15040	First day at school, The Jagtenberg, Yvonne	Watts Publishing Group	2002	9781903012550	K-2	The first day at school contains new experiences and can be a bit scary. Simple illustrations and relevant language will help younger students.
18373	First fairy tales Mayo, Margaret (reteller) & Young, Selina (ill)	Orchard Books	2004	9781843624004	3-4	The retelling of eight popular fairy tales, with colourful illustrations, including Jack and the Beanstalk, The Princess and the Pea, Snow White and the Seven Dwarves and Puss in Boots to name just a few.
1699	First friend Mattingley, Christobel & Smith, Craig (ill)	Penguin	2000	9780141308944	3-4	When Kerry gets lost in the labyrinth of corridors on her first day at the new school, a big black dog comes to the rescue. This dog becomes her first friend, helping her to overcome feelings of loneliness and confusion.
1484164	First Knowledges for younger readers: Caring for country Pascoe, Bruce & Gammage, Bill & McGaughey, Jasmin & Ross, Savi (ill)	Thames & Hudson	2025	9781760763572	5-6	Join writer and farmer Bruce Pascoe and historian Bill Gammage as they share their knowledge about the way that First Nations people cared for Australia and how closely humans have been connected with nature for tens of thousands of years.

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1286607	First knowledges for younger readers: 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.
1152242	First Knowledges for younger readers: Songlines Neale, Margo & Kelly, Lynne & Douglas, Blak (ill)	Thames & Hudson	2023	9781760763480	5-6	How do you find your way around, get your food and drink, connect with your friends and family? How do you know the right and safe way to do things, or how to make things? Before colonisers came to the continent, Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples knew how to do all these things - and much, much more. Come on a journey through the oldest, biggest library of knowledge on Earth. This knowledge isn't held in books: you will find it in Country by travelling across the Songlines of the land, sea and sky. Learn about history, art, song, science and more. Find out what Songlines are, how they work, and how they can help all people thrive into the future.
88016	First light Stead, Rebecca	Text Publishing Co	2011	9781921758256	5-6	Peter is thrilled to be going to Greenland where his father studies climate change. But, on the ice cap, Peter is troubled by visions that both frighten and entice him. Thea has never seen the sun. Her people, suspected of witchcraft, retreated to a secret world deep within a glacier. As Thea dreams of a way back to the surface, Peter's search for answers takes him to her hidden world.
12037	First morning: poems about time Siegen-Smith, Nikki & Manna, Giovanni (ill)	Barefoot books	2001	9781841483368	3-4	Twenty-four poems delightfully inspire readers to consider the passage of time across days, months, or millennia. Some of the poems are for the very young and others for more sophisticated readers.
	First peoples 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.

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875661	First scientists, The: Deadly inventions and innovations from Australia's first peoples Tutt, Corey & Douglas, Blak (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2021	9781741177527	5-6	Have you ever wondered what the stars can tell us? Did you know the seasons can be predicted just by looking at subtle changes in nature? Maybe you have wondered about the origins of glue or if forensic science is possible without a crime scene investigation. Australia's First peoples have the longest continuing culture on Earth and their innovation will amaze you as you leaf through the pages of this book, learning fascinating facts and discovering the answers to life's questions.
6599	First shapes in buildings Lane, Penny Ann	Frances Lincoln	2009	9781845076955	K-2	Features twelve buildings from around the world to show two and three-dimensional shapes such as the circle, square, rectangle, cube, pyramid and cylinder. This inventive book provides an introduction to finding shapes in real-life buildings and will inspire children to appreciate some of the world's great buildings.
1366499	First state of being, The Kelly, Erin Entrada	Greenwillow	2024	9780063472631	5-6	When a strange kid shows up at Michael's apartment he isn't sure what to make of him. The boy is dressed oddly and is acting strange. Michael has enough to worry about like preparing for the end of the world. What happens if Michael is the key to make things right in the world?
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.
3774	First the egg Seeger, Laura Vaccaro	Frances Lincoln	2009	9781845079697	K-2	This is a book about transformations, from egg to chicken, seed to flower and caterpillar to butterfly. But, it's also a book about creativity as paint becomes picture, word becomes story and commonplace becomes extraordinary.
1445	First third, The Kostakis, Will	Penguin Books Australia	2013	9780143568179	7-9	Bill's traditional Greek grandmother is very ill and leaning on him to resolve some family problems that are worrying her. Bill walks the family tightrope to clear the family of some problems.

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1019829	First time for everything, A Santat, Dan	First Second	2023	9781626724150	7-9	Dan has a happy and mostly uneventful primary school experience. He is happy and comfortable. And then he goes to year seven. High school is very different. Kids can be rough, loud, and even a little cruel. At the end of the year he gets the chance to go on a school trip to Europe. Dan meets several other young people similar to himself and has a summer to remember. This autobiographical graphic novel celebrates being true to yourself and finding your tribe.
23394	First voyage, The Baillie, Allan	Puffin Australia	2014	9780143307679	7-9	The ferocious Crocodile warriors have already killed Bent Beak's pa, and now they seem determined to take out his whole tribe. The only way to survive is to flee the island. As the Yam tribe brave the perils of the sea, will they survive the voyage into the unknown, and what awaits them just over the horizon. An enthralling story about the plight of the very first boat people, of their desperation, bravery and hope.
15976	First week at cow school Cutbill, Andy & Ayto, Russell (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2011	9780007273386	K-2	Marjorie, the cow, feels jolly proud when her daughter, Daisy, starts school. But, lessons aren't as easy as they seem. Daisy can't hoof paint or swat flies like the other cows, and cowpat training is a disaster. Yet, Marjorie soon discovers that Daisy has a surprising talent to make her stand out from the herd.
32645	Fish Stadermann, Jane	Rabbit Books	2017	9780994467812	K-2	A little penguin goes looking for fish.
12331	Fish for breakfast Cresp, Gael & Pignataro, Anna	University of Western Australia Press	2002	9781876615048	3-4	In possum hat and gumboots, Rebecca collects bait for her first fishing lesson, until a short-sighted sea-eagle spies her. Suddenly, she is carried away. Brave, resourceful Rebecca must help the sea-eagle and still get home in time for breakfast.
579463	Fish in a tree Mullaly Hunt, Lynda	Puffin Australia	2015	9780142426425	5-6	Ally is smart, but no one can see this. She's even been smart enough to fool most of the adults in her life so far. But when Mr Daniels arrives to teach her class, he sees through her bravado. Ally can't read and Mr Daniels can see this. But with his help, maybe Ally can beat the bullies and learn to trust those around her again.

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	Fish kid series Howarth, Kylie				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.
1704	Fisherman and the theefyspray, The Jennings, Paul	Puffin Australia	1995	9780140377262	7-9	The theefyspray is a mythical and nearly extinct creature whose fate is in the hands of the fisherman. A beautifully illustrated and complicated story about issues of conservation, age and youth.
4803	Fishing trip, The Rodriguez, Beatrice	Gecko Press	2012	9781877579240	K-2	A wordless seafaring adventure about a chicken who would do anything for her family. Chicken, Fox and their soon-to-hatch egg are a happy family but there is nothing to eat. Chicken leaves the island to catch some food but the ocean is a dangerous place.
1424064	Fishmonger and the pastry chef, The Masson, Sophie, & Orsini, Cheryl	Little Hare Books	2025	9781761211225	K-2	Set in France, at a lively market by the sea, a fishmonger and a pastry chef spend their days creating beautiful food for their customers. An unexpected friendship helps them discover that the best things can happen when people combine their talents. A warm and imaginative story about creativity, community and belonging
	Five ancestors series Stone, Jeff				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.
135	Five children and it Nesbit, Edith	Puffin Australia	1996	9780140367355	5-6	When Cyril, Anthea, Robert, Jane and their baby brother go digging in the gravel pit, the last thing they expect to find is a Psammead, an ancient Sand-fairy. Having a Sand-fairy for a pet means having one wish granted each day. But, the children don't realise all the trouble that wishes can cause.

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22546	Five children on the Western Front Saunders, Kate	Faber & Faber	2014	9780571310951	5-6	The sequel to 'Five children and It' is set on the eve of the First World War. The five children have grown up and the war will change their lives for ever. The sand fairy has become a creature of stories until he suddenly reappears. The siblings are pleased to have something to take their minds off the war but, this time, the Psammead is here for a reason, and his magic might have a more serious purpose.
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.
647198	Five enormous dinosaurs Bonner, Will (ill)	Child's Play International Ltd	2018	9781786281777	K-2	Five enormous dinosaurs, letting out a roar. One stomped away... and then there were four!
2864	Five little owls Carthew, Mark & Goss, Mini (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2007	9781921042553	K-2	Five beautiful owls with moonlight in their eyes find several animals playing a game in their woods. The owls give their help to all, from the tiny, dusky field mice to the orange-bellied swamp frogs in this beautifully poetic, predictable story.
7299	Five minutes peace Murphy, Jill	Putnam	1986	9780399213540	3-4	All Mrs Large wants is five minutes of peace, but chaos follows her all the way from the kitchen to the bath and back again.
136	Five times dizzy Wheatley, Nadia	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1997	9780733606168	5-6	A Greek family run a deli in Newtown in Sydney, but Ya Ya, the grandmother, is homesick for Greece.
29847	Fix-it man, The Powell, Dimity & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	EK Books	2016	9781925335347	K-2	When things break, who do you get to fix them? The Fix-It Man of course! It's handy having a dad who can fix just about anything. But what happens to broken hearts when sticky tape and super glue are not enough? Together, a young girl and her father face grief and heartache, and discover that love can sometimes be the best glue of all.
9405	Fixing the tiger Hall, Penny	Koala Books	2000	9780864612762	3-4	What can you do when your little brother is too scared to sleep in his own bed and he keeps wetting yours? Scotty enlists Aunt Kris and together they fix both problems.

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	Fizz the police dog series Gibbes, Lesley & King, Stephen Michael (ill)				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.
	Fizzlebert Stump series Harrold, A F & Horne, Sarah (ill)				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.
869	Flabby Cat and Slobby Dog Willis, Jeanne & Ross, Tony (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842708514	3-4	Flabby Cat and Slobby Dog are very lazy and spend most of their time eating and sleeping. Each day when they wake up, they are more uncomfortable because the sofa keeps growing smaller. Or, so they believe.
14207	Flags and emblems of Australia Bruce, Jill B & Wade, Jan (ill)	Five Senses Publications	2013	9780731811731	5-6	A reference book containing detailed information, colourful illustrations and facts about Australia's historic coat of arms and the interesting animal, bird and flower emblems of the States and Territories.
9944	Flame stands waiting Fenton, Corinne & Ciaffaglione, Sebastian (ill)	Black Dog Books	2010	9781742030951	K-2	Flame is a beautiful, golden carousel horse with a sad heart. Unlike the other horses, Flame is built to stand still. Children choose to ride on the turning, dancing horses and Flame is left waiting. One day, a little girl, who has always dreamed of riding the beautiful horses, comes to ride the carousel.

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5668	Flamingo boy Morpurgo, Michael	HarperCollins Children's Books	2018	9780008134648	7-9	Lorenzo is special. He seems to be able to communicate with animals. Which is odd, because he sometimes has problems communicating with people. Lorenzo has a particular bond with the flamingos that live in huge flocks on the marshes around his home in the Camargue. Lorenzo also loves music, and routine, and every week he visits the local town market with his mother. That's where he meets Kezia, whose parents own and run the wonderful carousel that captures his attention. Kezia shows Lorenzo how to ride the wooden horse, or cheval, as her mother plays the organ and in time they become firm friends. Life is good. But then the war intrudes, the Germans finally arrive and everything that Lorenzo and Kezia hold dear is threatened, even the flamingos. Yet, where there is life, there is hope and even amongst the occupying soldiers there are kind souls.
10501	Flapper, VC Wilson, Mark	Hachette Children's Books	2017	9780734416759	3-4	Flapper is an Australian carrier pigeon during World War II. Sent off to war in the Pacific, Flapper is deep in the jungle on Manus Island, on patrol, when he has to evade enemy fire and deliver the message that will save the soldiers to whom Flapper has been assigned.
	Flat Stanley series Brown, Jeff & Nash, Scott (ill)				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.
820937	Flawed Ahern, Cecelia	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2025	9780008758707	9plus	In Celestine North's world, perfection is paramount and mistakes are punished. So Celestine lives a perfect life, as a model daughter, student and girlfriend. But then Celestine breaks a rule and faces life-changing repercussions. She could be imprisoned. Branded. Found flawed. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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5907	Flight Wheatley, Nadia & Greder, Armin (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2015	9781922081483	5-6	Tonight is the night. The family has to flee. Set in biblical times, a small family sets off across a desert in search of refuge from persecution in their own country. Beset by heat and thirst, and threatening tanks, they travel towards a refugee camp and safety, while they wait for asylum in another country. An ancient story becomes a fable for our times.
1722	Flight of the bumblebee Edwards, Hazel & Goss, Mini (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2009	9781921042034	K-2	Bumblebee has no sense of direction and, when he flies, he can't land and bumps into things. Then, one of the bees suggests that Bumblebee practise his flying to music. While you read, listen to the CD of the Flight of the Bumblebee which accompanies the book.
601782	Flights of fancy: Stories, pictures and inspiration from ten Children's Laureates Blake, Quentin & Fine, Anne & Morpurgo, Michael & Wilson, Jacqueline & Rosen, Michael	Walker Books	2019	9781406387858	5-6	Start a poem with Michael Rosen, act out a story with Julia Donaldson and get doodling with Chris Riddell. In this lively anthology, bursting with scraps of stories, poems, plays and pictures, the UK's best-loved writers and illustrators share their top tips and ideas to inspire budding artists and writers. What are you waiting for? Discover your creativity now!
34750	Flint heart, The Paterson, Katherine & Paterson, John & Rocco, John (ill)	Candlewick Press	2011	9780763647124	5-6	Enchanting fairytale in traditional format with goodies, baddies, queens, kings, wild and wonderful creatures, and a happy ending.
11827	Flip Bedford, Martyn	Walker Books	2011	9781406329896	7-9	One December night, fourteen year old Alex goes to bed. He wakes up to find himself in the wrong bedroom, in an unfamiliar house, in a different part of the country and it's the middle of June. Six months have disappeared overnight. At breakfast, he doesn't know the family and, in the mirror, another face stares back at him. A boy named Flip. Unless Alex finds out what's happened and how to get back to his own life, he may be trapped forever inside another person's body.
1423342	Flip Fraser, Rebecca	Wombat Books	2025	9781761112898	7-9	Denim Davis wishes he could flip his life, just like the vintage items he sells online. He and his Dad have spent a year moving from town to town and Denim feels like he's drifting through life without an anchor.
	Flip-up fairy tales series Various				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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901483	Flipper and finnegan: True story of how tiny jumpers saved little penguins, The Cunningham, Sophie & Tortop, Anil (ill)	Albert Street Books	2022	9781761180071	K-2	Flipper and Finnegan are two penguins who love their Island home. One day when Flipper tries to join the evening penguin parade, she gets covered in oil and cannot swim. She loses Finnegan and is very worried. The community of Phillip Island/Millowl band together along with knitters from around Australia to help clean the penguins, keep the penguins warm and return them to the safety of their homes.
	Flitterwig series Cullen, Edrei				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.
762264	Float or sink? Covark, Kylie & Plant, Andrew (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2021	9781925804621	K-2	What happens if a ladybug lands on a stick in a creek? What if a flea or a fly land as well? Then a gnat and a slug or a greedy duck. What do you think? Float or sink? This humorous rhyming tale will keep you guessing until the end.
137	Flock of blats, A Stephens, Michael	HarperCollins Australia	1998	9780207196447	5-6	This is an intergalactic adventure with unexpected characters and events.
6862	Flood French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781742830728	5-6	The rain stopped but the wall of water surged, sounding like a helicopter. Sounding like a flood.
71129	Flood, The Gray, Nigel & Hurst, Elise (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2007	9781921136214	K-2	Mrs Farmer loves her animals and takes them all inside during the floods. They get into no end of mischief and enjoy themselves, so much so that when the water subsides they are loathe to leave. After a stint in their own domain Mrs Farmer invites them all back again.
91122	Floods family files, The Thompson, Colin	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781864719420	5-6	Fantastically cynical picture book exploring Flood's everyday life and family history. The more you know about traditional vampires, warlocks, literary monsters and B-grade horror movies, the more you will enjoy it. Be prepared to use your brain to solve the riddles and the dictionary to get all the jokes.
35957	Floods, The: better homes and gardens Thompson, Colin	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741662559	5-6	After years on the run, the Floods are coming home to Transylvania Waters. And just in time too. Since Nerlin and Mordonna fled, things have gone from worse to much worse. King Quatorze has bled the country dry. He's even sold everyone's shoelaces. It's time for life with a lot less cabbage and a lot more chocolate. But, first, the Floods have to get rid of the old king.

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886465	Floof McKinnon, Heidi	Fremantle Press	2022	9781761180088	K-2	Floof is floofy. Floof is very floofy. Floof is the floofiest. Floof is about to have a very busy day... A story to delight anyone who has ever loved a ridiculous furball.
6085	Flora & Ulysses: the illuminated adventures DiCamillo, Kate & Campbell, K G (ill)	Candlewick Press	2015	9780763676711	5-6	It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident. Ulysses, the squirrel, never saw the vacuum cleaner coming. Flora Belle Buckman, who has read every issue of the comic book, Terrible Things Can Happen to You, steps in to save him. Ulysses now has powers of strength, flight and misspelled poetry. Flora will be changed too, as she discovers the possibility of hope and the promise of a spacious heart.
782504	Florence and Fox Louise, Zanni & Pignataro, Anna (ill)	Walker Books	2021	9781760651350	K-2	Florence can't share her toys with Fox today because today is not Sharing Day. In fact, Sharing Day is not for hundreds of days. Fox has never heard of Sharing Day and he has some questions, but luckily Florence has all the answers.
12772	Florence Nightingale: the lady of the lamp Barnham, Kay	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2003	9780750240185	5-6	Florence Nightingale's intelligence, determination and bravery made hospitals cleaner and safer, and saved countless lives through her work. This provides an insight into her life.
4999	Florette Walker, Anna	Penguin Books Australia	2017	9780670079414	K-2	When Mae's family moves to a new home she wishes she could bring her garden with her. She'll miss the apple trees, the daffodils and the butterflies in the long, wavy grass. But there's no room for a garden in her new home, or so she thinks.
9549	Florizella and the giant Gregory, Philippa	Walker Books	2000	9780744572582	3-4	Never one to sit prettily around the palace, waiting for her prince to come, Princess Florizella is always on the lookout for adventure. In this story, she sorts out a mountainous giant who is trampling down crops and houses.
4299	Flotsam Wiesner, David	Clarion Books	2006	9780618194575	3-4	A boy finds a box brownie at the beach. Inside are the photos of all the people who have found this camera in the past and the marine scenes they shot before leaving the camera behind. He can choose to do the same or keep the camera.
138	Flour babies, The Fine, Anne	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	1994	9780140361476	5-6	Simon and his classmates have to take part in a science project that involves taking care of a six pound bag of flour - a pretend baby.

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1485690	Flower garden, The: A Changi secret Saxby, Claire & Masciullo, Lucia	Walker Books	2026	9781760657352	3-4	The children in the Changi camp are working on a surprise for Mrs Ennis' birthday. They scavenge for scraps of fabric in every colour, and hide in cornered shadows to stitch flowers. But they must keep their surprise a secret, not just from Mrs Ennis, but from their black-booted captors ...
83210	Flower, The Light, John & Evans, Lisa (ill)	Child's Play International Ltd	2006	9781846430718	5-6	Brigg, a sad-looking kid, lives in a grey building and works in a grey library in a cold, colourless city. Dangerous books are kept in the library. When Brigg finds one of these books and sees pictures of beautifully coloured things called flowers, he wonders what it might take to fill a whole city with flowers.
1019734	Fluff: Bullies beware! Stanton, Matt	ABC Books	2023	9780733342080	3-4	Gilbert's underpants are hanging on the school gate. He must get revenge on the bully who put them there, and who better to help him than a bunny with attitude. This is Fluff and Gilbert's answer to the bully. An hilarious story full of heart and packed with drones, wedgies, rockets and parmesan cheese.
1096656	Fluff: Mess up! Stanton, Matt	ABC Books	2024	9781460714331	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!
643128	Fly McGeachin, Jess	Penguin Random House Australia	2019	9781760892562	K-2	Lucy had always been good at fixing things, and Dad needed a bit of help. It was just the two of them after all. So when Lucy finds a bird with a broken wing, she's sure she can fix him too. But not everything that's broken can be fixed.
15130	Fly a Rebel Flag, The battle at Eureka Annear, Robyn	Black Dog Books	2007	9781921167430	5-6	The diggers were fed up. Ever since the gold rushes began, police had hounded them about their licences. The diggers of Ballarat took up arms, built a stockade and swore to defend themselves. That twenty minute battle changed Australia forever.

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750945	Fly on the wall Lai, Remy	Walker Books	2020	9781760652654	5-6	Henry Khoo's family treats him like a baby. He's not allowed to go anywhere without his sister/chaperone/bodyguard. His (former) best friend knows to expect his family's mafia-style interrogation when Henry's actually allowed to hang out at her house. And he definitely CAN'T take a journey halfway around the world all by himself! But that's exactly his plan. After his family's annual trip to visit his father in Singapore is cancelled, Henry decides he doesn't want to be cooped up at home with his overprotective family and BFF turned NRFF (Not Really Friend Forever). Plus, he's hiding a your-life-is-over-if-you're-caught secret: he's the creator of an anonymous gossip cartoon, and he's on the verge of getting caught. Determined to prove his independence and avoid punishment for his crimes, Henry embarks on the greatest adventure everrr. . . hoping it won't turn into the greatest disaster ever.
	Fly on the wall series Manning, Mick & Granstrom, Brita (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.
12150	Fly went by, A McClintock, Mike	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1983	9780001713055	K-2	A mad dash of animals appears to be started by one fly going by. This predictable, rhyming text supports early readers and deals with unfounded fears in a humorous way.
17664	Fly, kite, fly Winch, John	Little Hare Books	2007	9781921049811	3-4	A search for a red-tailed bird leads a young boy to meet with a famous artist. He finds not only what he is looking for but also a friend, in the great Leonardo da Vinci.
9593	Fly, Shadow, fly (the adventures of Dr Harry and Scarlet) Cooper, Dr Harry, Graham, Craig & Vane, Mitch (ill)	MacMillan	2006	9781405037358	3-4	The children's pet duck, Shadow, loves to chase people. When the family wants to move to the city they need to find a new home for Shadow. No-one seems to want him. Dr Harry works out why Shadow does it and finds him somewhere to live.

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20128	Fly-in fly-out Dad Murphy, Sally & Dawson, Janine (ill)	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2015	9781743467299	K-2	Australia is a vast land and some workers must travel thousands of miles to do their job. These people have become known as the fly in, fly out workers, with most staying on-site for weeks at a time, then flying back to their families and loved ones to spend quality time at home.
29027	Flyaway Christopher, Lucy	Chicken House	2010	9781905294763	7-9	One cold, winter morning, dad gets sick and goes into hospital. It's there that I meet Harry, with his scruffy hair and firefly eyes. From his window, we watch a wild swan on the frozen lake outside. There's something different about her, almost magical. Perhaps, if we can help her, everything else will begin to make sense.
3942	Flyaway girls, The Lawrinson, Julia	Puffin Australia	2015	9780143308652	5-6	Chelsea is the hardest worker in her gymnastics club and she's determined to make it. But, new girl Telia has more natural talent and Chelsea is jealous. She feels awful because she actually likes Telia. And, it's not only envy that is bothering Chelsea. She's got family issues and her school friends are acting weirdly. It's time for Chelsea to figure out what's really important and, maybe, take a leap into the unknown.
18454	Flying a flag for Hitler Emmerich, Elsbeth	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2005	9780340902684	7-9	True story of an eleven year old girl growing up in Nazi Germany who despite her youth is aware of the evils of propaganda and is proud of her family's survival skills and resilience.
844947	Flying angel, The Bennett, Vicki & Suwannakit, Tull (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781743835517	3-4	Inspired by the life of one remarkable nurse and the Australian "Flying Angels" who risked their lives to rescue and treat injured Australian soldiers during World War 2.
139	Flying emu and other Australian stories, The Morgan, Sally	Penguin	1997	9780140381917	5-6	Twenty stories about how the world began and the events that followed. They are based around a host of characters, including Australian animals, non-native animals, spirits, planets, the sun and moon, and humans. The title story, The Flying Emu, tells of a beautifully-coloured emu who learns about vanity and immodesty when he and his friends race to the sun.
29640	Flying feet Bell, Krista	Puffin Australia	2006	9780143302063	3-4	Henry loves running and jumping and twirling. He wants to find something special to do with all that energy.
1485688	Flying feminist, The Boone, Mary & Turk, Andrea	Andersen Press Ltd	2026	9781839135101	K-2	At a time when women were expected to conform, Lilian Bland didn't fit in - she wore trousers, enjoyed fishing and worked as a sports journalist. Inspired by the flight of the wild birds she loved to photograph, in 1910 she defied convention and became the first woman to design, build and fly her own aeroplane, earning her an accolade: The Flying Feminist!

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6878	Flying high Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, Ezekiel & Smith, Craig (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781742990705	3-4	Larni is going on a plane to visit her Gran up north. She is happy to be away from school because everyone there seems to be smarter than her. But, Granny shows Larni something she is really good at.
5141	Flying optometrist, The Anderton, Joanne, & Erasmus, Karen (ill)	National Library of Australia	2018	9780642279132	K-2	Stephanie stares up at the sky above her small town. When will the little red plane arrive? She hopes it isn't lost! Read the story to find out who's coming...and why!
40241	Flying orchestra, The McFadden, Clare	University of Queensland Press	2010	9780702237041	K-2	This whimsical, beautifully illustrated book explores the concept that there is a magical orchestra that performs the soundtrack of our lives, and is always there to highlight meaning in even the most mundane of moments, no matter the time or place.
5105	Flying through Clouds Morgan, Michelle	Griffin Press	2017	9780995386501	7-9	It's not easy being a teenage boy growing up in the tough neighbourhood of Glebe in the 1930s. It's even harder when your dream is to become an aviator, your parents are dead against it, and your girlfriend's father is the School Principal. But Joe has even bigger challenges he must face and obstacles to overcome in order to achieve his dream. He has come up with a plan and won't let anyone stand in his way.
1738	Flytrap McDonald, Meme & Pryor, Boori Monty	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2002	9781865086088	5-6	The story of a lie that gets out of control. Nancy is worried. She's told her teacher she has something that she doesn't, and now Miss Susan wants her to bring it in to show the class.
5297	Flywheel, The Gough, Erin	Hardie Grant Egmont	2015	9781742978178	9plus	17 year old Delilah's crazy life is about to get crazier. Ever since her father took off overseas, she's been struggling to run the family's cafe without him and survive high school. But after a misjudged crush on one of the cool girls, she's become the school punchline. With all that's on her plate she barely has time for her favourite distraction - spying on the beautiful Rosa, who dances flamenco at the tapas bar across the road. Only her best friend Charlie knows how she feels about Rosa, but he has romantic problems of his own. When his plan to win an older woman's heart goes horribly wrong, Del is the only one who can help himl. All this leaves Del grappling with some seriously curly questions. Is it okay to break the law to help a friend? How can a girl tell another girl she likes her without it ending in humiliation and heartbreak? And - the big one - is it ever truly possible to dance in public without falling over? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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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. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Robbie Coburn read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/9plus-book-list#the-foal-in-the-wire-robbie-coburn
1739	Foggy Baillie, Allan	Penguin	2001	9780141310411	5-6	Little Bay Village has a gigantic problem and it needs a wizard to solve it. When Meg and Russ are given the desperate mission to find the wizard known as Foggy, they find that he may be more trouble than he's worth.
2795	Foggy, foggy forest, The Sharratt, Nick	Walker Books	2008	9781406303377	K-2	Innovative, picture book with ingenious, transparent pages inspiring the young listener to try to imagine what might be in the foggy, foggy forest from its intriguing shadow. Lots of familiar storybook characters are out in the dark woods today. Turn the page and see if your imagination is wilder than that of illustrator, Nick Sharratt.
649009	Follow after me Marlow Paterson, Allison	Big Sky Publishing	2019	9781925675580	9plus	Two young women a century apart are mysteriously connected. While 21st century Lizzie abandons old friends and makes reckless choices, 20th century Evie's dreams are torn apart by WW1. Lizzie and Evie will discover strength and courage from unexpected places. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1742	Follow me Searle, Rick	Scholastic Australia	2001	9781865042763	3-4	A boy finds a seedling growing on the roof. He saves it, cares for it and when it grows big enough, plants it out. One Christmas, a huge storm tears the family home apart. Now the grown fig tree provides sanctuary to the people that loved it.

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12116	Follow that bus Hutchins, Pat & Hutchins, Laurence (ill)	Red Fox	1992	9780099932208	5-6	Two bank robbers find more than they bargained for when they encounter a group of school children visiting a farm.
1019647	Follow the rainbow Sampson, Juliet. M & Ryan, Anne (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2023	9781922696335	K-2	Ruby wonders what is at the end of the rainbow. Who will help her solve the mystery? Will it be Tavish, Scarecrow, Metal Man or Lion?
864779	Following Frankenstein Bruton, Catherine	Nosy Crow Ltd	2021	9781788008440	5-6	Maggie has grown up without her father. He is alive but obsessed with finding the creation of Dr Frankenstein. When her father is forced to come back and care for Maggie, she becomes mixed up in his latest quest to find the monster. The adventure takes Maggie from continent to continent where she meets extraordinary people, both kind and cruel.
1229313	Following the moon Norbury, James	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2024	9780241686737	5-6	Deep in the silent mountains wanders Amaya, a lost pup searching for her parents after a terrible snowstorm which, for the first time in her life, leaves her alone. Until she meets a wise and aged wolf who, having saved her life, becomes her guide on an unforgettable adventure to follow the moon. As they make their way through day and night across a wintery landscape, together they both learn profound lessons about love, sacrifice, life, loss and ultimately change.
1334248	Food for all: What we eat and where it comes from Hoffman, Mary & Ros, Asquith (ill)	Otter-Barry books	2025	9781915659378	3-4	Food! We all need it to live. This book explores questions such as: Is there enough food to go round? Do some countries have too much? Should we all eat organic food or go vegetarian? Where does the food on our plates start from and how does it get to us? Is farming making climate change worse? How can we feed everyone on our planet, now and in the future?
14987	Food for thought Freymann, Saxton	Arthur A Levine Books	2005	9780439110181	K-2	Shapes, colours, numbers, letters and opposites are all illustrated quaintly with fruit and vegetables.
1075174	Food wise: A kid's guide to fighting food waste and saving the planet Bell, Lucy & Leonardi, Lucy	Pantera Press	2023	9780648795353	5-6	Do you know about half of all fruit and vegetables produced end up as waste, and each year, Australians throw away enough food to fill 17,000 jumbo jets? You can use Foodwise to find simple and delicious ways to stop our food from ending up in landfill. Packed with awesome activities, fun facts and 50 delicious recipes, Foodwise will help you become a food genius in no time - all while saving the planet! So come on, join a new generation of food-waste warriors, fighting to keep food on plates, in tummies and out of the bin!

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5505	Foolish hearts Mills, Emma	Henry Holt & Co	2017	9781627799379	9plus	When Claudia accidentally eavesdrops on the epic breakup of Paige and Iris, the it-couple at her school, she finds herself in hot water with prickly, difficult Iris. Thrown together against their will into a class production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, along with the goofiest, cutest boy Claudia has ever known, Iris and Claudia are in for an eye-opening senior year. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
9346	Foot in the grave Aiken, Joan	Viking Children's	1992	9780670841691	7-9	Eight handsome, ambiguous pictures provide inspiration for eight creepy ghost and horror stories. Includes a cautionary tale for anyone who has been unkind to a younger sibling.
9354	Football Lineker, Gary	Dorling Kindersley	2000	9780751327793	5-6	Gary Lineker, who captained his national team, played in two World Cups and is a TV commentator, shows beginners all the techniques of football and leads young players through the rules, essential skills and special team tactics.
1017742	Football fever: Gala day Darell, Kristin & Vamos, Lesley (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2023	9781761048098	3-4	Following their success at the High Potential Pathways Program for Australias future football stars, the Under 11s Merridale Fever are set to finish their season on a high - if they can win their last game against rivals Newhurst FC, the one team they have never beaten. Will a huge storm that damages their clubhouse end their chances or will they find the motivation they need to be their best both on and off the field?
1019909	Football Fever: Half-time Heroes Darell, Kristin & Vamos, Lesley (ill)	Puffin Australia	2023	9781761048074	3-4	The Under 11s Merridale Fever are back! They're having their best season ever, and even better - they have the chance to play as Half-time Heroes at a Socceroos game. All they have to do is make a video showing what makes their team special. Instead of working together, the team take sides and try to convince each other that their way is the best way. Can tips from some of Australia's best footballers help the Fever agree on what makes them heroes?
916542	Football fever: Next level Darell, Kristin & Vamos, Lesley (ill)	Penguin	2023	9781761048081	3-4	It's time for the Under 11s Merridale Fever team to show their ball skills to some of Australia's biggest football stars when they attend camp at the National Academy of Ball Sports. Who will earn a spot in the Game of Stars? Kat and Crabbie find their that some of their toughest challenges take place off the field. Can they learn from their football heroes and take it to the next level when it counts?

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901448	Football fever: The kick-off Darell, Kristin & Vamos, Lesley (ill)	Penguin	2022	9781761048067	3-4	It's a new season for the Under 11s Merridale Fever. Kyra's the star striker and can't wait to meet the team's new recruit, Sam, all the way from England. But Sam has a secret, he's never played on a mixed team, and it's shaking his confidence. Will advice from some very special football superstars help Kyra and Sam join forces so the team can kick off the season with a bang, or will it end in disaster before it even begins.
1423984	Football GOAT, The: Kane v. Bellingham Oldfield, Matt & Burkett, Seth	Walker Books	2025	9781529530988	5-6	In this epic clash, Harry Kane and Jude Bellingham go head-to-head . . . - Read about how Kane scored in his debut England match - How Bellingham became Birmingham City's youngest ever senior player - That Kane is Tottenham Hotspur and England's record scorer - But Bellingham has won more team trophies, including a treble in a single season . . . It's a tough competition - are you ready to vote for the GOAT?
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!
1426002	Football GOAT, The: Saka v. Yamal Oldfield, Matt & Burkett, Seth & Leydon, Dan (ill)	Walker Books	2026	9781529530995	5-6	Read about how Arsenal signed Saka up for their academy when he was only 8 - How Yamal has become Barcelona's Clasico King - That Saka is a back-to-back Player of the Season for Arsenal and England - But teenage Yamal has already won the Spanish treble and the Euros for Spain It's a tough competition - are you ready to VOTE FOR THE GOAT?
	Football high 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.

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1209761	Football legends: Mary Fowler Cross, Kit & Hedstrom, Leigh (ill)	Albert Street Books	2024	9781761181344	3-4	Is Mary Fowler your favourite footballer? Did you know that Mary Fowler is one of the youngest players to ever join the Matildas? Did you know she is a star player for English Women's Super League club Manchester City? Did you know she can speak Dutch fluently? Mary is a TOTAL legend, and this book will tell you all about her. Filled with exciting facts, fun stories, and all the stats to share at lunchtime.
1409635	Football school facts: A fact for every day of the year Bellos, Alex & Lyttleton, Ben & Gerrell, Spike (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529526004	5-6	This book provides a different football fact for each day of the year, with seasonally relevant trivia, player birthdays, and quizzes. It is entertaining and informative and a must read for anyone interested in the history of soccer.
	Football superstars (NEW FOR 2026) Various				5-6	Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to 10 more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
660373	Foothand, Elbownose Thomas, Kiah & Brecon, Connah (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2019	9781760502027	K-2	Max'ss foot is fed up and wants to be a hand instead - over puddles and prickles and being trod on every day - and Max, being ever so obliging, agrees. All is fine until the other body parts start putting in requests of their own, and when Max finds himself with not only a foothand but an elbownose, headbottom and a mouthear, he has no choice but to send the body parts back to where they belong. Which, as it happens, suits them.
5594	Footpath flowers Lawson, JonArno & Smith, Sydney (ill)	Walker Books	2015	9781406362084	K-2	On a walk with her father, a little girl collects wild flowers while her distracted Dad pays her and their surroundings little attention. Each flower becomes a gift and both giver and receiver are transformed by their encounter. Wordless picture book.

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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.
751247	Footprints on the moon Marwood, Lorraine	University of Queensland Press	2021	9780702262838	7-9	1969. While astronauts are navigating to the moon, Sharnie is navigating her way through her first year in high school (just). She wonders if the world will change when man walks on the moon. However much Sharnie wishes things would stay the same, change is coming. She feels less included in the life of her older sister, Cas, who is growing up and growing away from her. Family life gets rocky as her patriotic dad discovers Cas has met a returned soldier and is intent on making a stand about conscription and Australia's involvement in the Vietnam war. At school, Sharnie's only friend Mia is also drifting away from her towards her nemesis, Ellie. She usually finds comfort at her grandma's but Grandma is becoming forgetful lately and Sharnie is worried. Although it is hard, will Sharnie be courageous enough to moonwalk, to find her own way?
12590	Footy dreaming Hyde, Michael	Ford Street Publishing	2015	9781925000993	7-9	Ben and Noah play in opposing teams in a footy-obsessed town. They each dream of playing on 'The G' and this is their make or break season. When an ugly sledging incident occurs in a match, Ben and Noah's worlds intersect and a fledgling friendship develops. But, their friendship seems impossible as Noah faces racial prejudice and Ben must decide whether to reject the racism, which is even coming from his own family.
9369	Footy Lady, The: The trailblazing story of Susan Alberti Asher, Stephanie	Melbourne Press	2017	9780522872576	7-9	No tragedy and no challenge has proved too hard for Susan Alberti. The woman from the working-class suburbs has battled boardrooms, courts, lymphoma and adult diabetes; and, was one of the driving forces behind the AFL's move into women's football. This is a story of passion, generosity and a woman who will inspire you to take on the seemingly impossible and triumph.

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1019697	Footy tail, A Johnston, Alexander & Dreise, Gregg	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180316	5-6	Inspired by the South Sydney Rabbitohs, written by NRL star Alex Johnston and illustrated by celebrated First Nations artist Gregg Dreise, this rhyming picture book about an underdog team of bunnies who are up against the stronger teams of animals is a wonderful story of unity, togetherness, resilience and teamwork. A fluffle of Bunnies play at the park. They sprint and they tackle from dawn until dark, They always train hard, but it's never enough . . . the other teams are just bigger and stronger. It's tough! Join AJ and his teammates, Cody and Latrell, and the Bunnies on their triumphant footy journey from being the competition underdogs to unlikely winners, with a little help from some friends - especially a wise and confident Crow!
1019885	For 60,000 years Silva, Marlee & Paddick, Rhys (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781760265274	3-4	For 60,000 years, as sure as the sun rises and rests, our people have thrived and survived.
14476	For all creatures Millard, Glenda & Cool, Rebecca (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2011	9781921529818	K-2	This is a tribute to all the creatures of the world, the great and the small, the winged and the walking, the singing and the silent.
660617	For cap and country Hogan, Jesse & Auteri, Simon & Faulkner, Andrew	HarperCollins Australia	2019	9781460752517	7-9	22 Australian Test players , past and present , talk about the road from their backyards to the baggy green. More than just a chat with the game's best players, (male and female), this is a conversation about Australian cricket. At the heart is the baggy green. This book is about the importance of generosity, sportsmanship, perseverance and community to help achieve personal goals in life, as much as sport.
15444	For every child Castle, Caroline (adapt)	Red Fox	2002	9780099408659	K-2	Fourteen of the most pertinent rights of the child, carefully chosen from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and retold simply. Each right has been interpreted in a stunning double-page spread by some of the world's most acclaimed artists.
8576	For keeps: A treasury of stories, poems and plays Various	NSW Department of Education	2016	9780731387465	5-6	A treasury of stories, poems and plays celebrating one hundred years of The School Magazine. Discover some of the finest writing and illustration from the pages of the longest running children's magazine in the world. Meet larrikins and chatterboxes, brave hearts and lost souls, best mates and wise elders. Encounter ghosts and fairies, monsters and aliens, a cranky parrot and a talking carrot.

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	For sale or swap series Brugman, Alyssa				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.
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' 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.
17397	For the forest of a bird Saliba, Sue	Penguin Books Australia	2015	9780143571780	7-9	Nella is a nature loving, fifteen year old, grieving her father's estrangement and her mother's mental illness. In a bid to restore the family, Nella goes to Phillip Island to bring her Dad home. But, she discovers he has a new partner, whom he plans to marry. Nella also discovers the friendship of an older girl, also with an intense love of nature, who helps Nella understand her relationship with her father.
751151	Forest in the tree, The: How fungi shape the earth Wild, Ailsa & Reed, Aviva & Barr, Briony & Crocetti, Gregory	CSIRO	2021	9781486313310	5-6	This is a story about trees and fungi connected through a 'wood wide web' - told by one tiny fungal spore .A little fungus meets a baby cacao tree and they learn to feed each other. They cooperate with a forest of plants and a metropolis of microbes in the soil. But when drought strikes can they work together to survive?
567911	Forest, The Bozzi, Ricardo & Lopiz, Violeta & Vidali, Valerio (ill)	Enchanted Lion books	2018	9781592702183	5-6	A book about the journey of life, from our wide-eyes of childhood through the tangles and brambles, into our end.

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751078	Forever horse, The Gregg, Stacy	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780008332358	5-6	Maisie has always loved horses. She is also a talented artist. The opportunity arises for her to study in Paris. While in Paris two things happen that dramatically change her life. She finds the childhood diary of famous horse artist, Rose Bonifait who passed away in the nineteenth century and she meets the beautiful black stallion, Claude. As the two girls' stories emerge, tragedies unfold, both past and present. This is a powerful story showing the lengths these two girls go to when they know it is the right thing to do.
649002	Forever kid, The Cummings, Elizabeth & Hughes, Cheri (ill)	Big Sky Publishing	2018	9781925675382	K-2	It's Johnny's birthday but he is no longer here. His family still gathers and lovingly celebrates him on his birthday. By continuing Johnny's favourite party traditions, and sharing special memories, the family feel a sense of closeness and comfort on this day of remembrance. They will always cherish Johnny, their Forever Kid.
846054	Foreverland Kear, Nicole C	Imprint Publishing	2020	9781250763334	7-9	Margaret is running away to Foreverland. She hopes she can escape all the changes in her life by living in this amusement park. It's tricky but how else do you get to sleep in a Haunted House? She meets another runaway, Jaime, who is just like her and teachers her how to live in Foreverland. But their secrets and true lives are slowly shared, and they need to make some big decisions.
42760	Forge Anderson, Laurie Halse	Bloomsbury	2011	9781408803806	7-9	Curzon joins the American army, fighting for independence against the British. As well as the hardships of soldiering, Curzon lives with the fear of discovery, for he is an escaped slave, passing for free. Then there is Isabel, who is also at Valley Forge against her will. They have to sort out the tangled threads of their friendship while figuring out what stands between the two of them and true freedom. Includes some violence.
10495	Forgetting Foster Touchell, Dianne	Lothian Books	2016	9781760110796	7-9	Seven year old Foster Sumner likes toy soldiers, tadpole hunting, going to school and the beach. Best of all, he likes listening to his dad's stories. But, when Foster's dad starts forgetting things. No one is too worried at first. Foster and Dad giggle about it. But, the forgetting gets worse and, suddenly, no one is laughing anymore.
774385	Forgotten fairy tales of kindness and courage Sebag-Monefiore, Mary & Bloggs, Josy (ill) & others (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2021	9781474989657	3-4	Come on an adventure to magical worlds full of fairies, goblins, elves and flying carpets. There are enchanted rings, talking animals and changelings. These seven tales from long ago celebrate kindness, compassion and courage. Are you brave enough to come on the journey?

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774062	Forgotten fairy tales: The daring princess Davidson, Susanna & Santelli, Alessandra (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2021	9781474969796	3-4	A twist on a traditional fairy tale a princess of colour who saves the prince.
1932	Forgotten pearl, The Murrell, Belinda	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2012	9781742753690	5-6	When Chloe visits her Grandma Poppy, she learns just how close the Second World War came to destroying her family. In 1941, Poppy lived in Darwin, far from the war. When Japan attacked, everything Poppy held dear was threatened. Her brother was taken prisoner-of-war and her home town became a war zone. Poppy and her mother fled to Sydney, only to find that the danger followed them there.
1038945	Forgotten Song, The: Saving the Regent Honeyeater Vass, Coral & Racklyeft, Jess (ill)	CSIRO	2023	9781486316403	3-4	'The song of the Regent Honeyeater has been heard in the bush for many generations - but could it soon be lost forever? Regent's father had learnt the song from his father, who learnt it from his father too. But with the species now facing extinction, there is no one around to teach them. Regent tries to mimic the sounds of different birds but without success. Will Regent learn his mating call before it's too late? Or will his ancient song be forgotten forever?
1765	Fort Island Metzenthen, David & Gouldthorpe, Peter (ill)	Puffin Australia	1999	9780141301426	3-4	While on a beach holiday, Patrick is delighted when Lou, the girl next door, teaches him to sail. When Lou's brother, stranded on an island, suffers a bad asthma attack, Lou and Patrick must risk sailing in bad weather to save him.
141	Fortress Harris, David	Penguin	1999	9780141303239	7-9	Survival, fraud, violence, mystery and suspense are included in this story which is part of the Cliffhanger series.
142	Fortunate life, A Facey, A B	Penguin	1995	9780140320091	7-9	The uplifting, classic story of A B Facey's life growing up at the time of Federation, going to Gallipoli and later, living in rural Western Australia.
983001	Fortune maker, The Norton, Catherine	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2023	9781460763155	5-6	Maud Mulligan is 12 years old and her life in the slums of London is going from bad to worse. Fortune telling is all the rage but Maud wonders if it's better not to know what's coming. When she is suddenly pulled into the car of a rich and commanding woman, Maud must use all of her wits, determination, new found friends and special gift to take hold of her own destiny.

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1476056	Fortune's fool: A Romeo roller coaster! Montgomery, Ross & Beech, Mark (ill)	Barrington Stoke	2023	9781800901469	5-6	Top school athletes Dom and Blake have been best friends forever. But with sports day approaching, their friendship is suddenly under threat. An hilarious take on a Shakespearean tale Romeo and Juliet where the sports houses are named after the houses from the Shakespeare play. This is a book to help us understand that good sportsmanship, fairness, respect and integrity and the most important aspects when in competition, even if it is a fun school sports day.
1919	Forward march Mattingley, Christobel & Kennett, David (ill)	Omnibus Books	2016	9781742990804	5-6	On ANZAC Day in Australia, people of all ages and nationalities gather at war memorials for the dawn service and line city streets to watch the march. This national day of mourning and commemoration honours the men and women who returned from war, and those who did not.
	Foul play series Palmer, Tom				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.
579449	Found Ferris, Fleur	Penguin Random House Australia	2018	9780143784326	9plus	Beth Millar has always lived in Deni. In a small rural town. Her biggest problem is telling her over protective and fiercly private father that she has a boy friend. Whey her father disappears into thin air, Beth discovers that he's not who she thought he was, in fact nothing is what she thought. Her family's secret past has caught up with them and now someone wants them all dead. Beth has been training for this moment her whole life without even knowing, but will it be enough to keep ahead of her hunters? Usually read by students in Year 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.
923380	Found in Sydney O'Callaghan, Joanne & Song, Kori (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760526245	K-2	From Bondi Beach to the Opera House, there's so much to explore in spectacular Sydney! Join this colourful counting adventure across one of the world's most beautiful cities.

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18730	Found you, little wombat McAllister, Angela	Gullane Children's Books Ltd	2003	9781862334243	K-2	Little Wombat is playing hide and seek with his friends. When it is his turn to seek out his friends, he becomes lost.
1329949	Foundation, The: Will always welcome you Salisbury, Melinda	Barrington Stoke	2025	9781800902725	5-6	When keen gamer Ivy Finch is sent to the Ash Tree Foundation after an online encounter turns dangerous, all she can think about is getting through the internet-safety course her parents have signed her up for and going back to her life. Until she meets Conrad O'Connell, famous influencer and nephew of the Ash Tree Foundation's founder Dagmar Nilsson. Conrad showers Ivy with attention and she soon finds herself drawn into his world and his work with his aunt. But Conrad isn't telling Ivy the whole truth about the Foundation's purpose, and Ivy is exactly what he, and the Foundation, have been looking for.
923798	Four all at sea Masson, Sophie & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	Christmas Press	2021	9780648815419	3-4	Mrs Brown and the Four Friends from the farm had become real stars after Mr Peachy discovered them and now they were on their way to star in the Famous Four film by ship. On a deserted island they hear strange noises and an unexpected find begins, not just fireworks!
587903	Four dead queens Scholte, Astrid	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760524418	9plus	Seventeen-year-old Keralie Corrington is one of Quadara's most skilled thieves, but when she steals an unexpectedly valuable package from a messenger she is soon entangled in a conspiracy that leads to all four of Quadara's queens being murdered. With no other choices and on the run from her former employer, Keralie teams up with Varin Bollt, the Eonist messenger she stole from, and together they race to discover who has killed the queens. But when dark secrets threaten their reluctant partnership and put everything at stake, Keralie and Varin must use all their daring to stay alive and untangle the mysteries behind the nation's four dead queens. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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1019284	Four eyes Ogle, Rex & Valeza, Dave (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781338574968	5-6	Sixth grade isn't as great as Rex thought it would be. He's the only kid who hasn't had a growth spurt, and the bullies won't let him forget it. His closest friend is unreliable, at best. And there's a cute girl in his class who he can't stop thinking about. With so much going on, everything is a blur - including Rex's vision! So when he discovers that he needs glasses, and his family can only afford the ugliest pair in the store, any hope Rex had of fitting in goes completely out of focus.
929	Four seasons of Lucy McKenzie, The Murray, Kirsty	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743317020	5-6	The painting of Spring was as bright as a sunny day and the tiny yellow flowers which covered the fields were dancing with the breeze. When Lucy comes closer, she hears a voice calling from the other side and reaches through the painting.
1423931	Four up in lights Masson, Sophie	Christmas Press	2022	9780648815471	3-4	It's a big day for Maxie, Flash, Fergie and Lady - they are going to be in a movie that will make them stars! When Daredevil, their co-star, is kidnapped, the four friends are flung into mystery and danger. Can they find Daredevil, defeat the bad guy and complete the movie?
9765	Fourteenth summer of Angus Jack, The Storer, Jen & Gifford, Lucinda (ill)	ABC Books	2015	9780733334436	5-6	Since moving to Australia with their father, Angus Jack and his sister, Martha, have moved house constantly. They end up living next door to a peculiar old lady called Reafen, who runs a second-hand shop, full of strange and weird objects. To Angus and Martha, Reafen seems harmless enough. But, Reafen draws Angus into her world of ancient feuds, Wild Magick, the secret dealings of vikings and goblins, and all those who have lived in the Old Realm.
846147	Fowl twins get what they deserve, The Colfer, Eoin	HarperCollins Children's Books	2021	9780008475260	5-6	For almost two years, Lord Teddy Bleedham-Drye has been plotting revenge against the Fowl Twins. Teddy plans to give them exactly what they deserve, permanent death. When Teddy mounts a deadly attack on Myles from his weaponised jet, Beckett and Specialist Lazuli Heitz succeed in disarming the dircraft and causing an accident that kills Lord Teddy. But does it really? Ghosts, clones, missing mums and fairy magic all come into play in this explosive and utterly ridiculous showdown between the twins and their worst enemy.

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660548	Fowl twins, The Colfer, Eoin	HarperCollins Australia	2019	9780008324810	5-6	Myles and Beckett Fowl are twins but the two boys are wildly different. Beckett is blonde, messy and sulks whenever he has to wear clothes. Myles is impeccably neat, has an IQ of 170, and 3D prints a fresh suit every day - just like his older brother, Artemis Fowl. A week after their eleventh birthday the twins are left in the care of house security system, NANNI, for a single night. In that time, they befriend a troll on the run from a nefarious nobleman and an interrogating nun both of whom need the magical creature for their own gain . . .
751121	Fowl twins, The: Deny all charges Colfer, Eoin	HarperCollins Children's Books	2020	9780008324872	5-6	Artemis Fowl has wandered off to the moon but his younger twin brothers can still be found in their family mansion. The Twins get up to their normal adventures as they investigate some interesting events. Join Myles and Beckett as they work to save their friends, their family, and themselves in an adventure that challenges even the genius of Myles Fowl.
143	Fox Wild, Margaret & Brooks, Ron	Kane/Miller	2001	9781929132164	5-6	A story about an unusual friendship between a dog and a magpie. Magpie's wing is injured in a fire and she can no longer fly. She is looked after by Dog, who is blind in one eye. He wills Magpie to get better and enjoy her life again. The friendship continues until Fox arrives. Seeing the pair cosily together, Fox conspires to separate them.
17449	Fox & Goldfish Pieters, Nils	Book Island	2016	9780994128218	K-2	Fox knows that Goldfish is very unwell and that his time has come. But, first, there are places they simply must see and things they absolutely must do. So, Fox and Goldfish embark on a wordless adventure.
1518	Fox and fine feathers Oliver, Narelle	Omnibus Books	2009	9781862918061	3-4	The various birds of the forest floor, Lyrebird, Coucal, Pitta and Nightjar, have very different feather colours and sounds but they look out for danger and warn each other. When a hungry fox comes looking for food, only plain, dull Nightjar is watching.
23533	Fox and Moonbeam Darlison, Aleesah & Joy, Narelda	Wombat Books	2017	9781925563009	K-2	It is Victorian England and Gerard Fox winds clocks for the queen. His lowly status means he lives in a world forever surrounded by shadows. Mademoiselle Moonbeam Lapin is a famous ballerina. She lives in the golden glow of stage lights. When Moonbeam offers Fox her friendship, both of their worlds are transformed forever.
5545	Fox and the crow, The Dickins, Rosie (retell) & Martinez, Roco (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2014	9781409584834	K-2	Fox is very hungry and very cunning. When he sees Crow, with her beak full of tasty, yellow cheese, he works out how to persuade Crow to let it go. Retelling of an Aesop fable.

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29222	Fox and the ghost king, The Morpurgo, Michael & Foreman, Michael (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2017	9780008215804	3-4	In a cosy den under a garden shed lives a family of foxes. They love to watch football (soccer) but their favourite team keeps losing and it seems like things will never look up. That is, until Daddy Fox finds the ghost of a king buried underneath a car park. A king who offers to grant him his greatest wish if he helps to set him free. For these football loving foxes, might everything be about to change?
3998	Fox and the Wild, The McFarland, Clive	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760405274	K-2	Fred is a fox who was born in the city. It's smoky in the city, and noisy. One day, Fred hears about a place called the Wild. None of the other city animals think it exists, but Fred sets off to hunt for it. What is he going to find?
4747	Foxly's feast Davey, Owen	Hardie Grant Egmont	2010	9781921690594	K-2	Foxly's tummy is rumbling. He's looking for a fantastic feast and Foxly's on the hunt for things to include. He visits the farmyard, the fish pond and the rabbit's burrow. But, maybe, there's more to Foxly than meets the eye.
144	Foxspell Rubinstein, Gillian	Hyland House	1996	9781875657728	7-9	A boy finds that he is drawn to the lives of foxes that live near his grandmother's home.
900	Foxy in love Dodd, Emma	HarperCollins Children's Books	2014	9780007483556	K-2	Emily is making a Valentine's Day card and needs to be reminded about the things she loves, like hot chocolate with marshmallows. Foxy is happy to help, but sometimes makes mistakes.
774374	Fozia and the quest of Prince Zal Hawke, Rosanne	University of Queensland Press	2021	9780702263071	3-4	Twelve year old Fozia has survived the worst flood in Pakistan's history. But her life will never be the same. As her parents are missing, Fozia now lives with a family in a new village. As she slowly rebuilds her life, she fears everything could fall apart if her secret is uncovered. To keep the memories of her family alive in her heart, Fozia tells her fiends a fairytale about Prince Zal. He rides a magic carpet on a quest to find his little sister. He battles a leopard and dangerous fairies. But can he succeed if the truth behind Fozia's story is revealed?
2235	Fracture Miranda, Megan	Bloomsbury	2012	9781408817391	7-9	Eleven minutes passed before Delaney Maxwell was pulled from the icy waters by her best friend, Decker. By then, her heart had stopped beating and her brain had stopped working. Delaney is declared officially dead. Then, she starts breathing and the doctors are mystified. Outwardly, Delaney has completely recovered but she knows something is wrong. Delaney finds herself drawn to the dying.
145	Fracture zone Harlen, Jonathan	Scholastic Australia	1994	9781862912250	7-9	A story of a mother pining for her homeland, an eccentric old lady and a very sensitive, teenage boy.

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1771	Fraidy cats Hall, Penny	Koala Books	1999	9780864611574	3-4	Everyone is afraid sometimes, even the toughest kid in the 'sports card collecting gang'. A great story about overcoming fears.
30237	Framed Boyce, Frank Cottrell	MacMillan	2006	9780330434256	5-6	Dylan, the only boy left in his tiny Welsh village, has no-one to play with and his family's business is going broke. When a mysterious convoy of trucks arrives with a precious cargo to hide in a disused mine, Dylan must save his family.
1423826	Frances Bloom Nannestad, Katrina & Zlatanova, Marina (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9780733343971	3-4	Frances Bloom is eight-years-old and lives alone in a cottage by the sea. When circumstances determine that she needs a family, she finds a large bear raiding the rubbish bins and a garden gnome fishing in the flowerbed. Welcome Grandma Maude and Grandpa Harold. Together this unusual trio creates a new family, writing their own rules with each misadventure.
1495480	Frances Bloom: Dangerous days Nannestad, Katrina & Zlatanova, Marina (ill)	ABC Books	2026	9781460718612	3-4	Frances Bloom's grandparents are a honey-coloured bear and a garden gnome. Her class is being taught by a retired pirate and a busker. Her friends are many and her happiness is huge. So why is she troubled? Could it be the mean cats, new to the village? The talking bush in her garden? The stolen tricycle? Or the feeling that she is being followed? Can Frances work it out before disaster strikes?
	Frances series Hoban, Russell				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.
	Francis Bacon series Measday, Stephen				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.
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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1774	Frank and the emergency joke Oswald, Debra & Axelsen, Stephen (ill)	Penguin	2000	9780141308432	3-4	Frank, the class clown, can't laugh any more. His teacher told him to wipe the grin off his face just as the wind changed. Now his face will stay that way forever.
16238	Frank and the secret club Oswald, Debra & Martin, Matthew (ill)	Puffin Australia	2005	9780143301172	3-4	Lewis and Frank decide to form a secret club with a special membership card, secret passwords that change every day and a secret code. At first, it's all great fun but, soon, everybody wants to join and Lewis and Frank find themselves in all sorts of trouble.
1991	Frank Davies and the amazing frog catapult Clifford, Rohan	Penguin	2014	9780143307532	5-6	Frank Davies is in trouble again, at school and at home, but everything changes when the frog turns up. The adventures begin when one huge luminous frog and Frank Davies set out on a mission to destroy one thousand evil giant toads.
6122	Frank Frankie, The: the newspaper that helps people Jonach, Ingrid & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2007	9780330423267	3-4	When ten year old Anne Googanstein, Frankie to her friends, meets a journalist, the sister of her mother's newish boyfriend, she decides to write and distribute her own newspaper. The Frank Frankie needs news and soon Frankie is in trouble for telling family secrets and spying on the neighbours, all in the name of journalism.
1775	Frank in time Clement, Rod	HarperCollins Australia	1999	9780207198960	3-4	The hero is now looking at history - by going back in time. A day in the local museum can be quite surprising! Frank encounters mummies, dinosaurs, Isaac Newton and some very interesting hair styles.
23949	Frank show, The Mackintosh, David	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2012	9780007364008	3-4	If you had to stand up and talk, for one whole minute, about a member of your family, who would you pick? Everyone else chooses really cool people, Like Tom's Uncle Marlon who plays drums in a band, or Hannah's mum with her company car. But there's nothing cool about grandad Frank... or is there?
1502072	Frank the monster Strandberg, Mats & Falkenhen, Sofia	Gecko Press	2026	9798348027285	5-6	Frank Steen is a loner. His only friend is an elderly neighbour and her cute dog, woof. His classmates are unkind and he feels his parents wish he was more of an active boisterous boy. His summer vacation usually provides relief from the awkward encounters at school, but this is not an ordinary summer vacation. After being bitten by Woof on his birthday, Frank's nights become filled with danger and excitement.
895559	Frank's red hat Avery, Sean E	Walker Books	2022	9781760654283	K-2	Frank is full of ideas. Some are good and some are not. Frank lives in a black and white world. But when Frank gets a colourful idea in and on his head, will a few nervous penguins stop him from sharing it?

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19676	Frankencrayon Hall, Michael	HarperCollins US	2016	9780062252111	3-4	The costumes are made, the roles are cast and the pages are all set. But, then, disaster strikes. Someone has scribbled on the page. This picture book is cancelled.
1780	Frankenstein Shelley, Mary	Penguin	1818	9780141045115	9plus	The epic battle between man and monster reaches its greatest pitch in the famous story of Frankenstein. In trying to create life, the young student Victor Frankenstein unleashes forces beyond his control, setting into motion a long and tragic chain of events that brings Victor himself to the very brink. How he tries to destroy his creation, as it destroys everything Victor loves, is a powerful story of love, friendship... and horror. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
4773	Frankie and Joely Weetman, Nova	University of Queensland Press	2015	9780702253638	9plus	Frankie and Joely are best friends. It's summer and they escape the city and their mums for a country holiday. But, when Joely introduces Frankie to Thommo and Mack, her country cousins, it's soon clear that more than the heat is getting under their skins. Simmering jealousies and festering secrets test their friendship. Local boy Rory stirs things up even more and secrets start to blister. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
	Frankie Fish series Helliar, Peter & Vamos, Lesley (ill)				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.
	Frankie Foster series Ure, Jean				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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21383	Frankie Fox girl spy: Operation boy band Poshoglian, Yvette & Davis, Jacqui (ill)	Lothian Books	2015	9780734415707	5-6	Agent Frankie Fox is undercover, visiting an international kid's robotics competition. She's investigating the evil Alliance's robot army, when she discovers that the world's number one boy band is brainwashing kids to serve the Alliance. To try and save the day, Frankie will need to solve puzzles, deprogram evil robots and sneak backstage at a concert. But, her best friend won't forgive her if she breaks up the band.
16169	Frankie Fox girl spy: Ready, set, spy Poshoglian, Yvette & Davis, Jacqui (ill)	Lothian Books	2015	9780734415684	5-6	Frankie Fox has realised she is being trained to be a spy. She has a spy manual which helps her learn to solve problems and use cool technology. When Frankie's billionaire inventor dad is kidnapped by a mysterious, evil group, the Alliance, it's up to Frankie to get him back. She'll have to solve mind-bending puzzles and work head-spinning gadgets to do it. Frankie must move quickly from school kid to super spy.
6962	Frankie goes to France: the newspaper on the go Jonach, Ingrid & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2008	9780330424141	3-4	Frankie is positively positive that she is going to Paris with her Mum and Greg Green on their honeymoon. All she has to do is learn French, get a suitcase and a passport. As if that isn't enough, she also has to organise the next issue of the Frankie Frank, save the library and deal with Great Aunt Marmalade who has arrived to organise the wedding and everything else.
804780	Frankie goes to Kindergarten Baxter, Peta & Hemmens, Connie & Gardner, Marjory (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2021	9781925804676	K-2	Frankie the puppy loves sharing his day at Kindergarten with the children. He has many friends and there are a lot of fun things to do. Then one day George the cat decides he wants to go too.
16521	Freaks ahoy Hobbs, Leigh	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2007	9781741149838	3-4	In 4F for Freaks, gentle Miss Corker appeared to have been defeated by the terrible class and replaced by scary Miss Schnorkel. In this sequel, Miss Schnorkel's secret is out: she is Miss Corker in disguise. Once the news spreads around the class, it is game on to unmask the imposter. But armed with the Teacher's Handbook, Miss Schnorkel stays one step ahead.
5832	Freaks on the loose: the whole story Hobbs, Leigh	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760294311	3-4	We dare you to join Miss Corker and 4F, the class without a yearning for learning. Now in one volume: 4F for Freaks & Freaks Ahoy!

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64341	Freaky Whiting, Sue	Walker Books	2009	9781921150791	5-6	When Jayden is sent to stay with relatives that he hardly knows, he thinks things can't get any worse. But he's wrong. They live in the country, in a town with no skate park. What's worse, they are cactus freaks with a yard full of spiky plants. Then, when Aunty Nina and Uncle Trev buy a new cactus, things get really freaky. The cactus seems to be coming alive.
15432	Freaky stuff Tulloch, Richard	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2005	9780759320314	5-6	Brian Hubble becomes the protector of a fairy in the form of his little neighbour, Sebastian, and discovers his talent for writing while starring in a Squeezee commercial. He also discovers how television makes life appear different to reality.
803492	Freaky, funky fish: odd facts about fascinating fish Shumaker, Debra Kempf & Powell, Claire (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526733	3-4	Shrinking, blinking, sliming, climbing - read about the FASCINATING WAYS some fish spend their days!
11003	Freda the free-range chook Metzenthen, David & Axelsen, Stephen (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2012	9780143306870	K-2	Freda is bored with life in the henhouse. She wants to see the world and have adventures. So, she sneaks away from her hen friends and power-walks to the creek. Freda soon finds that life outside the farmyard can be a challenge but, because she is such a gifted chook, such a thinking chook, she manages to get out of trouble. That is, until Freda gets stuck.
574292	Freddie and the fairy Donaldson, Julia & George, Karen (ill)	MacMillan	2010	9780330511186	K-2	Freddie is delighted when he meets a fairy who offers to grant his every wish. But Bessie-Belle can't hear very well, and all Freddie's wishes come out wrong. Whatever can they do?
1425940	Freddie Jones: The mystery of the troublesome trees Foster, Kate	Walker Books	2026	9781760659936	5-6	Freddie, along with his trusty assistance dog Hobnob and Grandma Lilly, is off to join his parents at a luxury resort for his first ever holiday. He can't wait to see the rain-forest and its incredible and dangerous inhabitants like cassowaries and crocodiles. But it turns out there's more to explore - and in store - than Freddie ever imagined. The ecosystem is not behaving as it should, and noises, lights and sounds are popping up all around the resort, leaving behind a trail of mysterious and unexpected trees. Who, or what, is behind it?

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1125069	Freddie Spector, fact collector: Go for gold Barton, Ashleigh & Cheong, Peter (ill)	Hachette Australia	2024	9780734422910	3-4	Did you know that lawnmower racing is a sport? Or that Gentoo penguins can bodysurf? Freddie Spector, the world's greatest fact collector, knows these facts and many more. Freddie loves collecting facts and writing them on sticky notes that his mum and sister Henrietta keep finding in weird places. At the moment he is obsessed with facts about sport. When the medals for the school sports carnival go missing and the carnival is about to be cancelled, Freddie decides it's up to him to investigate and solve the mystery. It is a race against time - can Freddie save the day, and the carnival?
1153117	Freddie Spector, fact collector: Space cadet Barton, Ashleigh & Cheong, Peter (ill)	Hachette Australia	2024	9780734422903	3-4	Did you know a lightning bolt is five times hotter than the Sun? Or that slugs have four noses? Freddie Spector, the world's greatest fact collector, knows these facts and many more. Freddie loves collecting facts and writing them on sticky notes that his mum and sister Henrietta keep finding in weird places. At the moment he is obsessed with facts about space. So when a loud crashing noise wakes Freddie very early one morning and he spies a giant hole over the fence, he realises there can only be one explanation: a UFO has crash-landed in the neighbours' backyard. Freddie decides it's up to him to send the UFO back to space. But how?
6684	Freddy Tangles: Champ or chicken Brand, Jack & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760110352	5-6	Freddy Tangles is in trouble with everybody, again. New boy, Hugo, initially very popular, has become a bully and turned Freddy's friends against him. Freddy will have to do something spectacular to prove he's no chicken and win back his friends.
8068	Freddy Tangles: Legend or loser Brand, Jack & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760110345	5-6	Freddy Tangles and his friends are in danger. No one is scarier than the big bully, Sid Malone. Freddy must come up with a plan but this will be difficult because he's even afraid of his little sister.
1159	Fredrik goes bananas Firth, Melissa & Orsini, Cheryl	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781741691139	K-2	Fredrik Lotsie lives on Snowsmoke Island where the only thing to eat is fish. Fish for breakfast, fish for lunch, fish for dinner. But Fredrik has a terrible secret, he's sick of eating fish. He comes up with a plan to fix his fishy problem but, while he's hard at work, everyone else just thinks he's gone bananas.
43475	Free diving Coffin, Lorrae & Houston, Bronwyn (ill)	Magabala Books	2017	9781925360738	3-4	Leaving his family and country behind, a young man joins a crew of a pearl lugger to gather valuable pearl shell. Free diving with no protective suit, he risks his life with every descent.

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7547	Free to a good home Thompson, Colin	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741663181	3-4	The Smith children collect an old lady from the shops and bring her home. Nobody notifies the police that she is missing and Mr and Mrs Smith need to decide whether she will become their Granny. Smith also happens to be her last name.
23253	Free: stories celebrating human rights Amnesty International	Walker Books	2009	9781406318302	7-9	Celebrating the 60th anniversary of Amnesty International, this engaging book contains a great collection of entertaining and thought-provoking stories. Each story relates directly to one of the thirty articles about individual rights and responsibilities that make up the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
8981	Freedom ride Lawson, Sue	Black Dog Books	2015	9781925126365	7-9	Fifteen year old Robbie knows bad things happen in Walgaree. But, it's nothing to do with him. The Aborigines have always been treated this way. In 1965, racial tensions are at boiling point and something is headed to Walgaree that will blow things apart. Robbie must take a stand. Nothing will ever be the same. Based on true events in Australia when university students drew attention to racism and segregation.
9237	Freedom swimmer Chim, Wai	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760113414	7-9	During China's 'Great Leap Forward', Ming survived the famine that killed his parents. He now lives a hard but adequate life, working in the fields. As part of a Communist Party re-education program, a group of city boys arrives, unused to hard labour and village life. Despite his reservations and their differences, Ming befriends a boy called Li and, slowly, they form a bond over evening swims and shared dreams. As the bitterness of life under the Party begins to take its toll, Ming and Li begin to imagine the impossible, freedom.
11144	Freeze a crowd Jennings, Paul & Greenwood, Ted & Denton, Terry	Puffin Australia	1996	9780140564891	5-6	A fascinating collection of witty puns, jokes, riddles and visual jokes.
567936	Freya Laurence, Matthew	St Martin's	2018	9781250144188	9plus	Sara Vanadi, AKA Freya, the Norse goddess of love, beauty, war and death, finds herself combating the evil corporation, Finemdi, who are trying to entice the ancient gods and goddesses, seduce them with new powers and then use their godly strengths to achieve greatness in a modern world. Sara dedicates herself to fighting the evil company but she has to learn the ways of the new world first. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 & above.

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8189	Frida and Bear Bartholin, Hanne & Browne, Anthony (ill)	Walker Books	2015	9781406353990	K-2	Friends, Frida and Bear, love to draw. One day, when Bear can't think of anything to draw, Frida draws him a shape to finish. This leads to an exciting game with some unexpected and entertaining results.
	Friday Barnes series Various				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.
12013	Frieda, a new Australian Musgrove, Marianne	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742991146	5-6	Frieda, her sickly mother and her father travel from Germany to Australia, looking for a better life. Nervous and excited about Adelaide, a drought-stricken town with hordes of flies and barefoot children, Frieda is keen to make friends. But, as the First World War takes hold, the Germans are now seen as the enemy. Rumours begin to circulate that Frieda's father is a spy. Frieda has her own battles to fight. She begins to wonder whether she should change her name and hide all trace of her culture.
1017855	Friend for Ruby, A Laguna, Sofie & McBride, Marc (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761067648	K-2	Walking along the beach, Ruby finds a strange creature on the shore. She takes it home, feeds it and makes a bed of straw for it in her cubby - but a cubby is no place for a creature from the sea. Ruby must draw on all her resources to help the creature find their way home - and perhaps, along the way, she might just find an unexpected friendship.
785434	Friendly games, The Baillie, Kaye & Burrows, Fiona (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2020	9781925227642	3-4	In 1956, with the excitement and pride of his home town Melbourne hosting the Summer Olympic Games and the tensions around the world dominating the news, 8-year-old student John Wing wrote an urgent letter suggesting how to change the Closing Ceremony and bring all nations together as one. A remarkable feat to reflect the pride of his country and one of the friendliest places on earth.
18402	Friends Cave, Kathryn & Maland, Nick (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2005	9780340656006	K-2	An appealing story about two friends who look after each other.

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	Friends for keeps series Quay, Emma & Walker, Anna (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.
18551	Friends of Apple Street, The Pignataro, Anna	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2006	9780734409591	K-2	On Apple Street, the sun is shining and six friends are each doing what they like best of all. But, then pitter, patter, plop, splat, it's raining in Apple Street. Yhe six friends might have to change their plans.
6847	Friends of Emily Culpepper, The Coleridge, Ann	Penguin Putnam	1987	9780949714459	3-4	Emily is a witch of sorts. She loves talking to her friends so she miniaturises them into jars. That way she can talk to them whenever she wishes.
	Friends 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.
22731	Friends: Snake and Lizard Cowley, Joy & Bishop, Gavin (ill)	Gecko Press	2009	9781877467257	3-4	Snake is elegant, calm and a little self-centred, while Lizard is exuberant and irrepressible. Although they argue a lot, they remain the best of friends. In these daily adventures, they meet a frog without a croak, a nosy porcupine and even human beings.
1423989	Friendship book, The Louise, Zanni & Johnson, Nicky (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760658106	K-2	Friends can come from anywhere! From school, the park, the shopping square. A bookstore, circus, from the zoo ... But how will we know what to do? How do we find friends, make friends or be a friend? Zanni Louise and Nicky Johnston weave a story of building friendship and community through kindness, inclusion and imagination in this delightful journey through a day of meeting, greeting, laughing and playing together.
	Friendship dolls series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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651908	Friendship is like a seesaw Innes, Shona & Agocs, Irisz (ill)	Little Hare Books	2019	9781760504892	3-4	Friendships are a special thing, and it is great to have and be a good friend, but sometimes things go wrong. It is important to know how to get the balance back so that everyone is having fun.
1245	Friendship matchmaker goes undercover, The Abdel-Fattah, Randa	Omnibus Books	2012	9781862919488	5-6	Lara's friendship matchmaking days are over, until things get complicated. The playground is in chaos, kids are arguing and crying all over the place and when a recently arrived refugee students starts in Lara's class, the challenge of finding him a friend is too much for her to resist.
51994	Friendship matchmaker, The Abdel-Fattah, Randa	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781862919204	5-6	At her school, Lara has a mission to help other children make and keep friends. Lara gives advice and rules for friendships, and is even writing a manual about it. When a new girl comes to school, everything starts to unravel. As Lara embarks on a competition to find a best friend for the most difficult client ever, she comes to see the true value and importance of friendship.
1470706	Friendship paradox, The Aska	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2026	9781761181689	7-9	Note to self: no matter how messy or confusing, the universe is an orderly place with physics to guide you. High school is over. Dash is excited to spend their gap year working for the local science museum, travelling and teaching kids about physics. Maybe they'll even make a friend. People are part of the universe, so the laws of physics should also apply to them, right? Except Dash discovers the workplace is just as challenging as school - relationships are confusing, students don't follow the rules and co-workers aren't what they expect. Then Dash meets Kay. Can opposites really attract? Or will Dash's attempts to use physics to understand their world repel a potential friend? A heartfelt YA graphic novel about friendship and finding your place in a puzzling world by the highly acclaimed comic artist of the CBCA Notable graphic novel Stars in Their Eyes.
995975	Friendship survival guide Young, Caroline & Various (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781803704616	5-6	If you are shy and have trouble making friends or seem to have trouble keeping them, this book is the book for you. This has lots of friendly advice to guide you through the ups and downs of friendship and how to navigate them.

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804796	Frizzle and me Royce, Ellie & McLean, Andrew (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2021	9781925804744	K-2	This book is the gently humorous story of a growing family. It's a big deal when your family changes, but with plenty of love to go around, even the biggest changes can be wonderful.
15371	Frog alphabet book, The Pallotta, Jerry & Masiello, Ralph (ill)	Charlesbridge Publishing	1990	9780881064629	3-4	Find out about fascinating frogs from A-Z. An alphabet book of interesting creatures.
4073	Frog and Beaver James, Simon	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9781406359862	K-2	Every morning Frog woke up from under his leaf and looked out over a beautiful river. Frog shared the river with his friends; the ducks and their ducklings. Everyone lived happily together. It was perfect. Everything changes when a young beaver comes swimming down the river, announcing this will be the ideal place for him to build his first dam. Frog endeavours to negotiate with Beaver but he shows total disregard for all the other creatures. Will all the the previously happy inhabitants survive the flood created by Beaver's dam?
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.
22140	Frog finds a place Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, Ezekiel & Leffler, Dub (ill)	Omnibus Books	2015	9781742990231	K-2	Ever since moonlight shone down on him in his pond, Frog has wanted to live up with the Moon and the stars. He works hard to get there, but although he tries and tries, it's a long way for a little frog.
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?

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1033025	Frog squad: Dessert disaster Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Gordon, Shiloh	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9781460764428	3-4	These frogs don't just eat flies, they eat DANGER! Frog Squad comes to the rescue of a mega tanker in distress- and it's full of ice-cream! Will these brave rescue frogs be fast enough to stop Professor Cain and The Organisation of Amphibious Devious Scoundrels (TOADS) from controlling the global supply of ice-cream? LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Kate and Jol Temple read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/3-4-book-list#frog-squad-1-dessert-disaster-kate-and-jol-temple
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.
1958	Frog who lost his underpants, The MacIver, Juliette & Chapman, Cat (ill)	Walker Books	2013	9781921977893	K-2	Hopping through the jungle, this way, that way, Frog is in a frenzy, scattering the ants. Teddy's looking too now, this place, that place, will they ever find those jolly underpants.
1355854	Frog's first song, The Money, Jazz & Phu, Jason (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2025	9780702268977	K-2	The Frogs First Song is a playful picture book about the joys of belonging, community, courage, teamwork, collaboration and friendship. This debut picture book is a unique and melodic ode to taking chances, using your voice and coming together in song and dance. Its also a timely and sensitive story about the power of togetherness in dark times.
1423806	Frog, Log & Dave: A brush with evil Jamieson, Trent & Wilson, Brent (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2025	9781761347085	3-4	The Quadbikes are delivery drivers by day and a super musical group by night. Evil Von Evil is planning a revenge after his evil plan to pollute the city failed and his target is Jeremy his nemesis. The Toothbrush Instruction Writing Company where Jeremy works is about to get a surprise, an evil plan. I'm sorry it's purely personal, ruminates Evil Von Evil. But Dave thinks things are smelling a little fishy!

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3586	Frogkisser Nix, Garth	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760293512	5-6	Anya and her older sister Morven are the Princesses of Trallonia. But life is not easy for the royal sisters, especially since their evil step-step-father Duke Rikard has arrived with plans of ruling the kingdom for himself. Worse still, he is a clever and powerful sorcerer whose latest spell has turned Morven's boyfriend Denholm into a frog! While Morven doesn't seem to even care about losing her friend, it's now up to Princess Anya, Ardent the talking royal dog and a magically transformed newt to save both Denholm and the Kingdom from the ambitions of the wicked Duke Rikard. Steeped in fairy tale lore, this book is a celebration of fantasy writing.
1415321	Frogs are our friends D'alia, Tony & White, Madeline	Bright Light Books	2025	9781761212987	K-2	Down in the garden, away from the sun, a little green frog is having some fun! This book invites readers into a stunning garden to admire the important work of one little frog.
41059	Frogs closeup Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742033990	5-6	Frogs go through an amazing transformation during their life cycle and are well adapted to living on land and in water. Take a closer look at these incredible amphibians.
15141	Frogs of Australia Swan, Gerry	New Holland Australia	2000	9781864363333	5-6	Highly informative little guide to Australian frogs. Clear and fascinating photography accompanies detailed information. Interesting facts will appeal to frog enthusiasts.
12234	From chick to chicken Powell, Jillian	Raintree	2002	9780739844274	K-2	Chicks emerge from their eggs and grow fluffy down and then their first real wing feathers. The farmer and vet take a keen interest in the animals and the breeding process. Both free-range and confined chickens, egg layers and broilers are shown.
617180	From Dinosaurs to Diprotodons: Australia's amazing fossils Clode, Danielle	Museums Victoria	2018	9781921833472	3-4	Come on an Aussie fossil adventure and learn about bunyips, giant wombats and ten meter sharks. Explore plant and animal life in the prehistoric land down under.
6675	From Kinglake to Kabul Grant, Neil (ed) & Williams, David (ed)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742375304	7-9	In this collective anthology created by students from two different countries, students show empathy and compassion. Kinglake had one day of fire disaster and Kabul has endured thirty years of war, but the students find common courage and hope.
18305	From kitten to cat (How do they grow) Powell, Jillian	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2001	9780750238625	K-2	Beautifully-illustrated book tracing the growth from kitten to cat and how to look after them. Includes an index and contents.

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28334	From little things big things grow Kelly, P & Carmody, K & Hudson, P (ill) & Kalkaringi School Children (ill)	One Day Hill Pty Ltd	2008	9780975770887	5-6	The iconic song by Paul Kelly and Kev Carmody recounts the story of when Vincent Lingiari and other Gurindji workers walked off the Wave Hill cattle station in 1966. What began as a strike over wages and conditions became an eight year long struggle for the return of traditional lands. Illustrated by Gurindji schoolchildren.
12235	From piglet to pig Powell, Jillian	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780750238168	K-2	A sow gives birth to many tiny, squealing piglets. They grow quickly and are soon playing and searching for their own food in the soil. The book traces the life of the piglets as they grow and change into adults and explains how piglets are born.
750985	From Stella Street to Amsterdam Honey, Elizabeth	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781865084541	7-9	When Henni's stubborn old neighbour Willa insists on returning to her childhood home in the Netherlands for a wedding, Henni leaps at the chance to be her travelling companion. 'Lucky duck! Fantastic opportunity!' That's what everyone in Stella Street said. 'Oh boy, chance of a lifetime.' But during the long flight to Amsterdam, Willa reveals to Henni the real reason for her journey: a terrible family secret stretching back to the Second World War. As Henni makes friends with more and more of Willa's relatives, she must decide if they should know the truth. And is that the only mystery?
653225	From Twinkle, with love Menon, Sandhya	Hodder & Stoughton	2018	9781473678736	9plus	Aspiring filmmaker and wallflower Twinkle Mehra has stories she wants to tell and universes she wants to explore, if only the world would listen. So when fellow film geek Sahil Roy approaches her to direct a movie for the upcoming Summer Festival, Twinkle is all over it. The chance to publicly showcase her voice as a director? Dream come true. The fact that it gets her closer to longtime crush, Neil Roy-aka Sahil's twin brother? Dream come true x 2. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. When mystery man 'N' begins emailing her, Twinkle is sure it's Neil, finally ready to begin their happily-ever-after. The only slightly inconvenient problem is that, in the course of movie-making, she's fallen in love with the irresistibly adorkable Sahil. Twinkle soon realizes that resistance is futile: The romance she's got is not the one she scripted. But will it be enough? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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146	From your friend Louis Deane Disher, Garry	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2000	9780733605277	9plus	Louis has to adapt to moving from the city to a country, coastal town as well as dealing with the Year 8 bullies and the tragic Tilly. His dad's shop hasn't sold a single thing, his mum's lost her job and Louis wants to return to the city. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
3978	Fromelles: Australia's bloodiest day at war Wilkinson, Carole	Black Dog Books	2011	9781742031767	9plus	The first shots were fired at eleven am on 19 July 1916. The Battle of Fromelles lasted less than twenty-four hours and, when it was over, more than five thousand Australian soldiers had been killed, wounded or taken prisoner. More soldiers died at Fromelles than in the Boer, Korean and Vietnam wars combined. Almost a century later, the attention of the world has once again turned to Fromelles. Usually read by students in Years 9,10 or above.
569498	Front desk Yang, Kelly	Walker Books	2018	9781760650469	5-6	Mia Tang is only ten years old. Her parents have moved their family from China to the USA in search of a better life. Only what they have found is hardship and discrimination. When Mia's parents get the opportunity to run a motel, Mia helps out on the front desk, cleaning and getting to know the longer term residents of the motel. Through kindness, her family starts to create community. But the big question - will Mia ever be allowed to use the motel's swimming pool?
147	Front runner Carroll, Jane	Scholastic Australia	1995	9781862912748	7-9	This is a story about families and Robbie, who loves to run.
	Frooties series Rogers, Hilary & Lefers, Josh & Petrovic, Pete (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.
	Fudge series Blume, Judy				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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12465	Full moon barnyard dance Schaefer, Carole Lexa & Davenier, Christine (ill)	Candlewick Press	2003	9780763618780	K-2	The barnyard animals can't sleep. Deciding that a dance would be enjoyable, they line up two by two. As clouds cover the moon, the animals find it difficult to see their dancing partners. When the sky clears, the animals are dismayed.
652802	Funeral, The James, Matt	Affirm Press	2019	9781925870404	K-2	Norma misses her great-uncle Frank, but she is looking forward to his funeral. She's excited for time off school and a chance to play with her cousin Ray. And even though the day is full of thing Norma doesn't understand, she's sure of one thing: Uncle Frank would have liked his funeral.
148	Fungus the bogeyman Briggs, Raymond	Puffin UK	1990	9780140542356	5-6	A strip cartoon book about a miserable Bogeyman called Fungus, his wife Mildew, and son, Mould.
8046	Funky chicken: A bushy tale of crocs and chooks Collin, Chris & Kitchin, Megan (ill)	Funkybooks	2013	9780987450708	K-2	Funky chicken is deemed the most unique of all animals but croc takes a liking to him for all the wrong reasons.
580033	Funky chicken: Mission incrocible Collin, Chris & Kitchin, Megan (ill)	Funkybooks	2018	9780994284655	K-2	What news has our friend Funky Chook in a flap? And why have his friends interrupted his nap? Strap yourself in for a tropical trek through the great Aussie outback. Join Funky Chicken with friends, old and new, in their wildest ride yet, out beyond Humpty Doo!
660425	Funny bones Temple, Kate & Jol (ed)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760524333	5-6	If you think you've heard every funny story there is then think again! Funny Bones is a super-huge collection of rib-tickling stories, cartoons, comics, jokes and much, much more that's bound to get even the most serious kid laughing.
4463	Funny faces Norman, Mark Dr	Black Dog Books	2014	9781922179968	3-4	The faces of some animals may look funny to us, but their eyes, ears and noses are exactly what some animals need to survive.
2939	Funny families Norman, Mark	Black Dog Books	2015	9781922179975	3-4	If you think your family is funny, imagine being a baby alligator carried around in your mother's mouth. Or being a baby tiger shark and eating your brothers and sisters.
1304	Funny homes Norman, Mark	Black Dog Books	2014	9781922179982	3-4	Some animals live in funny places - prickly cactuses, dark caves, high treetops - strange places humans would not survive.
	Funny kid series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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21223	Funny life of pets, The Campbell, James & Jones, Rob (ill)	Bloomsbury	2018	9781408889947	3-4	Learn how to use the best kind of emotional blackmail on your parents in order to get them to buy you the pet you NEED! Discover some of the rarest breeds of dog in the world (and some that are totally made up, like the Jack Russell Sprout) but remember - they're not just for Christmas. A dog's nose is more than 1,000 times more sensitive than our nose. That's why if you do a bottom burp in a dog's face it will go cross-eyed and fall over. Uncover top tips for feeding goldfish and avoiding a mini tsunami in your house, causing dinosaurs to evolve in your carpet. Whether you love pets, want a pet, or don't like pets at all but you like laughing so much that you end up rolling around on the floor - this is he perfect book for you.
15813	Funny lunch Catrow, David	Orchard Books	2010	9780545057479	3-4	Max is not just a dog, he's a great chef. So begins the hilarious story of one of the funniest dogs you'll ever meet. Max's customers are hungry. Tummies are growling. Then, comes the biggest lunch order ever, for 100 pizzas with the lot. Max is one clever chef who has the perfect solution.
21213	Funny thing happened to Simon Sidebottom, A Crumble, P & Rankine, Dean (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781743810385	3-4	Its the final day of school holidays and the only thing Simon Sidebottom wants to do is enjoy his last hours of freedom. But Simon's mum has other plans, and they all involve shopping for school shoes with Simon's snotty-faced little sister. And then a funny thing happens...
11111	Funny thing happened to Simon Sidebottom, A: Too cool for school Crumble, P & Rankine, Decan (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781743810392	3-4	Simon Sidebottom is back in the second book in this series. He is still having a very bad day. It's the first day back at school and Simon finds himself in all sorts of embarrassing situations. Principal Fart-Smell, Simon's teacher Miss Giraffe and the creepy cleaner all seem to be colluding to make his day even worse.
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.
916534	Furball: Spy cat Beck, Adrian	Larrikin House	2022	9781922804006	3-4	Despite being the world's most famous spy, Furball is happiest napping or snacking. But when he and his spy friends, Jade and Kit, visit a waterpark on their day off, they learn Furball's greatest enemy is using the park as a secret base! Can Furball and his friends stop them before they flood the city? Or will Furball get distracted by the snack bar?

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1904	Furry creatures Twist, Clint	Andromeda Children's Books	2005	9781861991294	3-4	Discover how seals keep dry and zebras stay hidden. A chance to feel fur and learn more about it.
903254	Furthermoor Simpson, Darren & Kuptsova, Anna (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2022	9781474976701	7-9	A Monster Calls meets Coraline, in this spellbinding story about the power of the imagination. The real world is a hostile place for twelve-year-old Bren, his schooldays stalked by vicious bully, Shaun, and his family life fractured at home. Ever since his sister Evie died in an accident, Bren's only safe space is Furthermoor, an imagined world of mechanised trees and clockwork animals, where Evie is still alive. In Furthermoor, no one can hurt Bren...until the mysterious Featherly arrives. Now Bren is forced to confront his deepest fears and decide if his place in the real world is worth fighting for. Enter a world as vast and dark as your imagination, in this unforgettable coming-of-age story about courage, friendship and finding your voice.
751171	Future friend Baddiel, David	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780008334222	5-6	Pip is lonely and bored. She goes to virtual school on her G-Glasses. She only has a talking cat and parrot to hang out with, and she can't leave her LivingSpace due to the extreme heat and floods outside. Until the day that Pip explores a glowing ring in a lab and finds herself in a warehouse, in 2019. She meets boy-inventor Rahul -- who is also lonely and bored. Together, Rahul and Pip are no longer lonely. But they have a whole load of new problems like hiding talking animals from Rahul's parents and finding a way back to the future. And -- just maybe -- saving the world...
751069	Future girl Asphyxia	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760294373	7-9	Set in a Melbourne in the near future we meet Piper who is a deaf teenager who's mother is determined that she pass a 'normal'. Piper starts to realise her isolation and lack of belonging due to her mother's beliefs. Climate change has left people unable to afford to drive their cars or buy tickets on public transport. Planes no longer fly. Due to corporate control, fresh food is hardly available and most people eat genetically modified foo. Piper has to navigate the usual teenage concerns, whilst discovering who she is as a young adult, experiencing her fist love and standing up to corporate greed.

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149	Future trap, The Jinks, Catherine	Penguin	1999	9780141305097	7-9	Paula is kidnapped and taken five thousand years into the future where humans are referred to as ""it"" and reduced to the status of laboratory rats.
5647	Fuzz McFlops Furnari, Eva & Entrekin, Alison (trans)	Pushkin Press	2015	9781782690757	3-4	Fuzz McFlops is a reclusive yet creative rabbit. A great poet and writer, he has penned celebrated works, such as The Withered Carrot and Unhappy Easter. So, Fuzz is disgruntled when Charlotte Passe-Partout suggests that his writing could be enhanced by a touch of optimism. A flurry of correspondence ensues between the two rabbits, until Fuzz begins to wonder if Charlotte's positive approach might have some merit.
1823	Fuzz the famous fly Rodda, Emily	Omnibus Books	2002	9781862913929	5-6	Fuzz endeavours to cope with the intrusions of stardom.
1501907	Fuzzball Luff, Nathan & Foley, James (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2026	9781760658892	3-4	When Luca's mum and dad give him a special present for his birthday, he's sure it's the pet dog he's been hoping for. Instead, he meets Fuzzball - a guinea pig. Fuzzball can't play fetch, go for walks or learn tricks like a dog can. But just when Luca is about to give up on him, he finds something Fuzzball can do ...
39611	Fuzzy mud Sachar, Louis	Bloomsbury	2015	9781408864746	5-6	Tamaya and Marshall walk to and from school together. But, to avoid Chad, the school bully, they decide to go through the off-limits woods. The next day, Chad doesn't turn up at school. No one knows where he is and Tamaya's arm is covered in a burning, itchy wound. A chain of events follows and, as the authorities and the United States Senate become involved, what they uncover might affect the future of the world.
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.
1826	Gabby's fair Klein, Robin	Omnibus Books	1998	9781862913677	3-4	Mum's busy working at the fair so Gabby has to spend the day with her older brother, Matt. Unfortunately, he controls the money and is very bossy and their tastes are very different.
1827	Galax-Arena Rubinstein, Gillian	Puffin Australia	2001	9780141310244	7-9	A gripping read that tells the tale of children kidnapped and forced to become participants in a bizarre circus.

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1423979	Galaxy of whales, A Fawcett, Heather	Rocky Pond Books	2024	9780593530566	5-6	When eleven year old Fern hears about a photo contest with a big cash award she decides she'll enter and win by taking photos of whales. But her neighbour and nemesis, Jasper, is also planning to enter the contest. Will whales bring them together?
864712	Gallant Schwab, V E	Titan Books	2022	9781803360355	9plus	Sixteen-year-old Olivia Prior is missing three things: a mother, a father and a voice. Her only companions are the ghouls she sees and her mother's journal, which captured a mind in turmoil. Until she receives a letter from an uncle she's never met, summoning her to his estate - Gallant. But when she arrives, she discovers her uncle is dead and the estate is empty, save for her cousin Matthew and the servants. Gallant is a house of secrets. Olivia searches for answers about her family, her past, she discovers a dark reflection of everything she knew, an ancient realm where ghosts take form and the dark master sits waiting for her... Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
2336	Gallipoli Greenwood, Kerry & White, Annie (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2014	9781743621295	5-6	Dawn approaches on 25 April 1915 and ANZACs Bluey and Dusty sail towards Gallipoli. As their ship gets closer, the two friends hear the noise of battle. Will they be brave enough for what lies ahead of them.
12371	Gallipoli story, The Carlyon, Patrick	Penguin	2003	9780143001430	7-9	At Gallipoli, in 1915, the courageous ANZACs faced the brave Turks in the First World War. Instead of adventure and glory, they meet the sheer brutality of war. Emotional quotes about separation from family, harrowing experiences and loss of friends.
1790	Gallipoli: The landing Dolan, Hugh & Gardiner, Mal	NewSouth Publishing	2014	9781742231570	7-9	In graphic novel format, the truth about the assault on Gallipoli in 1915 is revealed. Rather than being a botched attack, planned by indifferent British generals, the Gallipoli campaign was carefully thought out and included an amphibious attack on the beach by ANZAC officers.

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796720	Game changer Shusterman, Neal	Walker Books	2021	9781406398632	9plus	Ash is used to taking hits on the field for his high school football team - until he takes one that doesn't just impact his body, but his whole reality. It starts with one small shift, but with every game, every hit, Ash finds himself pushed through a succession of universes almost-but-not-really like his own, until the small shifts in reality become significant shifts in Ash's own identity. As Ash experiences life from other perspectives, he starts to question the world he thought he knew, as well as the ones he finds himself catapulted into. For better or worse, the one thing Ash knows is that he's got to find a way to put things back.
	Game Day 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.
150	Game of the goose, The Dubosarsky, Ursula	Penguin	2000	9780670894383	7-9	Three children pool their resources to buy a strange looking board game. As they begin the game, each child disappears inside it.
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?
1019623	Game on: Glitched Snape, Emily	EK Books	2023	9781922539410	5-6	Discovering another app on their babysitter's phone, Liam sends the brothers travelling through time. Landing in earlier versions of their home town, they find themselves in the Stone Age, Roman times, the Middle Ages and prehistoric times with dinosaurs. To return to their own time , they're going to have to solve riddles whilst dodging woolly mammoths, jousting knights and every kind of disgusting bodily fluid you can think of. Can they survive the dangers, solve the riddles and get back before the phone battery dies, and they're stranded in another time forever?

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9414	Game or not Fusillo, Archimede	Penguin	2003	9780143300106	3-4	Belinda would like to play soccer but at her school only the boys play. She is very good but she's a girl. There must be something she can do to play her favourite sport.
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?
660799	Game over, super rabbit boy! Flintham, Thomas	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781338034714	3-4	Animal Town is in trouble! Meanie King Viking and his Robot Army are spreading No Fun across the land. Only Super Rabbit Boy can save the day! But first he must make it past sand traps, lave, and lots and lots of robots. Will Super Rabbit Boy reach the final level, or will it be GAME OVER?
45264	Game theory Jonsberg, Barry	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760290153	9plus	Jamie is a sixteen year old maths whiz. His wild, older sister, Summerlee, has dropped out of school. Tensions at home run high. With Jamie's help, Summerlee wins millions in a lottery and cuts all ties with the family. But, money can cause big trouble. When their younger sister is kidnapped for a ransom, Jamie thinks he can use game theory, the strategy of predicting an opponent's actions, to outfox the kidnapper and get Phoebe back. It's a very risky strategy. Mature themes and language. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
90186	Gamers' quest Ivanoff, George	Ford Street Publishing	2009	9781876462864	7-9	Inhabitants of a video game world, Tark and Zyra, are plunged into adventures involving dragons, princelings, magic, robots and laser weapons. Outside, as teenagers John and Tina, their lives are almost as exciting as they must help to save their world.
151	Ganesh Bosse, Malcolm J	HarperCollins Australia	1981	9780690041033	7-9	A boy tries to fit into American society after he has grown up in India. The story concerns the death of a parent and details a traditional Indian cremation.
1357344	Gang, The Streich, Michel	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761205668	K-2	Watch out for the Gang. They're everywhere. They're destroying. There is no escape. What will the family do when a flock of chaos-causing cockatoos lands in their backyard?
6648	Gangsta Granny Walliams, David	HarperCollins Children's Books	2011	9780007371440	5-6	Ben is bored beyond belief after he is made to stay at his Grandma's house. She's the boringest Grandma ever. All she wants to do is to play Scrabble and eat cabbage soup. But, there are two things that Ben doesn't know about his Grandma. They involve an international jewel thief and stealing the Crown Jewels.

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846206	Gangsta Granny strikes again Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2021	9780008262204	5-6	Daring thefts of priceless treasures are all over the news. The crimes have the pawprints of international jewel thief The Black Cat - Ben's very own Gangsta Granny - all over them. But with Granny gone, who on earth could pull off such daring heists? Can Ben crack the case?
32611	Gaolbird: True story of William Swallow, convict and pirate, The Barnard, Simon	Text Publishing Co	2017	9781925498172	5-6	It's 23 October 1821 and convict William Swallow stands on the deck of the Malabar for muster. He is wearing a canary yellow convict uniform and his legs are chained. He's just completed the 121-day sea voyage from London to Hobart Town, but his wild and audacious adventures have barely begun. He'll soon ditch the convict uniform and the chains, take part in a mutiny, become a pirate captain and fool the world in what just might be the most outrageous and unbelievable true story in Australia's convict history.
35597	Gap year in Ghost Town Pryor, Michael	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760292768	7-9	Let's get this straight - ghosts are everywhere. And they're dangerous. This is why my family has hunted them for hundreds of years. The Marin family run a two-man operation in inner-city Melbourne. Anton has the ghost-sight, but his father does not. Theirs is a gentle approach to ghost hunting. Rani Cross, combat-skilled ghost hunter from the Company of the Righteous, is all about the slashing. Anton and Rani don't see eye to eye - but with a massive spike in violent ghost manifestations, they must find a way to work together. And what with all the blindingly terrifying brushes with death, Anton must use his gap year to decide if he really wants in on the whole ghost-hunting biz...
832843	Gaps, The Hall, Leane	Text Publishing Co	2021	9781922330482	9plus	When sixteen-year-old Yin Mitchell is abducted, the news reverberates through the whole Year Ten class at Balmoral Ladies College. As the hours tick by, the girls know the chance of Yin being found alive is becoming smaller and smaller. Everyone is affected by Yin's disappearance - even scholarship student Chloe, who usually stays out of Balmoral dramas, is drawn into the maelstrom. And when she begins to form an uneasy alliance with Natalia, the queen of Year Ten, things get even more complicated. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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41522	Garcia & Colette go exploring Barnaby, Hannah & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2017	9781460754306	K-2	Best friends Garcia and Colette are eager to go exploring- only they can't agree on where to go. Garcia loves everything about space (stars! planets! meteors!) and Colette is obsessed with the sea (sand! coral! fish!). So Garcia builds a rocket ship, Colette constructs a submarine, and they wish each other well on their travels. But even though they find some amazing things on their journeys, the friends quickly realise they each left something very important back home...
941926	Garden at the end of the world, The Polimeni, Cassy & Stewart, Briony (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2023	9780702265693	3-4	At the end of the world is an island covered in ice. On the island is a mountain. Inside the mountain is a vault. And inside the vault there are millions of seeds. When Isla makes a special discovery, she and her botanist mother go on an adventure to this vault in Norway. Isla is going to leave her precious package there so children who have not been born yet can grow and eat the food we all enjoy. She is doing this so there will always be a garden at the end of the world waiting to be planted. "
9327	Garden of Empress Cassia, The Wang, Gabrielle	Penguin	2002	9780143300274	5-6	Mimi has mysterious and powerful pastels and can draw a garden so beautiful and magical that real people are transported inside it. But, it would be very unfortunate if the ancient pastels were to fall into the wrong hands.
47267	Garden of Lilies, A Rossell, Judith	HarperCollins Children's Books	2017	9780733338229	3-4	Children, listen and take heed, As this little book you read. Always do just as you should, And be obedient and good. Never headstrong, rude or proud, Or lazy, careless, wild or loud. All your evil ways amend, Or you will meet a dreadful end.
697193	Gargantis Taylor, Thomas	Walker Books	2020	9781406386295	5-6	A ferocious storm is raging in Eerie-on- Sea. An ancient artifact filled with a wondrous light has washed up on the beach and a mysterious hooded stranger has just checked into the Grand Nautilus Hotel. Herbie and Violet know that these events are connected and that they must act fast to save the town. But their investigation may just lead them to the cold, dark bottom of the sea.
965907	Gargoyle, The Fraillon, Zana & Morgan Ross (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9780734421241	3-4	He's old, this gargoyle. Very old. Older than me. Older than anyone. A moving story about a gargoyle who has been forced off his rooftop to make way for a new development in a barren cityscape, and the child who encounters him on an overcrowded train.

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	Gargoylz series Burchett, Jan & Vogler, Sara & Noyes, Leighton (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.
28008	Garibaldi's biscuits Steadman, Ralph	Andersen Press Ltd	2008	9781842708606	3-4	Garibaldi's army defeats the French in a rather unusual battle and reclaims the land for Italy. Biscuits cooked for the occasion seal the peace.
8016	Gary Rudge, Leila	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925081695	K-2	Gary the pigeon can't fly. When his racing pigeon friends head off in their travel basket, Gary stays at home. He organises his scrapbook of travel mementos and dreams about the adventures the other pigeons are having. But, when Gary accidentally ends up a very long way from home, he discovers that flying is not the only way to have adventures.
1424096	Gaslit Davidhizar, Megan	Harper Fire	2026	9780008617035	7-9	Ella wishes she could have gone to a NYE party with her friend; instead, she arrives at her aunt's house to find that something isn't right. At all. Ella is determined to find out what really happened, but she has more than a few obstacles in her way.
	Gatekeeper series Blackburn, Richard				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.
31016	Gecko Huber, Raymond & Lovelock, Brian (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781925126556	3-4	Welcome to the world of Gecko. He warms up on the sunbaked rocks in the evening before hunting for food. A cockroach makes a yummy snake. Watch out! A hawk is hunting! An exciting introduction to one of the most varied species of lizard on the planet.
903294	Gecko and the echo, The Bright, Rachel & Field, Jim (ill)	Hachette Australia	2022	9781408356067	K-2	In a sun drenched island paradise, one little gecko with a big personality dreams of becoming a star. From first light to midnight, it's always Goldy's show! But the road to fame can be a lonely, winding path.. one which takes Goldy on a surprising journey of self-discovery.

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4631	Gecko's echo Rowland, Lucy & Rimmington, Natasha (ill)	Bloomsbury	2017	9781408859506	K-2	To stop sneaky animals stealing her precious eggs, Mummy Gecko threatens the wrath of one hundred angry geckos. But...are there really one hundred geckos? And, if there aren't, how will she protect her family? A mischievous tale of trickery and motherly courage.
2851	Geis: A matter of life & death Deacon, Alexis	Nobrow	2016	9781910620038	7-9	The great chief matriarch is dying and has no heir. Drawing her last breath, she gives a final decree that, upon her death, there will be a contest to decide the one truly worthy to rule in her place. The rich, the strong, the wise and the powerful put forward their names in the hope of being chosen. When the night comes, only fifty souls are summoned. Fifty souls bound to the same fate. But, this is no ordinary trial. And, so begins the first task. Graphic novel.
33344	Gemma gets the jitters Roe, Katrina & Hedstrom, Leigh (ill)	Wombat Books	2017	9781925563139	K-2	Gemma has a new camera! When she visits the mountains, she wants to get the perfect photo, but at the top of the lookout Gemma gets the jitters. Will she let her fear of heights stop her from achieving her dream?
750987	Gemma Riley and the fashion fiasco Van Mil, Jules	Pan MacMillan	2020	9781760784201	3-4	She has a ginger cat, a sewing tote and plenty of imagination. Can Gemma Riley catch a thief and save the fashion day? Fashion is in Gemma Riley's DNA. She lives with her grandmother Cara Bonafete, a famous fashion designer, and dreams of creating her own collection. But there's big trouble at the House of Bonafete. The release of the Spring Collection is looming, Cara has had an accident and someone is stealing their Top Secret designs.
1098175	General Waste Streich, Michel	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761205699	K-2	General Waste loves stuff! Wasting lots of stuff! He tosses away apples after one bite, he has hour-long showers, he must have the latest uniform fashion, and he rides around in a monster truck! He shares a house with Gram-Gram. She always saves her leftovers, does her own repairs and cycles everywhere! One day, when General Waste finds himself trapped under a mountain of his own stuff, Gram-Gram comes to the rescue ... General Waste is a hilarious tale about how to find joy in the simple things in life.

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20250	Genesis Reichs, Brendan	Pan MacMillan	2018	9781509869992	9plus	A thrilling sci-fi in which Noah, and sixty-four members of his class are trapped in a computer simulation called Project Nemesis. There are no rules, except survival. The desperate survivors form into groups as the world rapidly descends into chaos and violence. Min and Noah, former friends, are now adversaries in the most deadly of games, where the consequences are more real than any of them know. Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 and above.
846081	Genie and Teeny make a wish Lenton, Steven	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2021	9780008408206	3-4	Genie has been cast out of Genie World to land on Earth with a bump. He is searching for a home and as he settles into his teapot, he meets a dog called Teeny. They are kidnapped and a purple adventure begins but all they want is to find a home.
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.
981	Genius: a photobiography of Albert Einstein Ferguson Delano, Marfe	Myriad Books Limited	2005	9781426302947	7-9	Trace the journey of genius Albert Einstein, from his birth, through his schooling, his research and going to America. Find out about his major scientific discoveries including his theory of relativity, which won him the Nobel Prize.
5457	Genius: the most astonishing inventions of all time Kespert, Deborah	Thames and Hudson (Australia) Pty Ltd	2015	9780500650431	3-4	Find out about the machines, technology and ideas that have changed our lives, shaken the world, and shaped our future. The book is arranged chronologically, detailing the 'big inventions', who made it, where, when, how and why.
876370	Gentle genius of trees, The Bunting, Phillip	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781760975173	5-6	What could we clever humans ever learn from trees? Take an unashamedly anthropomorphic wander through the woods to learn a few life lessons from our foliaged friends. The Gentle Genius of Trees is a small forest of facts exploring the brilliance of trees, from photosynthesis, to symbiosis and the wood-wide web.

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3778	Gentle lion and the little owlet, The Shirley, Alice	Pavilion	2012	9781843651994	K-2	When a plucky young owlet falls from his nest above the lion enclosure at a zoo he finds himself face-to-face with a lion. Yet, instead of being eaten, the owlet and the lion become friends and decide to embark on a journey together.
1856	Gentleman Jim Briggs, Raymond	Jonathan Cape	2008	9780224085243	7-9	Jim Bloggs, a lavatory assistant, is dissatisfied with his life and wishes to rise above his station, if only he had more education. Encouraged by his wife, Hilda, he explores options such as being a cowboy. He finally settles on being a highwayman but not everyone sees his trusty steed, and his quest to rob the rich and give to the poor, in a positive light.
18473	Gently Bentley Whybrow, Ian & Melling, David (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2004	9780340875629	K-2	A romp of a picture book about a rough and tumble bear who creates troubles for his friends, Squeaky and Bun.
1017767	Geomancer: in the shadow of the wolf queen Millwood Hargrave, Kiran	Orion	2023	9781510107854	5-6	Ysolda has lived her life in the shadow of the wolf queen's tyrannical rule but, safe in her forest haven, she has never truly felt its threat. Until one day when a mysterious earthquake shakes the land and her older sister Hari vanishes in its wake. Accompanied by her loyal sea hawk, Nara, Ysolda embarks on a desperate rescue mission. But when she is forced to strike a bargain with the wolf queen herself, she soon finds herself embroiled in a quest for a magic more powerful - and more dangerous - than she could ever have imagined...
6346	George Gino, Alex	Scholastic US	2015	9780545812542	5-6	When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But, George knows she's a girl. She secretly calls herself Melissa and loves to read her hidden stash of magazines, with ads for lipstick and perfume. George desperately wants to win the role of Charlotte in her class production of Charlotte's Web so that her mum will finally see her as a girl, and accept that she's transgender. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan, not just to be Charlotte but to let everyone know who she is, once and for all.

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638669	George and the great brain swappery Wilson, Cal & Davis, Sarah (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781742762760	3-4	Hi, I'm George Pepperton. Some people think my family is a little odd. POSSIBLE REASONS PEOPLE THINK MY FAMILY IS ODD 1. Mum is an inventor extraordinaire. 2. I have a brother the size of a lemon. 3. That time we took Mum's BRAIN SWAPPING MACHINE on a school excursion to the zoo, and everyone's brains got swapped with WILD ANIMALS'... OK, maybe that is a little odd. I tell you though, being a PEPPERTON is never boring!
6782	George and the great bum stampede Wilson, Cal & Davis, Sarah (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781742762753	3-4	Hi, I'm George Pepperton. I love being a Pepperton, I love adventures and I love making lists. How to tell if you are a Pepperton 1. Your mum is an incredible inventor. 2. You have three older sisters, and a brother the size of a LEMON. 3. You already know how your family caused CHAOS at school... 4. And a HUMUNGOUS BUM STAMPEDE! If you are not a Pepperton and you don't know what happened...READ THIS BOOK TO FIND OUT!
2271	George flies south James, Simon	Walker Books	2011	9781406328868	K-2	Winter is on the way and it's time to fly south. But, George isn't quite ready to leave his nest yet. When an enormous gust of wind blows the nest out of the tree, things start getting really interesting for George and his mother.
29439	George Parker goes global Metzenthen, David	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760523466	5-6	George Parker and Chase Landon-Bond may attend the same Boarding School but there the similarity ends. George is scientific, cautious and a pyjama wearing nerd. Chase is popular, rich, carefree and impulsive. After his latest haircut goes seriously wrong, George sparks interest from the unlikely Chase. He sees George's potential in helping him complete a rescue mission. George doubts his abilities to help Chase but finds himself, time and again, getting the two of them out of tricky situations.
130923	George saves the world by lunchtime Readman, Jo & Roberts Ley Honor	Eden Project Books	2006	9781903919507	K-2	With Grandpa's help, George helps to save the world by lunchtime. Full of practical hints that you can do at home that will have a positive global effect and make you feel good too.

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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!
578086	George's marvellous experiments Dahl, Roald & Blake, Quentin (ill)	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9780141375946	3-4	A book of super awesome science experiments that can be done at home with household ingredients. Simple instructions and detailed illustrations make this an easy book to follow with fantastic results.
1858	George's marvellous medicine Dahl, Roald & Blake, Quentin (ill)	Puffin UK	2001	9780141311340	3-4	George's grandma has some pretty odd views. She thinks caterpillars and slugs are delicious and she likes to crunch on beetles best of all. George can do nothing right in Grandma's eyes so, when it's time for her medicine, he avenges himself.
	George's secret key to the universe series Hawking, Lucy & Stephen				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.
587880	German shepherds Noll, Elizabeth	World Book	2018	9780716693253	K-2	Learn all about man's best friend before bringing one home. Discover how much they eat and how much they bark! Which dog will be best for you?
	Geronimo and Thea Stilton 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.

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6395	Geronimo: The penguin who thought he could fly Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780008279752	K-2	Meet Geronimo, the baby penguin who has one dream and one dream only, and that is to fly! But everyone knows penguins can't fly, or can they? With a little help from his dad and friends, baby Geronimo discovers that even the wildest of dreams can come true.
4493	Get a grip, Cooper Jones Whiting, Sue	Walker Books	2010	9781921529788	5-6	Cooper Jones longs for the time when life was simple, when all he needed to worry about was whether to change his undies or make do. Now, his life has become all too complicated. Set against the backdrop of a fiery summer, Cooper needs to realise that sometimes you just need to get a grip.
32671	Get coding Whitney, David & Beedie, Duncan (ill)	Walker Books	2016	9781406366846	5-6	In this fun guide to coding for beginners, learn how to develop real coding skills by following step by step instructions and completing six exciting missions. Code your own website, app and game, and learn html, CSS and JavaScript.
6044	Get coding 2! Build five computer games with HTML and JavaScript Whitney, David & Beedie, Duncan (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781406382495	7-9	Learn to code five fun computer games in this essential beginner's guide for kids using the popular programming languages HTML and JavaScript. From Mario to Minecraft, discover the basic concepts behind computer games such as loops, ticks, scores, graphics and AI. Then follow the easy step-by-step Game Builds, and learn how to code five ground-breaking games, including Noughts and Crosses, Snake and Table Tennis. Short and simple explanations are given alongside examples of code and there is a supporting website if you get stuck.
688974	Get even McNeil, Gretchen	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780062260857	7-9	Get even follows four high school students , Bree, Olivia, Kitty and Margot who have nothing in common however someone wants to get revenge on them. This fast pace revenge story has lots of twists and turns and chapter cliffhangers.
877965	Get me out of here! Foolish and fearless convict escapes Deeves, Pauline & Wilson, Brent (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526993	5-6	Meet the convicts behind Australia's most rascally, dastardly prison escapes. Gifted geniuses or total goofballs? You be the judge! Featuring Moondyne Joe, Mary Bryant, and a guy who put on a kangaroo skin and hopped away (literally), this fun and engaging collection brings Australia's early colonial past to life.

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871601	Get ready, Mama! Giltrow, Sharon & Li, Arielle (ill)	EK Books	2022	9781922539083	K-2	Getting Mama ready for the day can be a challenge. She will try and sneak back to bed, distract you with cuddles, and wait is she watching TV?! Learn how to get Mama ready, despite her mischievous delaying tactics, with this essential guide to dealing with morning mayhem!
	Get real series Kettle, Phil & Webb, Melissa (ill)				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.
12155	Get well soon Little Bear Minarik, Else Holmelund & Sendak, Maurice (ill)	Golden Books Publishing	2003	9780694017027	K-2	Mother Bear says Little Bear has to stay in bed because he has a cold. Little Bear doesn't mind, at least, while his mother is out of the room.
1228293	Getting dusty Thomas, Jared	Magabala Books	2025	9781922777546	3-4	When Dusty bloodies his bullys 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.
152	Getting of wisdom, The Richardson, Henry Handel	Text Publishing Co	2001	9781876485955	7-9	In this classic story, a young girl is exploring how to lead the life she wishes while she is expected to conform in a Melbourne, all girls' school of the 1880s.
488	Getting to know Ruben Plotnick Rosenbluth, Roz & Manning, Maurie J (ill)	Flashlight Press	2005	9780972922555	3-4	David is about to have the coolest kid from school at his house but he is afraid his unpredictable grandmother will cause a disaster.
32004	Gezani and the tricky baboon Khoza, Valanga & Rippin, Sally (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2015	9781925000757	K-2	Some bananas, a wily, hungry baboon and a boy who finds a way to teach the tricky baboon a lesson.

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705202	Ghost Reynolds, Jason	Atheneum books	2016	9781481450164	5-6	Running. That's all Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons--it all started with running away from his father, who, when Ghost was a very little boy, chased him and his mother through their apartment, then down the street, with a loaded gun, aiming to kill. Since then, Ghost has been the one causing problems--and running away from them--until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medalist who sees something in Ghost: crazy natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him?
6549	Ghost and the goggle-box, The Ball, Duncan	HarperCollins Australia	1997	9780207191497	5-6	The clean-up of dead Uncle Arnold's Sydney house becomes a weird experience when Roger discovers that the old man is haunting the television set.
660418	Ghost bird Fuller, Lisa	University of Queensland Press	2019	9780702260230	9plus	Stacey and Laney are twins - mirror images of each other - and yet they're as different as the sun and moon. Stacey works hard at school, determined to get out of their small town. Laney skips school and sneaks out of the house to meet her boyfriend. But when Laney disappears one night, Stacey can't believe she's just run off without telling her. As the days pass and Laney doesn't return, Stacey starts dreaming of her twin. The dreams are dark and terrifying, difficult to understand and hard to shake, but at least they tell Stacey one key thing - Laney is alive. It's hard for Stacey to know what's real and what's imagined and even harder to know who to trust. All she knows for sure is that Laney needs her help. Stacey is the only one who can find her sister. Will she find her in time? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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992547	Ghost book Lai, Remy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761065477	5-6	July Chen sees ghosts. But her dad insists ghosts aren't real. So she pretends they don't exist. Which is incredibly difficult now as it's Hungry Ghost month, when the Gates of the Underworld open and dangerous ghosts run amok in the living world. When July saves a boy ghost from being devoured by a Hungry Ghost, he becomes her first ever friend. Except William is not a ghost. He's a wandering soul wavering between life and death. As the new friends embark on an adventure to return William to his body, they unearth a ghastly truth -f or William to live, July must die.
7046	Ghost boy Pulman, Felicity	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2004	9781740519892	7-9	Froggy traces his family history with the ghostly help of Tad, who perished in the smallpox epidemic of 1881.
1424051	Ghost boys: The graphic novel Parker Rhodes, Jewell & Fiadzigbey, Setor (ill)	Little Brown	2025	9780316279796	7-9	Twelve-year-old Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. As a ghost, he observes the devastation that's been unleashed on his family and community in the wake of what they see as an unjust and brutal killing. Soon Jerome meets another ghost: Emmett Till, a boy from a very different time but similar circumstances. Emmett helps Jerome process what has happened, on a journey towards recognizing how historical racism may have led to the events that ended his life. Jerome also meets Sarah, the daughter of the police officer, who grapples with her father's actions
5101	Ghost byte Larkin, John	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2000	9780091829407	9plus	Brendan finds himself accompanied by a ghost who communicates through his computer, further complicating his adolescent life. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
	Ghost club series Abela, Deborah				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.
660733	Ghost flight Grylls, Bear	Orion	2016	9781409156826	9plus	An aeroplane is discovered in the Amazon jungle. Will Jaeger; The Hunter, lead's a team of elite special forces on a desperate race which uncovers secrets and a conspiracy from Nazi Germany during World War Two. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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14872	Ghost hunters and the incredibly revolting ghost Funke, Cornelia	Chicken House	2007	9781905294121	5-6	Tom's basement is inhabited by Hugo the ghost. The only way to get rid of the ghost in the basement is to remove the incredibly revolting ghost that now inhabits Hugo's house.
6390	Ghost in my suitcase, A Wang, Gabrielle	Penguin Books Australia	2009	9780143303794	5-6	When Celeste travels to China to visit her grandmother, she uncovers an incredible family secret. And with this secret comes danger and adventure. If Celeste is to save her family and friends, she must learn to harness her rare and powerful gift as a ghost-hunter.
18541	Ghost of a chance Panckridge, Michael & Harvey, Pam	HarperCollins Australia	2007	9780207200632	5-6	Ling and her friends find their beach holiday has some mysteries in store. Ling is visited at the same time each night by a girl ghost. When she feels the ghost needs her help, a race begins to solve the ghost's problem. The children soon realise any danger they will face is not with the ghost.
153	Ghost of a chance, A Hilton, Nette	Penguin	1992	9780140387957	7-9	Ann-Marie has to move to rural England and leave her dog, Maudie, behind. As she frets for her dog, Ann -Marie becomes involved with a ghostly story involving a sad child, separated from her dog too.
669402	Ghost of Howlers Beach, The French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2020	9781460757727	5-6	Butter O'Bryan lives in a very small castle with his father and three aunts. Butter has been told there are ghosts at the nearby isolated Howlers Beach, but are there? How can the children Butter plays cricket with on the beach simply vanish? Who are these children and why do they refuse his help? Butter is certain they're hiding a secret and he's determined to uncover it.
24291	Ghost of Miss Annabel Spoon, The Blabey, Aaron	Puffin Australia	2011	9780670074747	3-4	No matter what hour, she lurked looking sour, be it midnight or mid-afternoon. Her dresses were shabby, her mood always crabby. Her name was Miss Annabel Spoon. The ghost of Miss Annabel Spoon haunts the people of Twee their every waking hour and they've had enough. But, one day, the brave and practical young Herbert Kettle has a most extraordinary idea.
9246	Ghost of Thomas Kempe, The Lively, Penelope	Egmont Childrens	1992	9780749707910	5-6	The ghost of a 17th century sorcerer attempts to recruit James Harrison as his apprentice.
46918	Ghost's child, The Hartnett, Sonya	Viking Children's	2007	9780670029457	7-9	This is the life story of Matilda. Her isolated childhood and her quest with her father to find the most beautiful thing in the world; her unusual marriage to Feather, part sprite part wild man, that promised true happiness and the loss that she suffered when she had to let him go. This book is part enchanting fable and part love story.

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43758	Ghosts Telgemeier, Raina	Graphix	2016	9780545540629	5-6	Catrina and her family are moving to the coast of Northern California because her little sister, Maya, is sick. Cat isn't happy about leaving her friends for Bahia de la Luna, but Maya has cystic fibrosis and will benefit from the cool, salty air that blows in from the sea. As the girls explore their new home, a neighbour lets them in on a secret: There are ghosts in Bahia de la Luna. Maya is determined to meet one, but Cat wants nothing to do with them. As the time of year when ghosts reunite with their loved ones approaches, Cat must figure out how to put aside her fears for her sister's sake and her own.
54945	Ghostscape Layburn, Joe	Frances Lincoln	2008	9781845077686	5-6	Time is running out for Aisha, the Somali refugee girl, who has found herself transported back to the time of the Blitz in London. Although Aisha is full of fear and horror because she already knows the future of her original school building, she is still compelled to try to save her new friend, Richard, and his aged grandfather, during the terrible bombing of the Second World War.
903326	Giant Skinner, Nicola & Sorrentino, Flavia (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2023	9780008422462	5-6	Minnie has never known any other home than her mostly quiet and comfortable community on the island she has lived her whole life. Despite Minnie having to endure some terrible pains due to a mysterious condition, her life is good and made safe by her caring servant who also happens to be a giant. Every child on the island has a giant servant who stays with them until the time comes when they must say goodbye- something Minnie is dreading but her giant, Speck, is dreading even more as this means she will be turned to stone and used for building material. To avoid this, Minnie runs away and sets off a series of events which has giant consequences for all on the island.
154	Giant devil-dingo, The Roughsey, Dick	MacMillan	1975	9780027778403	5-6	The legend of Gaiya, the giant devil-dingo belongs to people from the Cape York Peninsula.
15451	Giant scrub python, The Baldwin, Grace MacDonald	Word Weavers Press	2003	9781877073106	5-6	The giant scrub python is rarely seen by the locals so when Sam and Davey first encounter it, they are terrified but curious. When an illegal animal trader hears about the snake, he is anxious to catch it, even though it is a protected species.

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6652	Giant's necklace, The Morpurgo, Michael & Smith, Briony May (ill)	Walker Books	2016	9781406357127	5-6	It's the final day of the holidays, and Cherry resolves to collect the last few shells she needs to complete her necklace. She's determined it will be fit for a giant. Then the clouds roll in and the sea becomes a writhing grey monster and Cherry is cut off from the shore. The only way to escape is through an old tin mine deep in the rocks, which hides a ghostly secret of those who have gone before.
1895	Giants Kelly, Mij & Maland, Nick (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2008	9780340893319	3-4	Sweet Pea and Boogaloo are out in the forest when Sweet Pea asks if giants look just like them, only bigger. Boogaloo knows that they're entirely different. Sweet Pea asks if giants are kind but Boogaloo has his negative opinions here too. It takes an ill-advised kick for Boogaloo to realise that giants are just like me and you, only bigger.
804707	Giants' tea party, The French, VIvian & Kissi, Marta (ill)	Walker Books	2021	9781406392586	3-4	What happens when your Royal family have lost all their riches ... adventure. Join Prince Max as he journeys with a grumpy donkey as his companion to ask giants for help. Will he cross the Hungry Marshes safely? Will the giants help? What else could go wrong?
4321	Giants, trolls, witches, beasts: Ten tales from deep, dark woods Phillips, Craig	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760113261	5-6	Some fairy tales are about fairies, others are about unicorns, but there's none of those in this book. This beautifully illustrated graphic novel brings together fairy tales of the darker, scarier kind from all corners of the world. Full of monsters, trolls and witches these retellings will enchant those new to the tales and delight returning readers with its full colour pages and lively re-crafting of these classic stories.
1406496	Gift from the birds, A Stills, Caroline	Text Publishing Co	2025	9781923058453	5-6	'Birds can save people's lives. You may think that's a strange thing to say. How can a small animal with wings save a person? But I know they can. It happened to me.' When Millie was nine years old her mum got sick, very sick. And now, on the night of Millie's tenth birthday party, things are getting serious. Millie sits on the back step of her house, worried and upset, and two shiny black crows fly into the yard, catching her attention. Why are they here? And why do they start leaving mysterious objects for her to find?
1898	Gift horse, The Elks, Wendy	Scholastic Australia	2001	9781862914704	7-9	The story of a girl and a horse. Callie has always wanted a pony of her own, when she is asked to look after Oscar she is delighted. But Oscar bites and kicks and is difficult to ride. Then, one day Callie meets Sarah who knows all about horses.

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21151	Gift horse, The Siers, Sophie & White, Katharine (ill)	Millwood Press	2018	9780473408558	3-4	Since her mum died, Olivia hasn't felt right. Sometimes she can't breathe properly and she feels funny inside. When she is out on the farm with her dad and brother or tucked up under her blankets things don't seem so bad, but everywhere else she feels like she doesn't fit in. When Dad brings home a horse that's been through its own trauma, together Olivia and Amigo grow to trust each other and forge a path through their own grief and anger.
1187	Gift, The Gilmartin, Deb	Windy Hollow Books	2012	9781922081070	K-2	A textless picture book which allows the reader to discover the story. Orange cat has a comfortable life and shares his dinner with a black and white cat down the road. When attempts to do the same the next day she can no longer be found, having been dumped with her three kittens as her owner leaves town. Despite meeting danger as he tries to find her, he perseveres with ultimate success.
5743	Gift, The Hathorn, Libby	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2000	9780091837587	3-4	All the kids in the town followed the Pied Piper into the mountain but one was left behind. This is the story of that child.
37462	Gift, The Matthews, Penny	Omnibus Books	2012	9781862916982	K-2	A rather plain bear sits next to a gorgeous plush crocodile in the toy shop among all of the special Christmas toys. As each waits to be chosen, Brown Bear makes his own gift to his friend.
15402	Gifts Le Guin, Ursula	Orion	2004	9781842551073	9plus	Orrec discovers he has inherited a power that he cannot control. It is the gift of undoing. His best friend Gry has the gift of calling animals. This is a story of friendship and problem-solving in an exciting and imaginary land. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1019638	Gigantic Biddulph, Rob	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780008413439	K-2	Gigantic is the smallest whale in the pod. But when his older brother, Titan, finds himself in trouble, Gigantic shows that you don't have to be big to be mighty. A powerful story about little fins and big hearts.
3823	Gigantic book of genes, The Hendry, Lorna	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742034102	5-6	Look at the people in your family, do they all look similar? How closely are you related to your cousins, a chimpanzee and a banana? Whose fault is it that you cannot roll your tongue? Find out in the Gigantic book of genes.

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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.
12367	Gil's quest Morgan, Damian & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Koala Books	2003	9780864615527	7-9	Gilgamesh's story retold by Gil, himself, is a gripping blend of narrative, fantasy, history and myth, dating from around 2000 BC. It follows his quest for everlasting life which pits him against Enki the Shag and takes him to the end of the world.
12664	Gilbert Thompson, Colin & Mould, Chris (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734405166	3-4	Gilbert is a great, big scaredy-cat. You can't blame him as he was taken from his mother before his eyes were even open and spent his childhood inside a paper bag. He is frightened of just about everything, except paper bags.
17143	Gilbert goes outside Thompson, Colin & Mould, Chris (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734408761	3-4	Gilbert is an inside cat who is determined not to go outside until his owner puts him out against his will.
155	Gilbert's ghost train Metzenthen, David	Scholastic Australia	2002	9781865044590	9plus	Is Gilbert real or a ghost? Martin doesn't much care - at least he is helping to distract his brother from his illness. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
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.

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593722	Gilded wolves, The Chokshi, Roshani	Wednesday Books	2018	9781250226204	7-9	Paris, 1889: The world is on the cusp of industry and power, and the Exposition Universelle has breathed new life into the streets and dredged up ancient secrets. In this city, no one keeps tabs on secrets better than treasure-hunter and wealthy hotelier, Severin Montagnet-Alarie. But when the all-powerful society, the Order of Babel, seeks him out for help, Severin is offered a treasure that he never imagined: his true inheritance. To find the ancient artifact the Order seeks, Severin will need help from a band of experts: an engineer with a debt to pay, a historian who can't yet go home, a dancer with a sinister past and a brother in all but blood, who might care too much. Together, they'll have to use their wits and knowledge to hunt the artefact through the dark and glittering heart of Paris. What they find might change the world, but only if they can stay alive.
16011	Gina the dancing queen Alo, Marisa	Windy Hollow Books	2009	9781921136542	3-4	Gina is a giraffe who desperately wants to dance but she always gets tangled up when she tries. With plenty of determination, Gina joins the Rhythms Dance School.
6422	Ginger Mattingley, Christobel	Penguin	1997	9780140387896	3-4	Hugo and Harriet love all their pets. But for Hugo, his rabbit, Ginger, is the best pet he's ever had. When Hugo returns from his holiday he has a very hard lesson to learn about life.
12060	Ginger Voake, Charlotte	Walker Books	1997	9780744549348	K-2	Ginger has a problem. Having lived a life of luxury as a pampered cat, he's suddenly confronted with a kitten in the house.
4972	Ginger Green play date queen: The new friend Kane, Kim & Davis, Jon (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2016	9781760127701	K-2	Ginger is playing with Skye today.But what happens when Skye won't let her dad leave? A story of two new friends, sharing their love of dance and overcoming being shy.
17071	Ginger McFlea will not clean her teeth Fox, Lee & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Lothian Books	2010	9780734411297	3-4	Ginger McFlea refuses to clean her teeth, no matter what any of her family says or does. A visit to the dentist and a call to the tooth fairy change her mind, with amazing results.
1019765	Giovanni Corocher, Crystal & Davis, Margeaux (ill)	Wombat Books	2023	9781761111235	3-4	In 1881, pioneering migrant families left Veneto, Italy, in search of a new life. They endured a perilous journey in search of a false paradise. Their remarkable tale of survival brought them to Australia. This is their story of finding 'home'. A voyage re-imagined, told through the eyes of a four-year-old boy."

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1901	Giraffe and the pelly and me, The Dahl, Roald	Puffin UK	2002	9780140568196	3-4	The Giraffe's magic neck can stretch to thirty feet long and the Pelican's enormous beak carries water like a bucket. Together, with a lively monkey, they are the Ladderless Window-Cleaning Company and never has cleaning windows been such fun.
30771	Giraffe in the bath, A Fox, Mem & Rawson, Olivia & Argent, Kerry (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780670072132	K-2	A giraffe in the bath, a frog in the flour, a crocodile with style. This very funny picture book suggests increasingly silly and hilarious possibilities. Lots of fun for every reader, with wonderful, giggle-inducing illustrations.
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.
6068	Giraffe problems John, Jory & Smith, Lane (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781406383164	K-2	Edward the giraffe can't understand why his neck is as long and bendy and ridiculous as it is. No other animal has a neck this absurd. He's tried disguising it, dressing it up, strategically hiding it behind bushes, anything he can think of. But just when he's exhausted his neck-hiding options, a turtle ambles in and tries to help him understand that his neck has a purpose and looks excellent in a bow tie.
12169	Giraffe who got in a knot, The Bush, John & Geraghty, Paul (ill)	Red Fox	1999	9780099596202	3-4	A giraffe struggles to undo a tight knot in his long neck but his efforts only make it worse. The other brilliantly illustrated, and not so helpful, animal characters add to the humour.
11929	Giraffes can't dance Andreae, Giles & Parker-Rees, Guy (ill)	Orchard Books	2000	9781841215655	K-2	Gerald, the giraffe, desperately wants to be able to dance with all the animals at the Jungle Dance. But, the other jungle animals laugh at him because he can't dance. Perhaps Gerald is just dancing to a different tune.

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846148	Girl (in real life) Winter, Tamsin	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2021	9781474978484	7-9	Eva has been famous since before she was born. Every milestone, her first word, her first tantrum are all recorded and uploaded online for the whole world to see. All because her parents overshare her entire life on their super successful internet channel. And now they have posted about her first period. She has had enough. Enough of the stupid outfits, constant teasing at school and no privacy ever. She is taking back control of her life, even if it means taking down her own parents.
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.
1424010	Girl and the ghost, The: Family secrets Harvey, Jacqueline	Penguin	2025	9781761349416	5-6	A trip to Paris and Versailles, an escaped convict, an ancient underground cave network, family mysteries and . . . ghosts. Josephine Eloise Thomas is in Paris receiving a huge reward for solving one of the world's greatest art heists. But she's not alone. Gabriel Barbier, the gorgeous French boy who helped her solve the crime is there too, along with their families and the ghost of Louis XVII, who is still Josephine's big secret, for now at least. Amid the celebrations the chilling news that Anastasia, the mastermind behind the crime, has escaped from custody sets everyone on edge.
903259	Girl called corpse, A Carter, Reece & Howe, Simon (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781761066788	5-6	With a body made of wax, seaweed for hair and polished abalone shells for eyes, Corpse is trapped in the Witches' shack, seemingly forever. But Corpse has questions about who she was and how she died. As she sets off on a dangerous quest to find the answers to these and more questions, she must outwit sinister characters with an evil plan and finds unexpected allies which just goes to show that, even when you're dead, true friends will help you when you need them most.
21630	Girl from the Great Sandy Desert, The Chuguna, Jukuna Mona & Lowe, Pat & Street, Mervyn (ill)	Magabala Books	2015	9781922142054	7-9	Twenty short stories that tell the story of Mana, a young Walmajarri girl growing up in the Great Sandy Desert. The harshness of the landscape, the importance of water, how hunting was carried out, the complexity of family relationships and the obligations of kinship are captured at a time before European settlement dramatically changed the traditional way of life. Includes a Walmajarri pronunciation guide and language glossary.

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682660	Girl from the sea WIld, Margaret & Tanner, Jane (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760524302	5-6	Who lives in that cottage by the sea? I wish. I wish. I wish it was me. A ghostly tale of longing.
9334	Girl from the sea, The Aldridge, James	Penguin	2002	9780143001126	9plus	An intriguing summer adventure where thirteen year old Beau meets wild, irrepressible Lelee, a girl from the sea. Together with Beau's younger sister, they search in their boat for a box believed to contain a fortune, but smugglers are looking too. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
653175	Girl geeks: Game on! Miles, Alex	Penguin Random House Australia	2019	9780143795063	5-6	As well as being a skater, Niki is a huge gamer and plays with a team in an online eSports league. The other girl geeks don't know much about gaming but Niki's enthusiasm is contagious! When the country's biggest eSports event opens up a junior comp, Niki can't wait to play. She signs up and meets her online friends for the first time - they're all boys and are shocked to discover she's a girl! An unexpected event occurs, which sees Niki in danger of not being able to play in the tournament. Will her girl gang come to the rescue and turn this game from off to on?
653173	Girl geeks: The hackathon Miles, Alex	Penguin Random House Australia	2019	9780143795056	5-6	Hamsa's teacher has announced that their class will be doing their very own hackathon. A hack-a-what? thinks Hamsa. She doesn't know anything about tech or coding! Things get worse as Hamsa is split up from her best friends and put with Eve, the new girl, shy and studious Maggie and skateboarder Niki. Ugh - they're destined to fail! The girls need an idea - and fast. Can Hamsa and her team come up with the goods or will things fall apart as she plays it too cool for school?
5033	Girl hearts girl Sutcliffe, Lucy	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781407154152	7-9	Lucy always knew that her idea of Prince Charming was different to that of other girls. And then she meets Kaelyn online and everything starts to make sense. Maybe her Prince Charming is a girl. An inspiring and uplifting memoir about falling in love and finding yourself.

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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.
608377	Girl king, The Yu, Mimi	Orion	2019	9781473223110	9plus	Lu and Minyi have always known their places as princesses of the empire - Lu, her father's favourite, is destined to be the first female emperor, while Minyi, her mother's favourite, is resigned to live in her shadow. When their father names their male cousin Set as heir, their lives will never be the same again. Betrayal, manipulation and unlikely alliances plague the royal sisters. While Lu fights to reclaim her birthright, Minyi's hidden powers are awakened. The effect could be cataclysmic. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
14684	Girl like me, A Matthews, Penny	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780143011484	9plus	In a Victorian farming community, Emmie's mother takes on Bertha to help with the chores and the two girls become friends. Emmie discovers Bertha's terrible secrets and their lives intertwine. Based on true events and containing adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
751160	Girl of the southern sea Kadarusman, Michelle	University of Queensland Press	2021	9780702262937	5-6	A gifted student, Nia longs to attend high school so she can follow her dream and become a writer. She has notebooks filled with stories she's created about the mythological Dewi Kadita, Princess of the Southern Sea. But her family has barely enough money for food, let alone an education, so Nia's days are spent running their food cart and raising her younger brother. Following a miraculous escape from a bus accident, Nia is gifted with good-luck magic. Or at least that's what everyone's saying. Soon their family business is booming and there might even be enough money to return to school. But how long can her good luck last? When a secret promise threatens everything she's hoped for, Nia must find a way to break the mould and write her own future.
567893	Girl on wire Estela, Lucy & Hurst, Elise (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2018	9780143787167	5-6	She stands, motionless, as the cold breeze bites her cheeks. She stands for hours, but the girl on wire knows that she must begin. A story about courage and confidence while growing up.

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3201	Girl savage, The Rundell, Katherine	Faber & Faber	2011	9780571254316	5-6	Wilhelmina lives a picturesque existence, running wild and free on an African farm with her horse. Every day is beautiful as she savours the reckless abandon of a carefree existence. However, one day her home is sold and Wilhelmina is sent to boarding school in England. She must learn to live and survive in this strange and unforgiving new world.
12344	Girl underground Gleitzman, Morris	Penguin	2004	9780143300465	5-6	Bridget wants a quiet life, including, if possible, keeping her parents out of prison. A boy called Menzies makes her an offer she can't refuse. They set off on a desperate, daring adventure to rescue two kids from a detention centre in the desert.
50321	Girl who brought mischief, The Nannestad, Katrina	ABC Books	2013	9780733332005	5-6	Ten year old Inge Maria comes to live on a tiny island in Denmark with her grandmother. She is strict and the villagers too think that girls should not run wild or speak too much. Inge tries to fit in but her fun loving mischief and mishaps start to change the way the villagers feel.
855822	Girl who could fix anything, The: Beatrice Shilling, World War II engineer Rockcliff, Mara & Duncan, Daniel (ill)	Walker Books	2022	9781406399004	3-4	Beatrice knew that as a girl she wouldn't be quite like other engineers - and she wasn't. She was better. Still, it took hard work and perseverance to persuade the Royal Aircraft Establishment to give her a chance. But when World War II broke out and British fighter pilots took to the skies in a desperate struggle for survival against Hitler's bombers, it was clearly time for new ideas. Could Beatrice solve an engine puzzle and help Britain win the war?
35614	Girl who fell into a book, The Lawrinson, Julia & Spudvilas, Anne (ill)	Puffin Australia	2006	9780143301820	3-4	Annie loves reading more than anything else. One day, when she is reading her favourite fairy book, something really amazing happens.
4876	Girl who rode the wind, The Gregg, Stacy	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2016	9780008124311	5-6	Twelve-year-old Lola is desperate to become a jockey. And when her grandmother takes her to Italy for the summer, it seems like those dreams are coming true. The ultimate street race, the Palio, awaits her! But as Lola learns more about the Palio, she discovers dark family secrets that has hung over their name ever since the Second World War. Can Lola prove herself against the toughest of riders? And can she heal the heartbreak that has haunted her family all these years?

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846164	Girl who said no to the Nazis, The Kaye, Haydn	Faber & Faber	2021	9781782692751	5-6	Nazi Germany, 1942. As World War Two rages, Sophie Scholl reunites with her beloved brother Hansin Munich. Soon she meets his young student friends. Like her they can take no more of the war. Then leaflets calling for a revolt against Hitler start appearing, put out by a mysterious group called the White Rose. The Gestapo is determined to hunt them down and Sophie finds herself in terrible danger.
750728	Girl who stole an elephant, The Farook, Nizrana	Nosy Crow Ltd	2020	9781788006347	5-6	Chaya can talk her way out of anything, except stealing the Queen's jewels. Even if she had the best reasons the King did not want to know. She ends up escaping on the back of an elephant and leads her friends on a jungle adventure, where leeches lurk and revolution is stirring. This is where Chaya's most dangerous idea takes shape. Maybe she can leave her village a thief but return a hero.
6255	Girl who thought her mother was a mermaid, The Unsworth, Tania	Head of Zeus	2018	9781788547796	3-4	Stella's mum died when she was eight, and the more she wonders about who her mother was and what her life was like, the less things actually add up. Once she has convinced herself that her mother just might have been a mermaid, she starts to plan a way to find out for sure. And when her best friend laughs at her for admitting her theory, Stella knows there's no turning back. She is going to find out, one way or another.
574731	Girl who thought in pictures, The Finley Mosca, Julia & Rieley, Daniel (ill)	The Innovation Press	2017	9781943147304	5-6	When young Temple was diagnosed with autism, no one expected her to talk, let alone become one of the most powerful voices in modern science. Yet, the determined visual thinker did just that. Her unique mind allowed her to connect with animals in a special way, helping her invent groundbreaking improvements for farms around the globe!

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1019892	Girl who touched the stars, The Hancock, Bonnie	ABC Books	2024	9780733343353	7-9	254 days, 12,700 kilometres, sea sickness, sharks, crocodiles and ocean. Bonnie Hancock broke numerous records on her fastest ever circumnavigation by paddle around Australia but that wasn't the achievement she is most proud of. Testing the limits of her mental and physical toughness, she learned what it means to overcome adversity and how important teamwork and perspective truly are. What looks distressing from the rocky shore or storm-tossed waves can be inspiring when you look to the heavens. The Girl Who Touched the Stars is a love story, a travelogue and an exhilarating exploration of human ambition coming face to face with the beauty and power of nature. But most of all it's a lesson in overcoming self-doubt, trusting others and finding your true self. Bonnie demonstrates vividly and honestly the resilience of the human spirit and the importance of reaching for the stars.
1380606	Girl who wasn't there, The Wilson, Jacqueline	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2025	9780241684054	7-9	Luna is reserved and fearful when the family moves to a new place that dad is keen to restore. It happens to be a crumbling tower and her younger sister loves it because it is a fairy tale castle. When Aurora begins a friendship with a girl, Tansy who lived in the past according to a local legend, emotions build between them all because of the wretched tower. Can Luna, mum or dad make things better for the way Aurora is behaving?
587619	Girl with a mind for math, The: The story of Raye Montague Finley Mosca, Julia & Rieley, Daniel (ill)	The Innovation Press	2018	9781943147427	5-6	Meet Raye Montague-the hidden mastermind who made waves in the U.S. Navy! After touring a German submarine in the early 1940s, young Raye set her sights on becoming an engineer. Little did she know sexism and racial inequality would challenge that dream every step of the way, even keeping her greatest career accomplishment a secret for decades. Through it all, the gifted mathematician persisted-finally gaining her well-deserved title in history: a pioneer who changed the course of ship design forever.
1910	Girl with no name, The Lowe, Pat	Penguin	1994	9780140369533	7-9	Matthew sets off alone to find Aboriginal rock paintings that he knows are hidden in Goanna Gorge. When Matthew realises he is lost, the strange, wild country seems to mock him with its secrets until he meets the girl with no name.

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23779	Girl with the butterfly tattoo, The Miller, Dannielle	Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group Inc	2012	9781742752556	7-9	The butterfly is a symbol of transformation. It reminds us that we are all able to change. We can make choices and we are in control. We can choose to replace the messages that shout 'You are not enough' - not hot enough, thin enough, talented enough, popular enough. This story encourages girls to question the limiting messages our culture keeps pushing: that a girl's greatest worth is her looks, and beauty comes in only one size and shape. It inspires and empowers girls to find their strength and be true to their own hearts and minds.
14751	Girl, the dog and the writer in Rome, The Nannestad, Katrina	ABC Books	2017	9780733338175	5-6	For the first ten years of her life, Freja and her mother Clementine have roamed the Arctic in search of zoological wonders. Happy, content, together. Freja and Clem. Clem and Freja. But now, everything is changing, and Clementine must send Freja away to live with her old friend Tobias, a bestselling crime writer and, quite possibly, the most absent-minded man on earth. Tobias is not used to life with a child, and Freja isn't used to people at all, but together they stumble into an Italian adventure so big that it will change things forever.
751187	Girl. Boy. Sea. Vick, Chris	Zephyr	2019	9781789541380	7-9	A young British boy called Bill narrowly survives the sinking of his yacht in a huge storm off the coast of Morocco. After many days alone at sea in a small boat he rescues another survivor, clinging for her life to a barrel. She is a girl called Aya, from the nomadic Berber tribe, whose migrant ship was destroyed by the same storm. Through endless days, a mere speck on the vast, empty sea - hungry, sunburned, and with no idea what will happen next - Aya recounts the tales of Shahrazad of the Arabian Nights, who told 1001 stories to quell the murderous desire of the Persian King. As hope of rescue begins to fade, from Aya's tales of magic, brave heroes, wily thieves, greedy kings and cruel sultans, they find the strength they need to stay alive.
580938	Girling up: how to be strong, smart and spectacular Bialik, Mayim	Penguin	2017	9780399548604	7-9	Mayim Bialik talks about what it means to grow up - puberty, friends, education, stress - no topic is off limits. In her friendly voice, she talks about what her tween and teen years were like and how to handle your own struggles through these changes.

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11564	Girls are best Toksvig, Sandi	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9780385615242	7-9	For as long as history has been recorded, girls haven't had much of a look in amongst all the great men we remember. But that doesn't mean they weren't there. And it doesn't mean that they didn't achieve great things, come up with wonderful inventions or win battles. Read the history of her-story.
660687	Girls can fly Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, Ambelin	Magabala Books	2020	9781925936759	5-6	Girls can fly! Every girl is the star in her own life story. Stretch out your arms, aim for your dreams, believe in your wings and breathe in the sky. Girl for you, anything is possible. Your future is amazing. Fly high!
763456	Girls Change the Game Gabrielle Gloury	Ford Street Publishing	2020	9781925804492	7-9	The first Scorpions Under 14 Girls team from the Westpark Football Club has just been announced and this is their very first game. The Scorpions are up against the match-ready competition, the Eastvale Ravens. You can steer the Scorpions to victory by choosing what happens in the game in this choose your own adventure story!
1019629	Girls change the game: First Game back Gloury, Gabrielle & Hyde, Michael	Ford Street Publishing	2023	9781922696304	7-9	The Westpark Scorpions are back for a second season. They have a new coach and some new players. Will they be victorious this year? In this choose-your-own adventure, it's up to you!
	Girltopia series Rogers, Hilary				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.
846233	Give me some space! Bunting, Philip	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781760972356	K-2	Una dreams of a life in Space. Life on Earth is just so so-so. But how will she get there? And will she complete her mission to discover life in Space? And did she remember to feed Neil the goldfish?
4081	Give peas a chance and other funny stories Gleitzman, Morris	Penguin Books Australia	2007	9780143302629	5-6	Fourteen clever, funny tales, featuring a host of crazy characters. While Ginger and her dog organise the ultimate party, Wilton the worm meets Aristotle the nose germ in an unexpected location and Ben tries to save the world by not eating his vegetables.

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156	Giver, The Lowry, Lois	HarperCollins US	2003	9780007141425	7-9	The haunting story centers on twelve-year-old Jonas, who lives in a seemingly ideal, if colorless, world of conformity and contentment. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver of Memory does he begin to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community.
157	Gizmo, The Jennings, Paul	Puffin Australia	1998	9780140370904	5-6	When a boy steals a Gizmo for a dare, weird things began to happen.
3068	Glass collector, The Perera, Anna	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2011	9780732291532	9plus	In Cairo, fifteen year old Aaron makes a living gathering garbage. But, Aaron has dreams of a better life, which includes Rachel who looks after the ponies that pull the stinking garbage carts. Aaron's skill at sorting glass is the only thing that keeps him alive. His mother is dead and his stepfather and stepbrother bully him. Aaron makes a choice that changes his life. Usually read by students in Years 9,10 or above.
10974	Glass sword Aveyard, Victoria	Orion	2016	9781409159353	9plus	Mare Barrow has Silver ability, the power to control lightning. As she makes her escape from Maven, the prince and friend who betrayed her, Mare discovers she is not the only one of her kind. Pursued by Maven, Mare sets out to recruit other Red-and-Silver fighters to join in the struggle against her oppressors. But, Mare finds herself on a deadly path, at risk of becoming the kind of monster she is trying to defeat. Sequel to The red queen. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
21014	Glasshouse, The Collins, Paul & Thompson, Jo (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2010	9781921665042	3-4	Clara's glasshouse world is perfect, growing perfect pumpkins in her pure and flawless home. A stranger arrives and the precious world begins to change.
903291	Gleanings Shusterman, Neal	Walker Books	2022	9781529509540	9plus	In a future world where death and illness have become eliminated by a benevolent AI, the only death which the human race knows comes through the order of Scythes. Highly trained and held to a high moral code, these men and women have few boundaries. However, they are still human and are susceptible to corruption and ego. This is a collection of stories about the various Scythes and their good, bad, and absurd moments as bringers of death.

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660369	Glimme, The Rodda, Emily & McBride, Marc (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781862919570	5-6	Finn loves to draw. It helps him escape his hard life in the village of Wichant. Finn's imagination comes to life on the pages of his sketchbook where the shapes of dragons, ogres and giants lurk beneath the surface of the rugged cliffs and coastline. Is he drawing what exists beyond the veil? He is soon to find out when his grandfather sells him to the mysterious housekeeper from Edge House and he slips through a magical painting into another world. A mighty fantasy adventure with extraordinary illustrations that will transport you into the wonders and perils of the Glimme.
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4290	Glitch Worthington, Michelle & Plant, Andrew (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2017	9781925272710	K-2	Glitch spends his life searching through mountains of mouldy mess at the dump. He wants to make the fastest billycart ever! This year, he will be competing in the Big Race! But will his twitch stop him from winning?
1242	Glog Goodhart, Pippa & Maland, Nick (ill)	Walker Books	2007	9781406304053	3-4	Glog's tribe have left without him and now he has to fend for himself, with help from new friends Echo, Shadow and Water Boy.
5756	Gloria's voice Lewis, Aura	Sterling Publishing Co	2018	9781454926665	3-4	Gloria Steinem is known as a leader of the feminist movement and a trailblazer who fights for equality for all people. This unofficial biography for young readers tells her story, from being a young girl with big dreams to her inspiring travels in India to the launch of Ms. (a magazine), which gave women a voice. Gloria's message of believing in yourself and following your dreams will inspire a whole new generation.
18555	Glory garage, The Jamal, Nadia & Chandab, Taghred	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2005	9781741146493	9plus	A collection of stories about young women's experiences and dilemmas growing up as Lebanese Muslims in Australia. Humorous and empathetic insight into one of our diverse cultural groups, explaining customs and breaking down stereotypes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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1133721	Glow Morgan, Ross	Walker Books	2024	9781760655211	3-4	In a rural metal scrap yard, a girl and her dog explore mountains of metal scrap together searching for treasures, kept on a shelf in her late grandfather's workshop. She discovers a mechanical key and mystically, magically, a little glowing object appears, floats up and beyond. The sparse, lyrical text speaks to memory, shared moments, and love beyond worlds.
916559	Glow, The Laguna, Sofie & McBride, Marc (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761066825	5-6	Megan is obsessed with drawing fantastical creatures, and she shares her drawings with her best friend Li who writes stories to go with the pictures. When everyone in town, except the two girls, is immobilised by a strange glow coming from their devices, Megan and Li, have to overcome their fear and work together in a desperate battle to against the sinister monster that has ensnared everyone else around them.
750947	Go away, worry monster! Graham, Brooke & Tatlow-Lord, Robin	EK Books	2020	9781925820393	K-2	Archie is unable to sleep on the night before he starts his new school. The worry monster is visiting and Archie's tummy hurts and his head is starting to ache. Archie must remember some of the things he can do to send that monster away.
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?
578967	Go girl: A storybook of epic NZ women Else, Barbara	Penguin	2018	9780143771609	5-6	A book of inspirational stories New Zealand women who have achieved great things, risen above the odds and made positive change to the world. Incluides the stories of Dame Whina Cooper, Janet Frame, Farah Palmer, Lucy Lawless, Nancy Wake, Lorde, and more.
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?

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5355	Go go and the silver shoes Godwin, Jane & Walker, Anna	Penguin Books Australia	2018	9780143785521	K-2	When Go Go is allowed to buy the most beautiful shoes ever, she decides she will wear them EVERYWHERE! Even to the creek, where she and her brothers go adventuring. But - oh no, something terrible happens . . .
38395	Go home, cheeky animals Bell, Johanna & Beasley, Dion (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760291655	K-2	At Canteen Creek where we live, there are cheeky dogs everywhere. But, when the cheeky goats, donkeys, buffaloes and camels make mischief in the camp, the dogs just lie there. That is, until those pesky animals really go too far. Then, the cheeky camp dogs roar into action.
6703	Go Jojo go Bickford, Tessa & Castles, Jennifer	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781743310175	K-2	Jojo the gentoo penguin was born on an island in the Southern Ocean, halfway between Australia and Antarctica. From her nest she can see the beach, and she just can't wait to go to sea.
17560	Go to sleep, Jessie Gleeson, Libby & Blackwood, Freya (Ill)	Little Hare Books	2014	9781742977805	K-2	Ever since baby Jessie moved into her big sister's room, she wakes and she screams and screams. Nothing will make her sleep. Not a teddy. Not a changed nappy. Not even a bedtime story.
723922	Go with the flow Williams, Lily & Schneemann, Karen	First Second	2020	9781250143174	7-9	After a somewhat disastrous first day in a new high school, Sasha finds herself in the tight and caring friendship circle with Abby, Brit and Christine. Together they form a tight and supportive unit. The girls become united in their frustration at the lack of sanitary products in their school bathrooms, and the lack of interest in their call for support. Rallied by Abby, the girls try to get their cause noticed, but it might go a little too far.
21698	Go, dog, go Eastman, P D	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2006	9780007225460	K-2	A humorous book, full of brightly coloured, busy dogs and fun use of language. Ideal for beginning readers.
623312	Go-away bird, The Donaldson, Julia & Rayner, Catherine (ill)	MacMillan	2019	9781509843589	K-2	One by one, the other birds fly into her tree, wanting to talk or to play, but the Go-Away bird just shakes her head and sends them all away. But then the dangerous Get-You bird comes along, and she soon realizes that she might need some friends after all...
15142	Goal McNaughton, Colin	Collins	2002	9780007711161	K-2	Preston Pig is on the loose with unequalled world class football skills. Mister Wolf doesn't stand a chance.
803496	Goal!!! Williams, Lydia & Gifford, Lucinda (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526146	K-2	Australian Matildas goalkeeper, Lydia Williams, shares a fantastic story about some greatly skilled animals and what it means to be part of a team.

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113949	Goal: how football conquered the world Chambers, Catherine	Black Dog Books	2010	9781742031576	7-9	Football can be traced to ancient times. Read how the rules have changed, when football was banned and where football was played. The index will help you find when world cups were held and who played and about FIFA and famous players.
9372	Goanna jumps high Urandangi State School	Magabala Books	1999	9781875641451	5-6	Students try to win a high jump contest in a zone sports competition but, to do this, their goanna must jump higher than a competing kangaroo. Illustrated by primary pupils.
7782	Goanna was hungry, The James, Ann & Morgan, Sally	Indigenous Literacy Foundation	2016	9780994465412	K-2	Imagine being at a camp in the Great Victorian Desert. Imagine being one of the ten lucky kids chosen to work with two of Australia's best-loved author-illustrators. Kids from Tjuntjuntjara, Mt Margaret, Menzies and Melbourne spent five days at a writing and illustrating camp on Spinifex Country. This is their book and their stories.
46435	Goannas of no 1 Martin Place, The Steggall, Vicki & Snell, Danny (ill)	ABC Books	2010	9780733324987	3-4	Moreton lives happily with his Go-ma and Go-pa in the Botanic Gardens in Sydney. However, because of the increasing human population, Moreton's dad decides to search for a new family home, which must be up high, away from humans and in a sunny location. Moreton thinks his new home is perfect but he had not counted on the feral Pitt Street Cat.
11792	Goat and donkey and the noise downstairs Puttock, Simon & Russell, Julian (ill)	Oxford University Press	2008	9780192728180	K-2	One night, Goat is woken by a noise downstairs. He is sure there must be burglars in the house. When he goes to Donkey's room and finds the bed empty, Goat is sure that Donkey has been stolen. Goat knows he must be brave and investigate the noise.
633930	Goat on a boat Dent, Nick & Houghton, Suzanne (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760669164	5-6	When a goat arrives on a rocky island, the resident sheep are afraid he will eat all their grass. But this goat has hidden talents... This humorous story for children has an important message to convey.
14988	Goat, the duck and the bale of hay, The Flynn, Rachel & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Penguin	2004	9780670040438	K-2	The goat, the duck, the mermaid, the dog and assorted friends set off in a mystical boat with their bale of hay. Simple but poetic language brings this magical tale to life. Well-suited for a newly independent reader.
19151	Gobbledygook is eating a book, The Clarke, Justine & Baysting, Arthur	Puffin Australia	2012	9780670076574	K-2	Something is coming. Can you see? It snuffles and shuffles. What can it be? Look! Look! It's a Gobbledygook! It's ripping up pages and eating a book!
2278	Gobbling tree, The Carthew, Mark & Boyer, Susy (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2008	9781921042973	K-2	Join Zac and his friends as they try to retrieve their belongings from a tree that is determined to keep everything that lands in it.

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4009	Goblin and the empty chair, The Fox, Mem & Dillon, Leo & Diane (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2009	9780670074211	3-4	In a time long past, in a land far away, a family has suffered an unspeakable loss. Their lives are full of grief and hard work. But, a lonely goblin, a hermit from the world, has been watching. And he knows what to do to help them heal with acts of unnoticed kindness. Little does he know that he is being watched.
3025	Goblin mafia wars: Wanted dead or deader Green,D C	Ford Street Publishing	2016	9781925272208	5-6	Goblin Mafia Wars is action packed, monster filled adventure that will have you hooked from the opening pages. You will laugh and you will squirm as the race to save the world's last dragon's eggs and halt a full blown goblin war gets under way. Can the dragons be saved? And will earth be spared?
	Goblin series Kelleher, Victor				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.
1019877	Goblin's revenge, The Prentice, Andy & Knight, Tom (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2024	9781803706467	5-6	The evil wizard Darkmoon is hunting down the last few rebels who dare to oppose him.... and the only one who can save them is YOU. In this magically illustrated adventure, every choice is yours, and your survival depends upon the decisions you make. Who to fight? Who to trust? In a book where nothing is as it seems, even the pictures hold secrets that must be unlooked.
4953	Goblins & ghosties: Stories of darkness from around the world Pearson, Maggie	Bloomsbury	2015	9781472913692	5-6	If you like stories that are a bit dark and creepy or make you jump when things go bump in the night then this is the book for you. Filled with traditional tales from around the world about ghosts and ghouls, the biggest problem might be getting to sleep after reading them. Including twenty-five tales about vampires, demon dogs, ghosts, brownies werewolves and much more this is a great book for all lovers of fairy tales, folk tales, and ghost stories and for those who just love the scary stuff!
158	God beneath the sea, The Garfield, Leon & Blishen, Edward	Hamilton	1997	9780241139554	5-6	A recreation of Greek legends.
6968	God is Macleod, Mark & Schell, Kirrily (ill)	ABC Books	2009	9780733323805	3-4	A book that helps to explain spirituality to the very young. It provides a general look at where God is in all the things that make up a young child's life such as friendship, love, play, family and nature.

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33722	Godwits, The Pickworth, Bruce & Robertson, Lorraine (ill)	Bullawai Books	2016	9780994611802	5-6	A boy in China is waiting. The godwits will soon land on his favourite beach. But things are changing and there are plans to build houses on this very beach. Wei is determined this will not happen. A new leader has been chosen to lead the godwits from Australia to Wei's beach. Will the birds make it and will the beach still be there. A book about one brave bird and one heroic boy.
159	Goggle-eyes Fine, Anne	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2001	9780141307541	7-9	Kitty hates her mum's boyfriend, whom she calls Goggle-eyes. Yet, when he leaves, Kitty finds that she misses him.
15143	Gogo fish, the story of the WA state fossil emblem Long, John	Western Australian Museum	2005	9781920843083	5-6	In 1986, a 375 million year old fossil fish was discovered in Western Australia. This book tells how the Gogo fish fossil was discovered and how a campaign by students at a Perth primary school helped to make it the state's fossil emblem.
1989	Going bush with Grandpa Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, Ezekiel	Scholastic Australia	2014	9781742990262	3-4	Pete and his Grandpa are heading off on a camping trip to prospect for gold. Maybe they will find enough gold so they can go on a big city holiday. But, first, Pete has to survive Grandpa's cooking.
83685	Going for broke McKinlay, Meg	Walker Books	2008	9781921150616	5-6	Nathan Foley wants more than just a participation award, he wants to be in the book of world records. His hairbrain attempts to break a world record with his two, less than helpful friends, Ronnie and Weasel, are more likely to result in his death by misadventure than great recognition.
160	Going for kalta: hunting for sleepy lizards at Yalata Edwards, Yvonne & Day, Brenda	IAD Press	2004	9781864650129	5-6	Kalta is the Aboriginal word meaning ""sleepy lizard"". In this picture book, the reader is shown how the Yalata community catch and cook kalta.
1423396	Going for pippies Laurie, Wilaaran & Mordey, Tori-Jay (ill)	Magabala Books	2025	9781922864147	K-2	Wilaaran wants to learn the old ways. He's going hunting for pippies with his mum and dad, nans and pops, uncles and cousins. But what's this special dance his family is doing in the water?
12085	Going home Wild, Margaret & Harris, Wayne (ill)	Walker Books	2009	9781921529047	K-2	You'll never find Hugo whining that he's bored. Even in hospital, when there isn't much else to do except look out the window, he can amuse himself, especially with a zoo next door. Hugo inspires all the other children that he meets.
12180	Going on a school trip Church, Diane	Watts	2000	9780749636708	K-2	Georgia, a young schoolgirl who is blind, enjoys a school excursion.
12181	Going shopping Church, Diane	Watts	2000	9780749636715	K-2	Sara has muscular dystrophy and uses a wheelchair. Sara and Moya go shopping, have lunch and buy each other treats on their day out.

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9712	Going solo Dahl, Roald & Blake, Quentin (ill)	Penguin	2016	9780141365558	9plus	Following on from Dahl's childhood experiences, explored in his autobiography, Boy, this book tells the hilarious and true stories of his experiences working for Shell Oil in Africa and becoming a fighter pilot during World War II. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
639794	Going to the footy Coombes, Debbie	Magabala Books	2019	9781925936964	K-2	Yay! The footy's on. How will you get there? On a bus? In a boat? On a plane?
569198	Going to the volcano Stanton, Andy & Ordonez, Miguel (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9781444933444	K-2	Dwayne and Jane-i want to see the volcano! They'll ride a great dance-o to see the volcano! And climb up a crane-o to see the volcano! What could possible go wrong?
18271	Gold Hill, David	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2010	9781741669251	9plus	Australia's gold rushes of the nineteenth century produced tremendous wealth and population growth for the struggling Australian colonies. People from all walks of life made the perilous journey to the goldfields, returning either fabulously wealthy or demoralised and broke. It was a time of huge political, social and cultural change. Includes diaries, journals, letters, official reports, newspaper articles of the time. A challenging read. Usually read by students in Years 9,10 or above.
18393	Gold quest Biesty, Stephen & Hooper, Meredith (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2005	9780340788585	5-6	Trace the journey of a gold mask in Egypt centuries ago. It is melted down to become a prize at the Colosseum, a gift for Queen Elizabeth I, counterfeit coins, a toothpick holder at Versailles, gold buttons on a waistcoat and a necklace in New York.
91928	Golden day, The Dubosarsky, Ursula	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742374710	7-9	Eleven little school girls are taken on an unexpected field trip to the gardens and they meet a poet. What follows is inexplicable and a shocking scandal. Will they tell what they know.

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1019914	Golden swift, The Grossman, Lev	Bloomsbury	2022	9781526647641	5-6	It's been a year since Kate and Tom became conductors on the Great Intercontinental Railway, and life has changed completely! Delivering animal passengers to their rightful habitats using their very own secret steam train, The Silver Arrow, is exciting and magical and fulfilling. Until one day a new and mysterious train almost rams them off the track! Its name? The Golden Swift. Kate catches a glimpse of the conductors. They're children, like them, and they're dropping animals off at all the wrong stations! Kate is determined to catch up with their rivals and confront them. Her actions will lead to an adventure bigger than she could have dreamed of, racing through the highlands of Western Scotland, diving down deep into the oceans on a magical submarine, meeting a talking tortoise, and finding out about a whole new way to offer endangered animals safe and lasting homes.
780139	Golden tower, The Murrell, Belinda	Penguin	2021	9781760897093	5-6	In her wildest dreams, Sophie never thought she might be kidnapped by a cat and taken to a world of flying horses and wonder - but also magic, mystery and danger! Transported to the land of Tuscia, Sophie accidentally saves the daughter of a wealthy family and is swept along on their journey to the Golden Tower. Now she is the only one standing between sisters Isabella and Bia and the terrible fate their stepmother has planned. Sophie doesn't think she is brave enough, but with the help of a talking cat, a stableboy and some very tiny mischief-makers, she might be able to save the day.

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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.
1944	Goldfever D'Ath, Justin & Tonkin, Rachel (ill)	Penguin	2001	9780141309392	3-4	While playing with his dog, Austin finds a gold nugget at Goldmine Park. Later that day, he must play there in his Grand Final. The nugget is going to pose a real problem.
37699	Goldfish boy, The Thompson, Lisa	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781407170992	5-6	Matthew likes everything to be very clean and stays safe in his room to keep away from germs. He watches his neighbours but hates going outside. When a toddler goes missing Matthew is the last person to have seen him alive. Can Matthew overcome his fears, turn detective and solve the crime?
4938	Goldilocks and just the one bear Hodgkinson, Leigh	Nosy Crow Ltd	2012	9780857630438	K-2	Many years have passed since Goldilocks caused chaos at the Bears' house in the woods. Find out what happens when Little Bear, as was, wanders out of his fairytale and into the big city, rather smart apartment where Goldilocks now lives.
659290	Goldilocks and the three bears Degennaro, Sue	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781743815878	K-2	A little girl named Goldilocks goes for a walk in the forest. What happens when she comes upon a house owned by three bears?
903272	Goldilocks and the three crocodiles Rosen, Michael & Melling, David (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780008509880	K-2	One bright morning, Tiddles the dog said to Goldilocks, "we could see if we could find that house with the chairs. There was porridge and beds. You went in..... there were three bears!" So begins this fabulously funny twist on a familiar story.
903320	Goldilocks zone, The Sheneman, Drew	Harper	2021	9780062972361	5-6	What makes Earth so special? Join Goldilocks and her best friend, Baby Bear, on an interstellar adventure to learn all about our solar system in this informative, hilarious, and 100 percent factual nonfiction picture book.

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34144	Goldseekers, The Bastian, Greg	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2006	9780207200847	5-6	It is the 1850s on the Australian goldfields. People are caught up in the, often violent, grip of gold fever. Miju and her brother, kidnapped from their homeland, are working to earn their passage home. Racism and robbery make their quest more difficult.
78863	Goldsmith's daughter, The Landman, Tanya	Walker Books	2008	9781406307078	9plus	As an Aztec maiden, Itacate is destined to a lifetime of submission and domestic drudgery until the Spanish invaders come and violently turn her world of savage blood sacrifices and cultural boundaries upside down. Her strength of character, great skill in her father's profession and her love for a young invader help her endure tragedy and hardship in a harsh adult world. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
551	Good boy Fergus Shannon, David	Blue Sky Press	2006	9780439490276	K-2	Fergus, the West Highland terrier, is a pampered pet who loves to do all the things that dogs love to do.
6714	Good day, good night Wise Brown, Margaret & Long, Loren (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2017	9780008261207	K-2	When the sun comes up and the day begins, the little bunny says good day to all the familiar things outside. To the birds in the skies and the bees in their hives, to everything one by one. And as the sun starts to set, it's time for the little bunny to say good night. Good night, kitty. Good night, bear. Good night, people everywhere.
1332708	Good different Kuyatt, Meg Eden	Scholastic US	2026	9781338816112	5-6	Selah knows her rules for being normal. She always ... always sticks to them. This means keeping her feelings locked tightly inside, despite how they build up as each school day goes on, so she has to run to the bathroom and hide in the stall until she can calm down. So that she has to tear off her normal-person mask the second she gets home from school and listen to her favourite pop song on repeat, trying to recharge. Selah feels like a dragon stuck in a world of humans, but she knows how to hide it. Until the day she explodes and hits a fellow student. Selah's friends pull away from her, her school threatens to expel her, and her comfortable, familiar world starts to crumble. But as Selah starts to figure out more about who she is, she comes to understand that being different doesn't mean being damaged. Can she get her school to understand that, too, before it's too late?

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689108	Good dog Leaver, Kate	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9781460758892	7-9	This is a book for anyone who has loved a dog and known their love in return. It uses real life situations to show how a dog can improve our mental and physical health as well as our quality of life. With each story, it becomes more and more obvious how dogs can support us, comfort us and even save our lives. Drawing on science, research and in depth personal interviews, this book demonstrates that the dog-human bond is the most extraordinary cross-species friendship on the planet.
2620	Good dog Hank French, Jackie & Rycroft, Nina	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2014	9780732293642	K-2	Hank is always a good dog, in his own special way.
922723	Good egg presents, The: The great eggscape! John, Jory & Oswald, Pete (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780062975676	3-4	Shel (an egg) isn't a huge fan of group activities, especially when he's made to be 'it' for a game of hide-and-seek. Nevertheless, Shel doesn't want to let his friends down, so he reluctantly plays. But after a morning of hiding and seeking, somebody's still missing. Will the dozen eggs friends ever be reunited?
1041344	Good egg, The John, Jory & Oswald, Pete (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780062866004	3-4	I bet you are wondering; how good can one egg really be? Well in this book you will find one good egg in a dozen. This one will water your plants, change your tyres and even paint your house. But what if being too good goes really wrong?
8810	Good enough for a sheep station Cox, David	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781743319031	3-4	As a boy, the author, David Cox, lived on a sheep station in the dusty outback of Queensland. His lessons came in a brown envelope but, out of doors, his dad was his teacher. David learned the stockman's skills of breaking in and riding horses, mustering sheep and cattle, and how to survive the hardships of drought. When they were out riding, his father would tell interesting stories about old times and characters.
759605	Good girl's guide to murder, A Jackson, Holly	Electric Monkey (London)	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.

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759608	Good Girl, Bad Blood Jackson, Holly	Electric Monkey (London)	2020	9781405297752	9plus	Pippa and Ravi Singh have released a true crime podcast and are insistent their detecting days are behind them until a local boy goes missing. Jackson ensnares readers in another highly addictive web, woven from the dark shadows of small-town secrets. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
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?
1122175	Good hair Sewankambo, Yvonne & Chiu, Freda (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760655709	K-2	Birugi does NOT like doing her hair. Her father describes different hair types to her, and points out all the different people in her life and how each one has different hair, in the hope of convincing her what good hair really looks like.
660659	Good hawk, The Elliott, Joseph	Walker Books	2020	9781406385854	7-9	Agatha has always been made to feel different because of the condition she was born with. Despite this, she patrols the sea wall with pride, even though there are some in her clan who question her right to be there. Jaimie is selected to be different. The clan choose a life path for him that may make him an outcast. He is a reluctant Angler, full of self doubt and afraid of the sea. When disaster strikes, the pair must embark on a terrifying journey to a land where forgotten magic and dark secrets lurk in every shadow. Everything has been taken from them What will they do to get it back?
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.
49589	Good knight, sleep tight Melling, David	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2006	9780340860939	K-2	The young prince has a new baby sister who won't stop crying. A brave and loyal knight embarks on a quest to find the fluffiest and softest pillow in the land.
162	Good luck to the rider Phipson, Joan	Pan MacMillan	2001	9780330362740	5-6	A story about the adoption of a foal and a girl's first year at boarding school.

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10895	Good morning Mr Pancakes McKimmie, Chris	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742377193	K-2	It's holiday time for Bee. But, first, the chooks need their toenails painted, the dogs and cats need their bags packed and Gregor needs enough greens for a week. Then, Bee is off to the island.
18447	Good night me Daddo, Andrew & Quay, Emma (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2005	9780733621123	K-2	An orangutan youngster goes to sleep, body part by body part, as he is kissed goodnight by his mother. It certainly takes a long time to say goodnight to this cute little fellow.
4431	Good night stories for rebel girls Favilli, Elena & Cavallo, Francesca	Penguin	2017	9780141986005	7-9	Good night stories for rebel girls reinvents fairy tales, inspiring children with the stories of 100 heroic women from Elizabeth I to Serena Williams.
804792	Good night, Ivy Bright Long, Ben & Plant, Andrew (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2021	9781925804720	K-2	Ivy couldn't get to sleep, her mind was burning bright. I'm done with counting sheep, she thought, I'll paint my dreams tonight. Ivy goes on a wonderous journey through her imagination. What will she find?
19929	Good night, sleep tight Fox, Mem & Horacek, Judy (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2012	9781742832579	K-2	Bonnie and Ben have a favourite babysitter whose much loved nursery rhymes ensure a wonderful, whimsical world before bedtime.
846263	Good place, A Cousins, Lucy	Walker Books	2022	9781529501254	K-2	Four insect friends are looking for a place to live. But will they ever find a home that's good for all of them?
699031	Good question Whiting, Sue & White, Annie	Walker Books	2020	9781760650841	K-2	All Fox wants is a tasty meal to fill his hungry belly but he keeps wandering into the WRONG STORIES! No dinner for him - just more and more trouble! Will fox ever find the right story?
587801	Good Rosie DiCamillo, Kate & Bliss, Harry (ill)	Candlewick Press	2018	9780763689797	K-2	Rosie is a good dog and a faithful companion to her owner, George. She likes taking walks with George and looking at the clouds together, but the closest she comes to another dog is when she encounters her reflection in her empty dog bowl, and sometimes that makes Rosie feel lonely. One day George takes Rosie to the dog park, but the park is full of dogs that Rosie doesn't know, which makes her feel lonelier than ever. When big, loud Maurice and small, yippy Fifi bound over and want to play, Rosie's not sure how to respond. Is there a trick to making friends? And if so, can they all figure it out together?
628182	Good son, The Ober, Pierre-Jacques & Ober, Jules (ill) & Coonan, Felicity (ill)	Candlewick Press	2019	9781536204827	7-9	Pierre wanted to be a good son. He wanted to be a good soldier. But the whole world was at war, and he couldn't be both.
943193	Good thing happened today, A Figueroa, Michelle	HarperCollins US	2022	9780063142312	K-2	A good thing happened today. Hooray! Did you hear? Embark on an inspirational journey and discover real good news from all over the world.

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660048	Good, the bad, and the silly, The Dickson, John & Emmerichs, Bern (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2019	9780648397373	5-6	'The Good, The Bad and The Silly' is a taste of the intriguing history of Australia to alert young readers of the storytelling treasures to be unearthed in Australia's settlement history.
12117	Good-night, Owl Hutchins, Pat	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1993	9781856810883	K-2	Owl is trying to get to sleep but, every time he shuts his eyes, there is another sound to keep him awake.
186	Goodbye and hello Corcoran, Clodagh & Tyrrell, Margot (ed.)	Penguin	1993	9780140360578	9plus	Diverse stories about family ties and personal experiences, written by Australian and Irish authors. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
643279	Goodbye house, hello house Wild, Margaret & James, Ann (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781743311103	K-2	A heartwarming story about moving house and embracing change, of saying goodbye and saying hello.
6936	Goodbye stranger Stead, Rebecca	Text Publishing Co	2015	9781925240320	7-9	Two years ago, Bridge, Tabitha and Emily made a pact never to fight, ever. Now, in high school, they are still friends but things are changing. Bridge meets Sherm, Emily is getting lots of attention from Patrick and Tab wants to save the world. A plan that quickly spirals out of control threatens their friendship.
901583	Goodbye year, The Gale, Emily	Text Publishing Co	2022	9781922458599	5-6	"It is the start of 2020 and Harper is excited about her final year at Riverlark Primary. But one by one things go wrong. Her best friends are made school captains and don't seem to have time for her anymore. Her parents take jobs overseas, so she is bundled to stay with her grandmother, who she hardly knows. Then Covid arrives bringing more things to worry about. Harper's special year is turning out to be nothing like she hoped it would be. And then there is the ghost. Who is the boy in the library? Why is he here? Will he help Harper find a way to be happy with her goodbye year?"
4251	Goodly and Grave: In a bad case of kidnap Windsor, Justine	HarperCollins Children's Books	2017	9780008183530	5-6	Employed as the new boot girl at Grave Hall, Lucy Goodly is in a tough situation. Who will take care of her well-meaning, but gambling parents? How will she get back to her beloved home, and what is REALLY going on at Grave Hall? This is book one in the Goodly and Grave trilogy, featuring magic, exotic animals, adventure and kidnapped children.

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11472	Goodly and Grave: In a deadly case of murder Windsor, Justine	HarperCollins Children's Books	2017	9780008183561	5-6	Lucy Goodly is a magician. Not a very knowledgeable one, and rather young too, but she is learning. Still in the employ of Lord Grave (and Boot Girl of Grave Hall - for all appearances), she and the members of MAAM (Magicians Against the Abuse of Magic) are investigating the thefts of magical items and soil from churchyards. Can Lucy and Lord Grave solve the mystery and stop a seriously magical plot?
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.
660719	Goodnight glow worms Parker, Aura	Penguin Books Australia	2020	9780143792918	K-2	Will the glow worms ever get to sleep? This is a cuddly, snuggly bedtime story, filled with joyful illustrations and rhyming text. A perfect read for bedtimes.
15098	Goodnight Harry Lewis, Kim	Walker Books	2004	9781844285006	K-2	Harry, the elephant, can't get to sleep. He tries all sorts of activities to help him get to sleep. Thank goodness for friends.
163	Goodnight Mister Tom Magorian, Michelle	Puffin UK	2010	9780141329703	7-9	William is evacuated to the countryside during the bombing of English cities in World War II. Mr Tom takes him in and turns his sad life around.
43634	Goodnight, goodnight, construction site Duskey Rinker, Sherri & Lichtenheld, Tom (ill)	Chronicle Books	2011	9780811877824	K-2	As the sun sets on the big construction site, all the hard-working trucks get ready to say goodnight. One by one, Crane Truck, Cement Mixer, Dump Truck, Bulldozer, and Excavator finish their work and lie down to rest, so they'll be ready for another day of rough and tough construction play.
8900	Goodnight, mice Watts, Frances & Watson, Judy	ABC Books	2011	9780733324215	K-2	It's time for bed but four cheeky mice are skittering, scampering and scurrying, and don't seem very sleepy.
582933	Goodnight, numbers McKellar, Danica & Padron, Alicia (ill)	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9781101933787	K-2	Numbers are all around us. Snuggle up and see!
1388303	Goorramindi the crocodile Jaffrey, Quinlan & Goodwin, Jade (ill)	Magabala Books	2025	9781922613424	K-2	This picture book tells the tale of Goorramindi, the freshwater crocodile and guardian of the river. Goorramindi rescues a boy named Corey from the claw-grips of Walwarrangga, a big cheeky crocodile who lives upstream.

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24569	Goose Road, The House, Rowena	Walker Books	2018	9781406371673	7-9	With news of the death of her father on a distant battlefield, 14-year-old Angelique Lacroix must grow up very quickly to take care of her mother and her farm so that her brother who is also away fighting, has something to return to. The only way to do that however, is to travel across war-torn France with her flock of Toulouse geese. She learns heartbreaking but valuable lessons along the way about the nature of human beings when pushed to the brink of survival, and what she is prepared to personally sacrifice to save the ones she loves.
	Goosebumps series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
10736	Gordon's got a snookie Shanahan, Lisa & Harris, Wayne (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2004	9781865086903	K-2	Gordon, the new silverback gorilla at the zoo, cannot understand it. When the animals discover he keeps a snookie, a security blanket, they bully him by teasing. He has tried his best but he thinks he is the loneliest animal in the whole zoo.
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.
51466	Gorgon in the gully, The Marchetta, Melina	Puffin Australia	2010	9780143305613	3-4	Beyond the basketball courts and classrooms of St Raph's is a gully where everything disappears forever. Danny has heard stories about a creature that lives down there. So, he wonders why he's volunteered to face the Gorgon when he's been petrified of everything all his life. He knows he can't do it alone.
1992	Gorilla Browne, Anthony	Walker Books	2002	9780744594393	K-2	Feeling neglected because her parents are pre-occupied with their own problems, Hannah is a lonely girl who uses her imagination to bring her toy gorilla to life on the night before her birthday.
29436	Gorilla book: born to be wild, The Litchfield, Carla	Black Dog Books	2009	9781742030883	5-6	Gorillas are the world's biggest primate. They are often portrayed as aggressive but are actually shy, peaceful and remarkably intelligent vegetarians.

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9970	Gorilla suit, The Kelleher, Victor & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Penguin	2002	9780143300175	3-4	Amusing story of a boy in his gorilla suit who becomes confused with a real gorilla and gets swapped over for a day.
6928	Gorski's bitemare Favretto, Robert	Ford Street Publishing	2019	9781925804164	3-4	Gorski. the vampire bat is in a flap. Following a frightful event his fangs are shrinking and he faints at the sight of blood! Can he find a cure or will things go from bat to worst?
1319280	Gotcha! Can you catch the thief? Henseleit, Jack & Hart, James (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760267094	K-2	A gang of burglars just escaped. They're coming to your town! Perhaps they've left some clues behind. Can you track them down?
	Goth Girl series Riddell, Chris				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.
49135	Gotta B Carmichael, Claire	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741662986	7-9	In the near future, all communication devices are linked to individual users, no-one can use an electronic item belonging to someone else. The worst possible fate is to lose that link and become a disconnect. If you can't connect with your friends, you might as well cease to exist.
164	Gowie Corby plays chicken Kemp, Gene	Penguin	1984	9780140313222	5-6	Gowie is not a chicken but spending the night at Cricklepit School, where ghosts are rumoured to roam, is a big dare to accept.
4755	Grace Gleitzman, Morris	Penguin Books Australia	2009	9780670073900	5-6	Eleven year old Grace knows only one world of her mum, dad, twin brothers and the strict religious community they belong to. Her relationship with God is central to her life but Grace is also stubborn, outspoken and independent. When her dad is thrown out of the church for asking questions, Grace is torn between staying in the church and keeping her family together.

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569134	Grace and fury Banghart, Tracy	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9781444941951	9plus	In a world where women have no rights, sisters Serina and Nomi face two very different fates: one in the palace, the other on an island prison where women must fight to survive. Serina has spent her whole life preparing to become a Grace - selected to stand by the heir to the throne as a shining example of the perfect woman. But her headstrong and rebellious younger sister has a dangerous secret, and one wrong move could cost both sisters everything. Can Serina fight? And will Nomi win? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
29846	Grace and Katie Merritt, Susanne & Anelli, Liz (ill)	EK Books	2017	9781925335545	K-2	Twins Grace and Katie have only one thing in common: they love to draw! But Grace likes her drawings to be neat and orderly, while Katie loves hers to be bright and bold. They each decide to create their own map. But that doesn't work out quite as well as they'd planned. Perhaps working together will help?
1080149	Grace and Mr Milligan Goodwin, Caz & Kruger, Pip (ill)	Marshall Cavendish International	2023	9789815009811	K-2	Grace lives next door to old Mr Milligan and his goat Charlie. They are the best of friends. But when Mr Milligan' s beloved goat dies, everything changes. Will Grace be able to help her friend overcome his sadness? Grace and Mr Milligan is a heart-warming story of grief, love and the healing power of friendship.
936337	Grace notes Comer, Karen	Hachette Australia	2023	9780734421722	7-9	A debut YA verse novel about what happens when the paths of a young busking violinist and an aspiring street artist collide during a pandemic. Set in one of the most locked-down cities in the world - Melbourne, 2020.
14399	Grace on the court Proud, Maddy	Piccolo Nero	2018	9781760640330	5-6	It was simple for Netball nerd Grace Parker and her best friends, Stella and Mia, at primary school, where back then her biggest problem was persuading her parents to buy her tickets to see Friday at Five, the world's hottest boy band. Unfortunately, high school is a new story. Grace's greatest rival on the court, Amber Burns, just made the same netball team as her. Her twin brother, Gus, is devastated he didn't make it into the top team. Tyler, her older brother, is ignoring her. And if that wasn't enough for a 13-year-old girl to handle, a popular dreamy boy is suddenly paying her a lot of attention...

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1066660	Grace the amazing Darlison, Aleesah	Wombat Books	2024	9781761111174	5-6	Grace Marshall is eleven years old. She is curious, creative and dreams of becoming a magician, Grace the Amazing. Her only friend is her art teacher, Pamela. When she discovers Pamela is dying, Grace is determined to find a miraculously magical cure and, along the way, she asks the big questions about life, love and friendship.
610432	Grace's mystery seed Sampson, Juliet. M & Erasmus, Karen (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2019	9781925804218	K-2	'Polly likes these stripy seeds,' Grace said. 'What are they from?' 'Let's find out,' said Mrs Marino. Grace and her neighbour plant a mystery seed. They wait and wait for ages. Then a little green shoot starts to grow...and grow...and grow...until, at last, Grace discovers the truth about her amazing mystery seed.
4924	Gracefully Grayson Polonsky, Ami	Disney Press	2014	9781423185277	7-9	Raised as a boy, twelve year old Grayson has never felt comfortable in her own skin and longs to be able to express her true gender identity. She is a loner, eating her lunch in the library, trying to avoid the class bullies. Home is not much better. Although she has lived with her aunt, uncle and two cousins for years, she isn't close to them. They don't know the real Grayson. No one does. But, when Grayson impulsively signs up for school play tryouts and then auditions for the leading role, things begin to change.
5092	Gracey Moloney, James	University of Queensland Press	2009	9780702237072	9plus	It's school holidays and Gracey is coming home to Cunningham, a remote country town. Everything looks different, even frightening. When her brother, Dougy, finds three aboriginal bones, a chain of events causes Gracey to reconnect with her Aboriginal heritage. Includes coarse language and adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
3917	Gracie and Josh Gervay, Susanne & Geddes, Serena (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2013	9781921665851	3-4	Gracie and Josh are brother and sister who laugh, play and fight, but they also face a sad world where someone is sick and there are good days and bad days in their family.
12359	Gracie and the emperor Broome, Errol	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2003	9780186508880	5-6	Gracie has been told many stories about the emperor, Napoleon Bonaparte, who will stop at nothing to rule the world. When the dreaded man comes to the island where Gracie lives, she wants to run away but she has nowhere to go.

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35270	Gracie Faltrain takes control Crowley, Cath	Pan MacMillan	2006	9781760784270	7-9	Gracie Faltrain is back and she couldn't be happier. Her team won the Championships, she scored a few goals and a boyfriend, as well. Just as she's settling down to a new season of soccer, the stakes are raised. Coach has entered the team in the Firsts - a boys only league. To prove herself, Gracie has to fight harder than ever before. The other teams will do anything to keep her out of the game, and if she makes it, they'll do anything to see her lose. But Gracie is sick of losing. She's sick of seeing friends, like Martin and Alyce, unhappy. Gracie decides it's time to take control and even the score for everyone, on and off the field.
64682	Graffiti moon Crowley, Cath	Pan MacMillan	2010	9780330425780	9plus	Lucy is in love with Shadow, a mysterious graffiti artist. Ed thought he was in love with Lucy, until she broke his nose. Dylan loves Daisy, but throwing eggs at her probably wasn't the best way to show it. An intense and exhilarating twenty-four hours in the lives of four teenagers on the verge of adulthood and of finding out just who they are, and who they want to be. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
165	Graffiti on the fence Forrestal, Elaine	Penguin	1999	9780141305196	7-9	Three friends seem to be on the verge of juvenile delinquency, terrorising an old woman who then comes to their aid when one of them is threatened.
983000	Granbad Tangey, Penny & Baldwin, Peter (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2023	9780702266232	K-2	My Grandad is a rebel. We call him Granbad. He doesn't believe in screen time limits or healthy snacks but he does believe in saving the planet. Good thing he is rule breaker.
3448	Grand, genius summer of Henry Hoobler, The Shanahan, Lisa	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760293017	3-4	Henry Hoobler is a reluctant adventurer who is worried about his summer holiday camping at the beach: bugs, spiders, snakes, stingers, blue-ringed octopi and sharks. Worst of all, his family and friends are pushing him to ride his new silver bike - without training wheels. But when Henry meets Cassie, he discovers that courage is there to be found when you have a friend who is straight-up and true.
1359387	Grandad Bluey	Penguin Books Australia	2025	9781761620126	K-2	Grandad is meant to be resting. But when Bluey and Bingo visit, they take of into the bush on a wild chase. Can mum catch them?
9339	Grandad tree, The Cooke, Trish & Wilson, Sharon	Walker Books	2001	9780744578751	5-6	An apple tree in the garden represents the changing stages of life. Children play in the tree's shade with their grandad in summer and rake its leaves in autumn. The continuing presence of the tree supports them as they come to accept his death.

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166	Grandad's gifts Jennings, Paul & Goldthorpe, Peter (ill)	Penguin	1998	9780140548129	5-6	Shane's curiosity gets the better of him as he must know what is in the forbidden cupboard.
12213	Grandad's magic Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2002	9780744589160	K-2	Alison loves Grandad's magic. She is shocked when, one Sunday, Grandad attempts his greatest trick of all and juggles with disaster.
1426146	Grandad's pride Woodgate, Harry	Andersen Press Ltd	2023	9781839132667	K-2	Grandad and Gramps once went to many Pride parades, but now Grandad says his partying days are over. Milly isn't convinced. If Grandad won't travel to Pride, then Pride will have to come to him!
1997	Grandad's teeth Clement, Rod	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	1997	9780207090394	K-2	An off-beat picture book in which grandad wakes to discover his false teeth are missing from his bedside table. The family rushes to help and soon a hunt is on to find the thief.
754380	Grandest Bookshop in the World, The Mellor, Amelia	Affirm Press	2021	9781922419347	7-9	Pearl and Vally Cole live in a bookshop. And not just any bookshop. In 1893, Cole's Book Arcade in Melbourne is the grandest bookshop in the world, brimming with every curiosity imaginable. Each day brings fresh delights for the siblings: voice-changing sweets, talking parrots, a new story written just for them by their eccentric father. When Pearl and Vally learn that Pa has risked the Arcade - and himself - in a shocking deal with the mysterious Obscurosmith, the siblings hatch a plan. Soon they are swept into a dangerous game with impossibly high stakes: defeat seven challenges by the stroke of midnight and both the Arcade and their father will be restored. But if they fail Pearl and Vally won't just lose Pa - they'll forget that he and the Arcade ever existed.
1998	Grandfather Baker, Jeannie	Scholastic Australia	1994	9781863880886	K-2	Grandfather has a junk shop which is a delightful place for his granddaughter to explore, play and dress up in. A wordless picture book told through beautiful collages.
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.
28007	Grandfather's war, My Harper, Glyn & Cooper, Jenny (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2018	9781775592990	3-4	Sarah loves spending time with her Grandpa, but she knows there is a part of his life that makes him sad. When he was a young man he fought in the Vietnam War. Sarah wants to find out more and her Grandpa shares a story of bravery and friendship, and what impact war has on everyone.

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25984	Grandfather's wrinkles England, Kathryn & McFarland, Richard (ill)	Flashlight Press	2007	9780972922593	3-4	As Lucy's fingers trace each crease on her Grandad's lined face, she wants to know why Grandad's skin doesn't fit anymore. He tells her what joyful event caused each wrinkle to appear.
10403	Grandma Shepherd, Jessica	Child's Play International Ltd	2014	9781846435973	K-2	Oscar loves Grandma and their time together is always lots of fun. As she becomes less able to look after herself, she has to go into a care home.
167	Grandma Cadbury's water world Bates, Dianne	Hodder & Stoughton	1997	9780733604720	5-6	Life is never dull with Grandma Cadbury, especially at a beach resort.
	Grandma Dangerous series Mitchell, Kita & Reed, Nathan (ill)				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.
47260	Grandma forgets Russell, Paul & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2017	9781925335477	K-2	Over the years, a little girl has built up a treasure trove of memories of time spent with her Grandma: sausages for Sunday lunch, driving in her sky-blue car to the beach, climbing her apple trees while she baked a delicious apple pie, and her comforting hugs during wild storms. But now, Grandma can't remember those memories. She makes up new rules for old games and often hides Dad's keys. Sometimes Dad is sad because he has to hold onto the memories for both him and his mother now, but fortunately his daughter is more than happy to help him make new memories to share.
9615	Grandma fox Ahlberg, Allan & Amstutz, Andre (ill)	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2000	9780140564020	K-2	The chickens are in danger once more as Fast Fox fancies a chicken sandwich. He disguises himself as a grandma, a doctor and a postman as he plots to catch the unsuspecting chickens.
21596	Grandma Wombat French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2016	9780732299590	K-2	She eats. She sleeps. She scratches. And, like all grandmas, she thinks her grandson is the best-behaved baby ever. But, this baby has other ideas.
623351	Grandma Z Gray-Barnett, Daniel	Scribe Publications	2018	9781925322156	3-4	On an ordinary day, in an ordinary town, it was Albert's birthday. Albert's desire to have an out of the ordinary birthday turns into an extraordinary reality when Grandma Z roars into town on her motorcycle.

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923443	Grandma's guide to happiness Daddo, Andrew & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	ABC Books	2023	9780733341304	K-2	My grandma says the funniest things. She says that you don't need much to be happy - not really. Grandma knows that its often the simplest things that make you happy, like splashing in a puddle or baking delicious cookies. Join grandma and grandchild on a joyful journey to discover the key to happiness.
8404	Grandma's place Stead, James & Gardner, Marjory (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2008	9781921136290	K-2	For those of you lucky enough to have a grandmother, this book asks lots of questions about what your granny likes to eat and talk about, who she visits, what she's good at and lots of other things.
12103	Grandma's shoes Hathorn, Libby & Magerl, Caroline (ill)	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2000	9780733611780	5-6	When a young girl's grandmother dies, she hears the comment, 'Who will ever step into her shoes?' She finds grandma's shoes and goes on a journey, filled with images of her beloved grandma. Powerfully depicts healing after a loved one's death.
6898	Grandma's week off McKinlay, Helen & Smith, Craig (ill)	ABC Books	2003	9780733312120	3-4	Grandma wakes up one Monday morning and decides to do something more exciting than make marmalade. An incredible week of adventure follows, culminating in a trip to the moon.
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.
5515	Grandmother Baker, Jeannie	Scholastic Australia	1994	9781863880893	K-2	A special bond exists between a grandmother and her grandchild as they explore the overgrown jungle which is also grandmother's garden of memories. A wordless picture book told through beautiful collages.
6944	Grandpa Norman, Lilith & Young, Noela (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2000	9781876289249	3-4	Through Blake's eyes, Grandpa is revealed as a real pain in the neck. He took over Blake's room, left ash and tobacco everywhere and told boring stories. Grandpa was also really good at mending stuff and he could create wonders out of horseshoe nails.
2314	Grandpa Green Smith, Lane	Roaring Book Press	2011	9781596436077	3-4	Grandpa Green wasn't always a gardener. He was a farmboy, a kid with chickenpox, a soldier and, most of all, an artist. Follow Grandpa Green's great-grandson into the garden he created, a fantastic world where memories are handed down in the fanciful shapes of topiary trees, and imagination recreates things forgotten.
12292	Grandpa and Thomas Allen, Pamela	Penguin	2003	9780670041572	K-2	Thomas and Grandpa go to the beach. The sun is shining, the gulls are screeching and the sea is singing. This lovely picture book gently unfolds the special relationship between a grandfather and his grandchild.
506	Grandpa and Thomas and the green umbrella Allen, Pamela	Penguin	2006	9780670029730	K-2	Plenty of adventure with Thomas and Grandpa when they spend a day at the beach.

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649004	Grandpa and Tuska Phillips, John	Big Sky Publishing	2018	9781925675405	K-2	Tuska is a young elephant who loves spending time with his grandfather. And Grandpa loves spending time with him. Tuska never grows tired of Grandpa's thrilling stories about being a young elephant and thinks Grandpa is the wisest elephant he knows. But Grandpa is getting old, and what's more, he's getting forgetful and, well ... he's acting rather strangely these days!? His stories are not making sense and sometimes he doesn't even recognise the other animals. Grandpa's behaviour is making Tuska feel scared. When Grandpa goes missing, Tuska is determined to risk everything to bring him home. But who will save who?
17158	Grandpa baby Wild, Margaret & Niland, Deborah (ill)	Viking Children's	2009	9780670071746	K-2	While Mum and Dad are working, Grandpa looks after Georgie. They read stories, plant flowers and play dress-ups. One day, Georgie decides they should swap roles. Find out what Georgie and Grandpa Baby get up to, now that Georgie is in charge.
5929	Grandpa for sale Enderle, Dotti & Sansum, Vicki & Gentry, T Kyle (ill)	Flashlight Press	2007	9780972922586	3-4	While Lizzie is in charge of the antique shop and grandpa is sleeping on the Louis XVI sette, she has a customer. But, amongst other things, Mrs Bradley Larchmont, the Third, wants to buy grandpa and she doesn't like no for an answer.
15039	Grandpa's angel Bauer, Jutta	Walker Books	2005	9781844280346	5-6	Grandpa tells his grandson about his life and guardian angel during a dark period in history. Watercolour illustrations add to this endearing story.
4024	Grandpa's big adventure Newman, Paul & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9780670078172	K-2	I'm afraid of the water but Grandpa loves it, and he's teaching me to swim. If I can swim, maybe I'll have adventures like him one day.
12283	Grandpa's cardigan Watson, Joy & Hodder, Wendy (ill)	Scholastic New Zealand	1993	9781869432263	K-2	Grandma decides Grandpa needs a new cardigan. He agrees, so Grandma gives his old one away. But, finding just the right new cardigan to replace his favourite proves difficult for Grandpa. When he finds one, Grandma is in for a surprise.
4357	Grandpa's great escape Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2015	9780008135195	5-6	Jack's Grandpa wears his slippers to the supermarket, serves up tinned tongue for dinner and often doesn't remember Jack's name. But, he can still take to the skies in a speeding Spitfire and save the day.
1356324	Grandpa's guide to happiness Daddo, Andrew & Nielsen, Christopher (ill)	ABC Books	2025	9780733343629	3-4	My grandpa says the funniest things. He says the happiest days are the busiest days, and there's usually a stack of things to do. It's always fun spending time with Grandpa - fixing things in the shed, doing some gardening, fishing at the pier or telling jokes in the backyard.

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628138	Grandpa's noises St John Thomas, Gareth & Rowe, Colin (ill)	EK Books	2019	9781925335989	K-2	Grandpa makes a lot of noises! His back creaks. His knees crack. His hearing aid squeals. He's always talking to someone about something. And then there are the sounds that his bottom makes! Join Grandpa on his daily adventures and see if you can understand what all his noises mean!
12282	Grandpa's shorts Watson, Joy & Hodder, Wendy (ill)	Scholastic New Zealand	2001	9781869431563	K-2	When the family invite Grandma and Grandpa to the beach, Grandpa begins to hunt for his beach shorts. Grandma doesn't want Grandpa to wear his old beach shorts but he is determined to find them. The kids think he looks pretty cool.
12071	Grandpa's slippers Watson, Joy	Ashton Scholastic	1989	9780908643677	K-2	Grandma wants to throw out Grandpa's old tattered slippers. Everyday, he finds them hidden in a different place.
569499	Grandpa's space adventure Newman, Paul & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Penguin	2018	9780143785569	K-2	I'm scared of the dark, but Grandpa says we can still have FUN so he's taking me camping. Maybe I'll be able to have space adventures like him one day.
2004	Grandpa's stories Tonkin, Rachel	Roland Harvey Books	1996	9780949714442	3-4	A young boy describes the times spent with his grandfather and the wonderful stories he shared. His grandfather is affected by Alzheimer's disease. The boy wants to remember his grandpa without the disease.
45705	Granny Rags Reid, Janet	IP (Interactive Publications Pty Ltd)	2013	9781922120250	5-6	Shy and over-protected, Tim is the new kid in a small country town. He's slow to make friends and becomes involved with the school bully. Tim is pressured into visiting a mysterious, old woman, Granny Rags, a reclusive old lady, rumoured to be a witch. Tim gradually finds out Granny Rags' story and one visit turns to several. Soon, Tim find himself involved in a mess of corruption, secrets and danger.
168	Granny was a buffer girl Doherty, Berlie	Puffin Australia	2004	9780141318059	7-9	Jess is intrigued with her grandmother's life as a buffer girl in a cutlery shop in Sheffield.
46922	Granny's place Paterson, Allison & McGrath, Shane (ill)	Big Sky Publishing	2016	9781925275636	K-2	Granny and Pa's farm was the best place in the world, brimming with treasures of the past and endless adventures to be had. Time brings change and new beginnings.
903389	Grannysaurus Walliams, David	HarperCollins Children's Books	2022	9780008305765	K-2	Spike is staying the night with his grandmother and does not want to go to bed. When his granny pretends to become a grannysaurus, she chases him up to bed. Later that night, loud noises wake him up and he creeps downstairs to discover where all the music and stomping is coming from.

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2003	Granpa Burningham, John	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2003	9780099434085	K-2	Granpa nurses his grand-daughter's dolls, mistakes her strawberry-flavoured, pretend icecream for chocolate, takes her tobogganing in the snow and falls in with her imaginary plans to captain a ship to Africa, like all good granpas should.
9313	Grave catastrophe, A Hilton, Nette	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734404947	5-6	An ex-guide dog, now retired, must use all his seeing-eye dog skills to solve the murder of one of the neighbourhood cats. He tells the story of the crime for which he stands accused and which he must solve to be acquitted.
1426047	Grave robbing and the other curious activities McKerrow, Joel	Larrikin House	2026	9781923345317	5-6	There's a body missing at the morgue. Alexander Steeple should know - he sleeps directly above the corpses. Growing up at Steeple and Sons Mortuary and Crematorium, with a mortician mum who cuts up cadavers, Alexander is pretty used to death. The thing is, the dead usually stay where they belong. Not today. Alexander wasn't planning to launch a full-blown investigation, but when his mother knows more than she is letting on and when a trail of clues begins to show itself, he cannot help but chase the mystery. Will he uncover what happened, or will the truth stay buried?
643273	Graveyard shift in ghost town Pryor, Michael	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760523930	7-9	So many ghosts are haunting the streets of Melbourne. When a plague of Lingerers, Moaners, Thugs and Weepers descend, Anton Marin and Rani need to work overtime to keep the people safe and send the ghosts on their way. When his long lost Aunt reappears through a portal to the Elsewhere, Anton is unsure if he can trust her, even more so when he realises her connection to the blood thirsty Trespassers, The ragged Sisters.
16458	Great animal search, The Young, Caroline & Jackson, Ian (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2005	9780746067178	5-6	Packed with puzzles and fascinating facts about animals.
23504	Great art caper, The: Graphic novel Jamieson, Victoria	Papercutz	2017	9781627791199	3-4	Barry is a rabbit. While Sunflower and GW are rodents. They are all classroom pets at Daisy P Flugelhorn Elementary School with rich and busy social lives outside of school hours. Carina is a student at the school also. A student GW loves and wants to capture in an artwork. Classroom pet Harriet and all the minions have other ideas for GW and the school art show. GW and his friends will have many challenges to overcome.
169	Great Australian girls Geason, Susan	ABC Books	1999	9780733307584	7-9	The biographies of twenty-three remarkable and diverse women who started on the paths to their exceptional lives while they were still girls.

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6341	Great Barrier Reef book: solar powered, The Norman, Mark	Black Dog Books	2009	9781742030319	5-6	The Great Barrier Reef is so huge it can be seen from space and the whole thing runs on solar power. The wonders of the Great Barrier Reef and the need to protect it are revealed through beautiful photographs, interesting information and a glossary of terms.
803503	Great Barrier Reef, The Scales, Helen & Feng, Lisk	Flying Eye Books	2021	9781912497812	7-9	In the waters where Australia meets the vast Pacific Ocean, grows the world's most famous reef. Schools of fish dart among the colourful corals, octopuses hide in dark corners and sharks patrol the clear waters above. Welcome to the Great Barrier Reef. In this stunning, illustrated guide, discover the plants and animals that live in this vast underwater trove.
6505	Great bear, The Gleeson, Libby & Greder, Armin (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2010	9781921529696	3-4	Year after year, a dancing circus bear spends her days in a cage and her nights perfoming for a crowd. The bear longs for freedom.
12863	Great big animal ask, The Hathorn, Libby & Pignataro, Anna (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2004	9780734406323	K-2	The animals have great big questions. They are concerned that they are not acceptable; perhaps they are too tall, too growly or too spiky. It turns out that they are all just right, they just didn't know for what they were right.
37135	Great buildings Clements, Gilllian	Frances Lincoln	2011	9781847800367	5-6	Throughout history, people have overcome every challenge to create fantastic buildings that have shaped the world. From the ancient pyramids to the tallest skyscraper, each building has its own history, unique features, brilliant architects and builders. Timelines show other buildings being constructed at the time and how they reflected the societies in which they were designed and built.
12191	Great castle of Marshmangle, The Doyle, Malachy & Hess, Paul (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	1999	9780862647926	K-2	A child meets his grandfather for the first time and goes to stay at his house. He thinks his grandfather is the funniest man he has ever seen. A lively and humorous picture book.

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1406	Great cold, The Milroy, Gladys & Morgan, Sally (ed)	Fremantle Press	2009	9781921361586	3-4	Moon and Sun are fighting over their position in the sky. The earth is in danger of experiencing a cold so intense, it will kill everything on earth. Magpie is torn. She knows there is a good chance she will perish if she doesn't seek shelter with the other animals. But, she can't abandon her nest and her egg.
170	Great deeds of heroic women, The Saxby, Maurice		1992	9780872263482	5-6	This book profiles eighteen women through the ages.
171	Great deeds of superheroes, The Saxby, Maurice	Millennium Press	1993	9780855749859	5-6	A collection of exciting stories of heroic deeds through the ages.
15055	Great divide, The Dodds, Dayle Ann & Mitchell, Tracy (ill)	Candlewick Press	2005	9780763615925	K-2	A race begins with eighty competitors. Various obstacles keep halving the race until the finish line. There may not be anyone to cross the line and win.
35744	Great dragon rescue, The Robertson, M P	Frances Lincoln	2007	9781845073794	K-2	George needs to think of a clever scheme to rescue the baby dragon and reunite it with its dad.
2014	Great escape from city zoo, The Riddle, Tohby	HarperCollins Australia	1997	9780207196089	5-6	An anteater, elephant, turtle and flamingo break out of the City Zoo and, disguised, manage to blend in for a time and enjoy their freedom in the city. Sepia drawings are a highlight of this escape adventure.
587855	Great escape, A Arena, Felice	Penguin Books Australia	2019	9780143794042	7-9	It's a great escape, but will Peter survive it? When Peter's family leaves for a trip across the border, he stays behind. So when the government builds a wall through the city, guarded by soldiers, tanks and ferocious dogs, he's trapped. Everyone says he might never see his family again. But Peter has a courageous plan
46737	Great expedition, The Carnavas, Peter	New Frontier Publishing	2011	9781921042812	K-2	A team of brave, very young explorers cross wild country to deliver a valuable parcel. The journey is punishing. Some of the young explorers don't make it. But, in the end, two courageous souls will be admired and remembered for many years to come.
886966	Great food bank heist, The Rauf, Q. Onjali & Paganelli, Elisa (ill)	Barrington Stoke	2021	9781781129623	3-4	Thursday is the day when Nelson and his family head to the food bank to fill empty cupboards and an empty refrigerator. Even though Nelson's mum is a working nurse, it is hard to pay all the bills and still feed her family. The food bank seems an unlikely bank to rob, but someone is stealing from the food banks around town and it might be up to those who love the food bank the most to solve the mystery.

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903376	Great Gallipoli escape, The French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2023	9781460762127	5-6	Sixteen-year-old Nipper and his Gallipoli mates Lanky, Spud, Bluey and Wallaby Joe are starving, freezing and ill-equipped. By November 1915 they know that there is more to winning a war than courage. The Gallipoli campaign has been lost. Nipper has played cricket with the Turks in the opposing dug-out, dodged rocket fire and rescued desperate and drowning men when the blizzard snow melted. Based on the extraordinary last weeks of the Gallipoli campaign, this is the fascinating story of how 150,000 men, their horses and equipment were secretly moved to waiting ships without a single life lost.
1138	Great garden mystery, The Treml, Renee	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2014	9780857984166	K-2	Someone is stealing the beetroots, would could it be. Join us in the garden and we'll unravel this mystery.
109595	Great Gatsby, The: graphic novel Greenberg, Nicki	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2009	9781741757309	9plus	Nicki Greenberg's adaptation of The Great Gatsby brings to life the grand and crumpled dreams of F. Scott Fitzgerald's unforgettable characters. In the exquisitely realised setting of 1920s New York, a throng of fantastical creatures play out the drama, the wry humour and the tragedy of the novel. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
172	Great Gilly Hopkins, The Paterson, Katherine	HarperTrophy	2003	9780064402019	5-6	Gilly is a foster child who lives in the hope that her beautiful mother will come and claim her.
4292	Great goal! Marvellous mark! Germein, Katrina & Dawson, Janine (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2017	9781925272673	K-2	Get ready for a great game of footy. There's plenty of action and masses of mud. Who will kick the first goal? Who will take the best mark? And will the yellow team win?
22457	Great Googly Moogly, The Dicmas, Courtney	Child's Play International Ltd	2014	9781846436390	K-2	Nobody has ever been able to catch the legendary Googly Moogly fish. Stella aims to do just that, with different fishing gear and different bate, she sets out to catch her dream fish.
12470	Great Gracie chase, The Rylant, Cynthia & Teague, Mark (ill)	Blue Sky Press	2001	9780590100410	K-2	All that Gracie wants is a quiet house. When the painters arrive, in their big, noisy truck, with the clangy ladders and their big-person voices, Gracie barks and barks to tell them to go outside. But, instead, Gracie is put outside.
953	Great granny gang, The Kerr, Judith	HarperCollins Children's Books	2012	9780007467914	K-2	Grannies have a reputation for being mild, sedate and stay at home knitters. In fact grannies are capable of fixing most problems and so it is with the Great Granny gang whose members foil a burglary. Told in flowing rhyme for reading aloud.

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6445	Great house hunt, The Cali, Davide and Boutavant, Marc (ill)	Gecko Press	2012	9781877579295	K-2	A big and brightly coloured picture book about two ladybirds hunt for the perfect house - led by a tenacious yet clueless real estate agent, Mr Weevil.
570817	Great lizard trek, The Bradshaw, Felicity & MacDonald, Norma (ill)	CSIRO	2018	9781486308828	3-4	Rocky, an ornate dragon, lives on the granite rocks in the southwest of Australia. His ancestors have lived in this hot environment for around 10 million years, and for more than 60,000 years, they have lived alongside Indigenous Australians. Rocky's habitat is under threat, and his desert relatives in the north are facing challenges due to rising temperatures. Using his knowledge of Indigenous culture and language, along with Western science, The Great Lizard Trek follows Rocky in his journey to see what the future may bring.
12956	Great Montefiasco, The Thompson, Colin & Redlich, Ben (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2004	9780734406149	5-6	The Great Montefiasco never gets anything right. When he meets `The Fabulous Betty' things still go wrong but sometimes two wrongs do make a right. Inspiration and hope for all the lonely people.
12498	Great ocean walk Novak, Jiri Tibor	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734405777	K-2	When a boy and his father take a walk along the beautiful, wild beaches of the Great Ocean Road, they find lots of interesting treasures. The next question is what will they do with their collection.
9580	Great piratical rumbustification, The Mahy, Margaret	Penguin NZ	1981	9780140312614	3-4	A very funny and exciting adventure about pirates.
10949	Great plague, a London girl's diary 1665-1666, The Oldfield, Pamela	Scholastic UK	2008	9781407104782	5-6	It is 1665 and the Great Plague is spreading. Thirteen year old Alice Paynton wants to return to London, to the happy life she had there, raised by her father and her Aunt Nell in the time of King Charles II. Her girlhood days turn to fear and horror as the sickness strikes, and Alice's account includes the story of the bubonic plague and the Great Fire of London in 1666.
43464	Great rabbit chase, The Blackwood, Freya	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781743811641	K-2	Gumboots is a soft and beautiful rabbit. He has very sharp claws for scratching and very strong teeth for chewing. But what he does best is...escape. Everyone joins in on the great rabbit chase. When they finally catch up to Gumboots he has a wonderful surprise!
20899	Great race, The O'Malley, Kevin	Bloomsbury	2011	9780802723574	3-4	Lever Lapin is a world famous runner, living a celebrity lifestyle. Nate Tortoise is a simple fellow, who just wants to eat in peace at his favourite restaurant. Fed up with Lever's bragging and the intrusion into his life, Nate is overheard muttering that he could beat Lever in a race. So, the challenge is on.

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751045	Great realisation, The Roberts, Tomos & Nomoco (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9781460759806	5-6	From simple acts of kindness, to the creativity within us all, The Great Realisation is a celebration of the many things that have brought us together at a time of crisis. It captures, with magical resonance, the thoughts and feelings of millions worldwide as we adapt to a new way of life, cast aside old habits and reflect on what truly matters to us. It is a story for all readers, young or old, who dare to dream of a fairer, kinder, more loving world.
24305	Great shave, The Scott, Clare	Walker Books	2008	9781921150609	5-6	Stix and his mates think it's a great idea to temporarily dye their hair green when they go to watch their favourite band, the Screaming Greenie Meanies. But, after the concert, the green will just not wash out. When school goes back and the principal insists the green hair has to go, Stix discovers there is something even worse than green hair.
22461	Great space race, The Mowll, Joshua	Walker Books	2010	9781406309379	5-6	Captain Eric 'Ace' Crankshaw and his robot monkey, Barry, enter a race into space so that Eric's family can be debt free with the ten million dollars in prize money. But, musician Eric ends up having to attempt to save the world instead.
14293	Great switcheroo, The Fusillo, Archimede & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Puffin Australia	2007	9780143302568	5-6	Best friends Ray, Matty and Lurch are planning their best-ever prank to swap all their neighbours' pets. They think they will be legends but their efforts backfire.
7224	Great white man-eating shark, The Mahy, Margaret	Penguin	1996	9780140554243	3-4	Norvin, inspired by his own small, sharkish eyes and sharp, sharkish teeth, decides to impersonate a great white man-eating shark so he can have the sea to himself. His plan comes unstuck when a female shark takes a fancy to him.
972886	Great white shark Saxby, Claire & Lane, Cindy	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760653897	3-4	In Great White Shark we follow a female shark on her way to warmer waters to give her pups the best chance of survival. Learn interesting facts about great white sharks as the story progresses.
4142	Great zoo hullabaloo, The Carthew, Mark & Tortop, Anil (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2017	9781925059786	K-2	When Jess and Jack opened the gates to the zoo, it was strangely deserted. Nobody said boo! Can Jess and Jack discover the mystery of the missing animals?
2946	Greatest Gatsby, The: a visual book of grammar Riddle, Tohby	Viking Children's	2015	9780670078684	7-9	Grammar comes alive with stylistic images and typography. A visual journey through the world of grammar, with explanations of the rules and structures we use every day.

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1019810	Greatest in the world, The Clanton, Ben	Farshore	2022	9780008646547	K-2	Rot is a mutant potato who wakes up feeling great, maybe even... the greatest in the world! But that only makes Rot's brother Snot the grumpiest in the world. The only solution? An epic contest to prove who is the greatest once and for all, judged by the only impartial party they can find - their small fry little sister, Tot. But as the stakes get higher through the muddy potato sack race, sacred hot potato roll, and a hilarious laughing contest, their rivalry spirals out of control. Suddenly Rot's not feeling so spudtacular anymore. Will this tater trio ever be able to determine who the greatest in the world really is?
751133	Greatest inventor, The Brooks, Ben	Hachette Australia	2020	9781786541123	5-6	Victor is a boy who loves to take his tortoise to the highest mountain in his village to watch the sunrise each day. On the day he sees a peddler approaching in his wagon, everything changes and Victor is forced to leave behind everything he knows in search of a cure to the magical curse that has been placed on his parents and the whole village. Along the way, he finds a group of friends who help him to see that it takes all kinds of people to make the world go around.
43487	Greatest magician in the world, The Edmondson, Matt & Parsons, Garry (ill)	MacMillan	2017	9781509806188	5-6	Elliot is mad about magic. Completely and utterly mad. It's all he talks about, all he thinks about, and even all he dreams about! And it's not surprising, because magic is in Elliot's blood. His great grandfather had once been known as The Greatest Magician in the World and Elliot is desperate to follow in his footsteps. But it's tricky when the only magic book in the library is missing half its pages, and there's no one around to teach you. But all that's about to change when Elliot discovers a long lost letter from his great grandfather and embarks on a magical adventure that could change his life forever!
774197	Greatest showpenguin, The Freegard, Lucy	Pavilion	2021	9781843654681	K-2	Poppy is a penguin who has always performed. But now Poppy wants to change her life to no more juggling, unicycling or breathing fire. She wants to make others happy, but also be happy herself. so she is going to run the show. Can she become The Greatest Showpenguin?

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894020	Greatest thing, The Searle, Sarah Winifred	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781761067655	9plus	It's the first day of Grade Ten, and Winifred is going to reinvent herself. Now that her two best (and only) friends have transferred to a private school, Win must navigate high school on her own. Luckily, she isn't alone for long. In art class, she meets Oscar and April. They don't look or act like the typical teenagers in her town: they're creative, a little rebellious and seem comfortable in their own skin in a way that Win can only dream of. But even though Winifred is breaking out of her shell, there's one secret she can't bear to admit to April and Oscar, or even to herself - and this lie threatens everything. Win needs to face her own truths, but she doesn't need to do it alone. Through the healing power of clandestine sleepovers, op-shopping and zine publishing, Win finds and accepts what it means to be herself. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
9586	Greatest treasure of Charlemagne the King, The Wheatley, Nadia & Klein, Deborah	Scholastic Australia	1997	9781863886994	3-4	Charlemagne can have whatever he desires, but nothing interests him. He values learning to read far more than the cavalcade of treasures presented for his interest.
7420	Greedy dog, The Dickins, Rosie (retell) & di Chiara, Francesca (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2015	9781409584841	K-2	Dog is always on the lookout for food. He finds a juicy bone to eat. But, one bone might not be enough for a greedy dog. A retelling of a classic Aesop fable.
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.
12954	Greek gazette Fleming, Fergus & Tomlins, Karen (des.) & Dowsell, Paul (ed.)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	1997	9780746027554	7-9	Very funny and historically accurate look at life in ancient Greece, set out in a newspaper layout.
59509	Greek myths Williams, Marcia	Walker Books	2006	9781406303476	5-6	Eight Greek myths are retold in colourful, comic strip style. Read about Theseus, conqueror of the dreaded Minotaur; the mighty Heracles and his twelve tasks; the tragic lovers, Orpheus and Eurydice; Perseus, the Gorgon-slayer; the musician Arion and his rescue by the dolphins; Pandora and her little box of horrors; the feather-clad fliers, Daedalus and Icarus; and the weaving contest between Ariachne and the goddess Athene.
173	Greek myths for young children Williams, Marcia	Walker Books	1994	9780744530759	5-6	A comic book style is used to retell Greek myths for children.

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812836	Green Greig, Louise & Peck, Hannah (ill)	Farshore	2021	9781405299398	K-2	Envy can be a terrible feeling and poor Ed has it so bad that he is missing out on all the fun! Will Ed find happiness with his faster, sleeker sled? A book about seasons and living in the moment.
12033	Green eggs and ham Seuss, Dr	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1983	9780001713062	K-2	Sam-I-am persists in pestering a grumpy grouch to try a plate of green eggs and ham. You never know what you will like until you try it.
846153	Green is for Christmas Daywalt, Drew & Jeffers, Oliver (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2021	9780008496203	K-2	When Green Crayon claims that green is the only colour for Christmas, other crayons let him know that there would be no Christmas without them either. No candy canes or Santa without Red, no snow without White, no bells or stars without Silver and no cookies or reindeer without Brown! The crayons agree that they all need to come together to make Christmas special!
682639	Green machine Donnelly, Rebecca & Jacques, Christopher	Henry Holt & Co	2020	9781250304063	K-2	"Call it Peels on Wheels or a truck full of yuck!" Where is the garbage truck headed? It's collected our food scraps and heads to the treatment plant to compost our food and waste. Then it's time to sort it out and clean it up, with the help of some special bugs. Finally, what will our food scraps be turned into? You'll never guess! And the cycle begins again.
5924	Green monkey dreams Carmody, Isobelle	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781742379470	9plus	Within this series of short stories you will never be sure where reality ends and imagination begins. Paths are travelled by a variety of seekers, a boy searches for his true name, a beast discovers hope and a group of pilgrims is led by a song on a ancient journey. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
846102	Green rising James, Lauren	Walker Books	2021	9781406384673	9plus	Hester, Theo and Gabrielle have absolutely nothing in common. Their families come from completely different walks of life. But when Gabrielle develops the ability to grow plants from her skin, the three find themselves thrown together as part of the global "Greenfingers" project. Together they have to fight the corporations who want to harness these powers for money and work together to create a Green Rising.
12592	Green Tree Frogs Kendell, Sandra	Windy Hollow Books	2015	9781922081421	K-2	Each year, monsoonal rains sweep across the Top End of Australia and the green tree frogs clamber from their hiding places to feed, breed and sing. Celebrate these cheeky characters and their life cycle in the wet season.

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4452	Green valentine Wilkinson, Lili	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760110277	9plus	Astrid is popular, clever and an environmental activist. Hiro is rude, resentful, and doesn't see the point of school. When they meet, Hiro's wrangling shopping trolleys and doesn't recognise Astrid, who's wearing a lobster suit to highlight a threatened species. She wants to change the world, he wants to survive it. But, ultimately, both believe that the world needs to be saved from itself. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1019899	Green: The story of plant life on our planet Davies, Nicola & Sutton, Emily (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781406399998	3-4	This tree doesn't look like it's doing much: it just stands there in the sunlight, BIG and GREEN. But this tree is hard at work, just like the many, many others that live all over our planet... Discover the secret world of plants in this fascinating new book from an award-winning team.
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...
2037	Greetings from Sandy Beach Graham, Bob	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	1996	9780850917802	K-2	The weekend at Sandy Beach doesn't start well when the whole family leaves home in a flood of tears and discovers a bike gang set up at their campsite. The story is great fun and the bikies turn out to be very helpful.

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571643	Gregory and the grimbockle Schubert, Melanie	Nicola Bolton	2017	9780991110933	3-4	Gregory is disconnected from the people in his life, from his disagreeable sister to all the people who thinks it's funny to comment on the giant mole that has appeared beneath his nose. But that mole isn't actually a mole, and one night the Grimbockle appears from inside it. He is just one of the many strange little creatures called Bockles tending to the mysterious threads that connect all humans from one to the other. It is a very important job, and one that has long been carried out with incredible secrecy. That is before this one particular night and a most extraordinary turn of events. And so begins a most peculiar sort of adventure where Gregory learns all about the creatures called Bockles and the mysterious threads called exoodles that connect us all to one another.
660633	Greta and the giants Tucker, Zoe & Persico, Zoe (ill)	Quarto Group	2019	9780711254558	K-2	Greta is a little girl who lives in a beautiful forest threatened by Giants. When the Giants first came to the forest, they chopped down trees to make houses. Then they chopped down more trees and made even bigger homes. The houses grew into towns and the towns grew into cities, until now there is hardly any forest left. Greta knows she has to help the animals who live in the forest, but how? Luckily, Greta has an idea...
43481	Greta Zargo and the death robots from outer space Harrold, A F & Todd-Stanton, Joe (ill)	Bloomsbury	2017	9781408869475	3-4	Greta Zargo is the only person who can save planet Earth from death robots, although she doesn't know this. Imagine being allowed to live in your own house with no adults from the time you turn 8 because of a mix up in your parents will after they die. This is Greta Zargo's life. Greta wants to be an award-winning journalist. She tries to solve the case of the missing cakes when Death robots try to destroy earth after destroying many other planets in the universe. Will she be able to stop them? Will she find out who is taking the cakes? Read this hilarious laugh out loud book to find out.
1088993	Grey Dockrill, Laura & Child, Lauren (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781406389562	K-2	I don't feel sunshine yellow or balloon orange bright or treetop green. Nor new idea white or night sky black. I am grey to day. I just am. I am grey.

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6645	Grey-glasses-itis Jenkins, Lynn & Lonergan, Kirrili (ill)	EK Books	2019	9781925335958	K-2	Curly Calmster teaches Loppy the LAC to realise that when he feels 'blah', it's because he is seeing the world through grey glasses. When Loppy changes the colour of his glasses, the colour comes back into his life and he feels a lot better!
174	Greylands Carmody, Isobelle	Penguin	1997	9780140387490	9plus	A boy writes a story about a symbolic Greylands to explain his mother's mental illness and her eventual death. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
27638	Grief girl: my true story Vincent, Erin	Pan MacMillan	2007	9780330422987	7-9	Erin Vincent's parents are killed in a terriblecar crash when she is just fourteen. The book recollects how Erin, her seventeen year old sister and three year old brother are left to cope on their own. A really powerful book that gives an honest account of being a teenager, and dealing with usual teenage concerns and real emotions in the aftermath of losing both parents.
	Grim and grimmer series Irvine, Ian				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.
1209780	Grimm's fairy tales Dieckmann, Sandra	Walker Books	2024	9781529505498	3-4	Enter the enchanted world of fairy tales...
1023600	Grimmelings, The King, Rachael	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781991006646	5-6	Be careful what you wish for ... The same evening Josh Undehill went missing, the black horse appeared on the hill above the house. Ella knows that words are powerful. So she should have known better than to utter a wish and a curse on the same day. Who is Gus, the boy with the impish grin, who seems to appear in answer to her wish? What does the black horse want? And what of her grandmother's warning of creatures that dwell in the lake?
	Grimsdon series Abela, Deborah				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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	Grimstones series Asphyxia				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.
175	Grinny Fisk, Nicholas	HarperCollins Australia	1984	9780003300208	5-6	Tim, Beth and Mac suspect that Great Aunt Emma, Grinny, isn't what she pretends to be.
176	Gripping war stories Bradman, Tony	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1999	9780552545266	7-9	This is a compilation of ten stories about the human response to war, with settings such as the Falklands, Sarajevo and Jerusalem.
3761	Gris Grimly's tales from the Brothers Grimm Grimm, Jacob & Grimm, Wilhelm (collected) & Grimly, Gris (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2016	9780062352330	7-9	A beautifully bound and illustrated collection of some of the more unusual tales from The Brothers Grimm alongside the much-loved classics. With a translation by Margaret Hunt that pulls no punches, these retellings are as original as you will find, opening a magical world of fairy tales and folk lore to inspire imaginations and readers of all ages and generations. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
47914	Grizzly dad Harrison, Joanna	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9780552554466	K-2	Dads can sometimes be grumpy and grouchy and grizzly. But sometimes, that can be great fun!
9311	Grommet saves the world Moloney, James	Puffin Australia	2003	9780143300540	5-6	Grommet is a thirteen year old troublemaker who gets a job as an undercover agent at a fun park trying to catch a saboteur. He survives a terrifying ordeal suspended upside down from a stopped rollercoaster, and other misadventures.
9262	Groovy Greek hero raps Mitton, Tony	Watts Publishing Group	2002	9781841218076	5-6	Heracles and Theseus are the subjects of humorous poems.
886024	Group hug Fackrell, Andy	Ford Street Publishing	2022	9781922696007	3-4	Race across Sumatra with a streak of tigers. Join a hippo float, a flamboyance of flamingos - or just cosy up with a passel of possums as you go on safari with Wilbur. Explore the animal kingdom and the world of collective nouns, with proceeds from this book supporting wildlife protection via the United Nations Development Programme.

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803485	Growing pains McLennan, Alison & Johns, Melissa (ill)	EK Books	2021	9781925820522	K-2	When Finn's family plants a tree in their backyard, he feels responsible for it and worries the little sapling is cold, hungry or lonely. He tries to share his breakfast with it, offers it his scarf, and keeps it company. Just after going to bed, his nightlight goes out and Finn is plunged into darkness. But when he sees his tree standing tall and brave in the moonlight, it inspires him to be brave as well.
622492	Growing up Aboriginal in Australia Heiss, Anita (ed)	Black Inc	2018	9781863959810	9plus	What is it like to grow up Aboriginal in Australia? This anthology, compiled by award-winning author Anita Heiss, attempts to showcase as many diverse voices, experiences and stories as possible in order to answer that question. Each account reveals, to some degree, the impacts of invasion and colonisation - on language, on country, on ways of life, and on how people are treated daily in the community, the education system, the workplace and friendship groups. Accounts from well-known authors and high-profile identities sit alongside newly discovered voices of all ages, with experiences spanning coastal and desert regions, cities and remote communities. All of them speak to the heart - sometimes calling for empathy, oftentimes challenging stereotypes, always demanding respect. This groundbreaking anthology aims to enlighten, inspire and educate about the lives of Aboriginal people in Australia today. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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641039	Growing up African in Australia Beneba Clarke, Maxine & Yussuf, Ahmed & Magan, Magan (eds)	Black Ink Press	2019	9781760640934	9plus	People of African descent have been in Australia for at least 200 years, having arrived here in many different ways- directly from the continent; via the Caribbean, the Americas and the United Kingdom; making the journey to Australia over one generation, or several. What is it like to grow up African in Australia? This anthology showcases diverse voices, experiences and stories in order to answer that question. Accounts from well-known authors and high-profile cultural and sporting identities sit alongside newly discovered voices of all ages, with experiences spanning regions, cities and generations. All of the pieces call for understanding, oftentimes challenging stereotypes, always demanding respect. Growing Up African aims to defy, question or shed light on the many stereotypes that currently exist about the vibrant extended African community in Australia. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
9467	Growing up at Uluru Australia Breedon, Stan	Steve Parish Publishing Pty Ltd	2001	9781740210478	3-4	The life of the Anangu Aboriginal people is revealed in a picture book that focuses particularly on the children who live around Uluru in the Northern Territory.
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.
895562	Grub Severgnini, Sandra (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2022	9781922539267	K-2	A small grub on the floor of the rainforest begins to feel itself changing and wonders what it will become when it grows up. He journeys across the rainforest to ask other insects about their transformations and discover itself.
13147	Gruesome truth, The Gallate, Bernard	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2003	9780733616822	3-4	Leo finds himself in all sorts of trouble when he invents a story about a hailstone.
36281	Gruffalo's child, The Donaldson, Julia & Scheffler, Axel (ill)	MacMillan	2010	9781405020466	K-2	The Gruffalo's child goes hunting for the Big Bad Mouse, with a scaly tail, eyes like pools of fire and whiskers tougher than wire.
35283	Gruffalo, The Donaldson, Julia & Scheffler, Axel (ill)	MacMillan	2004	9780333710937	K-2	Told in satisfying rhyme and beautifully illustrated, this is the story of a clever mouse who evades being eaten by inventing a terrifying friend to frighten his would-be predators. But, mouse's fictional friend might be very real and not so very friendly.

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	Grug series Prior, Ted				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.
833003	Grumble boats McFarlane, Susannah & Ainslie, Tasmin (ill)	Affirm Press	2021	9781925712919	K-2	Emma wants to go to a pirate party with her brother but she's not allowed. Instead, mum takes her to Grandma's and she is ANGRY! Grandma knows just how to make it better, and, with pockets full of perfect supplies, Grandma takes Emma to the beach to set her anger free.
36346	Grump, The Garson, Sarah	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842707227	K-2	The Grump is very scary. He leaves a mess wherever he goes, he gobbles everything in sight and he has a deep, rumbling growl.
1329962	Grumpy darling Moody, Alexandra	Electric Monkey (London)	2025	9780008762261	9plus	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.
2787	Grumpy Gloria Dewdney, Anna	Viking UK	2006	9780670061235	K-2	No matter what the children do, Grumpy Gloria is just sullen, scowly, sulky, slumpy. They cannot work out what is causing the problem until an unexpected accident provides the solution.
21612	Grumpy Grandpa Forsyth, Kate & White, Annie (ill.)	Scholastic Australia	2013	9781742831756	K-2	A little girl is nervous about visiting her Grandpa who looks grumpy and scary, but she soon discovers that people, and grandpas, are never quite like they seem.
9050	Grumpy lighthouse keeper, The Corpus, Terrizita & Prewett, Maggie (ill)	Magabala Books	2016	9781925360189	K-2	On a stormy, wet-season night in Broome, the lighthouse keeper gets out of his warm bed to ensure the lamp is still lit for passing ships. While he is out, sea creatures of all shapes and sizes race up the lighthouse staircase to escape the storm. When the lighthouse keeper returns to his bed, he becomes very grumpy.

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8588	Grumpy little king Streich, Michel	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742375724	K-2	The little king was always grumpy. He was fed up with being only a little king of a tiny nation instead of ruling over an enormous country and being famous. So, the little king decided to start a war. But, it didn't quite work out the way he planned.
5603	Guantanamo boy Perera, Anna	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2009	9780732288952	9plus	Fifteen year old Khalid isn't too excited about visiting his family in Pakistan but his Mum and Dad want him to go with them. For Khalid, a living nightmare begins. He is kidnapped and forced to go to a place no teenager should ever see, a place where torture and terror are considered normal. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
20172	Guarding Eden Hart, Deborah	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760112356	7-9	The personal stories of twelve ordinary people, so concerned about climate change that they altered their lives to do something about it. Some were involved behind the scenes, researching or writing, while others decided to go public in campaigns, blockades, rallies and a hunger strike. They come from all walks of life. There's a nurse, a musician, an insurance broker, a teacher, a lawyer and a vet.
	Guess how much series McBratney, Sam & Jeram, Anita (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.
10571	Guess the baby French, Simon & Rawlins, Donna (ill)	ABC Books	2003	9780733306143	K-2	The students in Mr Judd's class have to guess who belongs to each baby photo. Even the teacher's photo is included.
15127	Guess who's coming for dinner Kelly, John & Tincknell, Cathy	Templar Publishing	2004	9781840116281	5-6	Horace Pork-Fowler's diary reveals an interesting invitation to Eatem Hall, the very strange abode of Dr Hunter. It appears to be an innocent weekend but it becomes doubtful that Horace and his lovely wife will survive.
35570	Guff Blabey, Aaron	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9780670077175	K-2	A delightful book for anyone who has ever had a little fabric friend.
5175	Guide dogs: from puppies to partners Lawrenson, Diana	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2002	9781865082462	3-4	The making of guide dogs in Australia, from the breeding of puppies. Beautiful photos show puppy raising, harness training, matching with a blind partner and their eventual careers.

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1355847	Guide to falling off the map, A Arnot, Zanni L	Hachette Australia	2025	9780734423597	9plus	Vinnie Smith has her post-grad life in NYC all planned out with her best friend Lilah, using future dreams to distract from her mums battle with MS. Meanwhile, her childhood friend Roo Carpenter has dropped out of school and taken a shady job to support his struggling family. When Vinnies plans fall apart, she impulsively takes Roo on a road trip across inland Australia in her mums old Kombi, hoping to fix his life instead of facing her own pain. But as grief, worsening headaches, and confusing feelings between them bubble up, both are forced to confront more than they expected, especially the risk of losing their friendship to something more. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
9488	Guinea pig Head, Honor & Burton, Jane (phot)	Belitha Press	2003	9781841383538	3-4	Sensible advice on the care of a pet guinea pig with lots of information on guinea pigs in general, including their breeding and behaviour, social needs and health warnings.
1216	Guinea pig town and other animal poems Marwood, Lorraine & Daoud, Amy (ill)	Walker Books	2013	9781922077424	5-6	With sections on birds, Australian animals, pets, marine animals, farm animals, 'creepy crawly' ones and those in the wild, here is a huge variety of subject matter in many poetic forms including haiku, rhyming and non-rhyming verse using language to create wonderful word pictures for all who love animals as well as those who don't.
1475932	Guinea wigs: Fur power! McRitchie, Rebecca & Gordon, Shiloh (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2026	9781460767184	3-4	What happens when five guinea pigs find a box of weird wigs? Best friends Jet, Minnie, Meatball, Bud and Tofu become the GUINEA WIGS - guinea pigs but with SUPERPOWERS! And it's just in time, too, because somebody in town is kidnapping all the chickens. Can the GUINEA WIGS work out how to use their new powers AND find the chickens before it's too late? Or will the superheroes have to wig it - I mean - wing it ...?
56549	Guiness world records: Science and stuff Guiness World Records	Wild Dog Books	2017	9781910561638	5-6	Strap in for a mind-boggling look at the record-breaking world around us. From the science of slam dunks and the smelliest substances to over-engineered inventions and the physics of cats, you'll find page after page of amazing facts and information. Inside you will also find some sensational experiments to try at home yourself.
9754	Guji-Guji Chen, Chih-Yuan	Gecko Press	2006	9780958278706	3-4	The delightful story of a very different, ugly duckling who learns to be very happy with who he is.

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36630	Gulliver's travels Swift, Jonathan	Dorling Kindersley	2000	9780751372458	7-9	A country boy becomes a ship's doctor travelling to strange lands like Lilliput, the land of midgets. First published in 1726, captions explain historical facts to help modern readers. Also see, Jonathan Swift's Gulliver by Martin Jenkins, PRC ID 2055.
23496	Gumby: Graphic novel vol.1 Clokey, Art & Ruth	Pan MacMillan	2017	9781629918211	3-4	Nine short stories featuring the iconic 1950's claymation character and his friends. There's Pokey the horse, Prickle and Goo, as well as those scheming Blockheads. A comic book for all ages, this is one for Gumby fans or those new to comics.
13821	Gumnut babies: 100 years Gibbs, May	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2016	9781460752555	5-6	Celebrate the publication of May Gibbs's first book, Gumnut babies, in 1916. This collector's book includes seven stories - Gumnut babies, Gum-Blossom babies, Flannel Flowers and Other Bush Babies, Boronia babies, Wattle Babies, Nuttybub and Nittersing, and Chucklebud and Wunkydoo.
1019812	Gus Murray, Liz & Serageldine, Walid (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2024	9781922610645	K-2	Edward and Gus don't just share a bond, they share the same birthday. Every year they spend their birthday together. So when one year Edward does not show up for their shared celebration, Gus knows exactly what to do. Find Edward.
846245	Gus and the starlight Carless, Victoria	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2022	9781460760642	5-6	Gus Able and her family are on the run, from her mum's ex-boyfriend and from desperate ghosts who want her mum's help. When they end up in a small town running an old drive-in movie theatre called the Starlight Gus hopes this is the fresh start they need. Despite living in a smelly old caravan, the Able family work hard to make the Starlight a success, but the current owner seems to be working against them. Gus wonders if this new town could be the forever home she's been wanting for so long.
5036	Gus dog goes to work Flynn, Rachel & Smith, Craig (ill)	Working Title Press	2017	9781921504884	K-2	Every day Gus Dog goes to work in the back of the ute with his owner, Tom the shearer. But one morning he wakes up to find Tom and the ute gone. So Gus Dog decides to go to work on his own.

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627328	Guts Telgemeier, Raina	Scholastic US	2019	9781743832684	5-6	A late night stomach bug seems to stay with Raina long past the regular time period, and the doctors tell her nothing is wrong. Raina has growing fears about all sorts of areas of her every day life and these fears will not go away. Neither will her stomach bug. This is a biographical graphic novel about how our mind and body seem to work against us sometimes, and how talking about our problems can bring people together and lead to solutions.
7940	Guys read: Terrifying tales Scieszka, Jon (ed) & Grimley, Gris (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2015	9780062385574	5-6	A bone-chilling collection of eleven original ghost stories, perfect for sharing around the campfire, reading under the covers with a flashlight and scaring your friends' pants off. A creepy-fun read, if you're brave enough.
28527	Gwendolyn MacIver, Juliette & Baynton, Terri Rose (ill)	ABC Books	2016	9780733335174	K-2	In the jungle, there are jaguars, monkeys and parrots aplenty. But, there are no penguins, none at all. Penguins don't live in the jungle, except for Gwendolyn.
	Gym Stars series Lawes, Jane				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.
1019700	Gymnastica fantastica! Stewart, Briony	Hachette Australia	2023	9780734421852	K-2	Prepare to be amazed as Gymnastica Fantastica attempts new physical skills and puts on wonderfully imperfect shows for whoever will watch!
8119	Gymnastics Jackman, Joan	Dorling Kindersley	2000	9780751327991	5-6	Shannon Miller tells you how she became a champion gymnast. With the help of dynamic photographs, young gymnasts give tips and reveal the secrets of their skills and agilities.
	Gymnastics diaries Various				3-4	Georgia is 10 years old and loves gymnastics. She wants to be an international gymnastics star and this is her diary.
8423	Gypsy magic Simons, Moya	Scholastic Australia	2002	9781862915145	5-6	To solve a local robbery, three children become detectives with the assistance of some gypsy magic.
777701	H is for Happiness Jonsberg, Barry	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760527402	5-6	Introducing Candice Phee: twelve years old, hilariously honest and a little... odd. But she has a big heart, the very best of intentions and an unwavering determination to ensure everyone is happy. So she sets about trying to 'fix' all the problems of all the people (and pets) in her life.

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22488	H.O.U.S.E. Machowiak, A & Mizielinski, D; Wojcik-Leese, E (trans)	Gecko Press	2010	9781877467660	5-6	Discover thirty-five extraordinary houses, designed by the world's most prominent architects. Houses that look like pears, inflatable houses, igloos, tea houses and tree houses. Explains the inspiration behind each design and the materials used, including ecological options.
18572	H2O stories of water Hamilton, Margaret (comp)	ABC Books	2005	9780733315220	5-6	Australia is an island surrounded by ocean. Children grow up near the sea, have holidays by the sea or spend time on rivers, canals and dams. This collection of stories highlights the influence of water on children's lives.
	Habitats of the world series Ballance, Alison				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.
12343	Hair of the skeleton Freeman, Pamela	Koala Books	2003	9780864615534	5-6	When the residents of Tiger Beach Village claim to be visited by a ghost, Jake, Peter and Ruby set up a stake-out to catch the ghoul. Their surprise to find that the ghost is definitely not dead soon turns to determination to figure out who it is.
177	Hairs in the palm of the hand Mark, Jan	Viking Children's	1981	9780722657287	7-9	A story that features civil rights for women.
	Hairy Maclary and Friends series Dodd, Lynley				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.
517	Hairy story, A Alexander, Goldie & Cammell, Sandra	Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd	2005	9780732996031	3-4	Unhappy with his short hair, Ben wishes for fast-growing hair. His hair grows so quickly with such unexpected results that everyone in the neighbourhood ends up wishing for it to return to normal.
5785	Hairy toes and scary bones Impey, Rose	Orchard Books	2000	9781860399664	3-4	Two traditional tales that combine humour and horror.
8389	Hairy-nosed wombats find a new home, The French, Jackie & deGennaro, Sue	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9780732295486	3-4	Based on a true story in Queensland, a colony of wonderfully hairy-nosed wombats decide to move homes. But could there ever be another home to make them happy.

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815796	Half a man Morpurgo, Michael & O'Callaghan, Gemma (ill)	Walker Books	2014	9781406351330	5-6	Michael has spent his life trying not to stare at his grandfather's scars. His grandfather's gruff manner and upsetting appearance always kept Michael from getting close. One summer, Michael must stay with his grandfather and he finally gets the courage to look directly at his grandfather and ask him to tell his story.
812781	Half my luck Kamaleddine, Samera	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9781460760222	7-9	Layla Karimi has been cursed by the evil eye. Well, that's what Layla's superstitious grandmother tells her. And Layla reckons it makes sense as she's sort of Australian and sort of Lebanese: a 'halfie' who doesn't really fit into either world. And when all hell breaks loose at the first beach party of the summer, Layla finds herself caught between her friends and the Lebanese kids who call themselves 'the Cedar Army' (of which her cousin Sufia is the Queen Bee). One group has been wrongfully accused and Layla knows the truth that would clear their name. But will she speak up?
36907	Half the battle Henderson, Don	Omnibus Books	2006	9781862916777	7-9	AFL at Port Road High is off to a shaky start. The hardest thing to do is organise a bunch of misfits into a cohesive team.
36901	Half-moon investigations Colfer, Eoin	Miramax Kids	2006	9780786849574	5-6	Fletcher Moon has graduated to be a fully qualified private detective. He's also only twelve years old. When a series of mysterious crimes occur across town, Fletcher finds himself in an exciting adventure, some violent incidents and in real danger.
28483	Halfling Lloyd, Rebecca	Walker Books	2011	9781406327298	5-6	Danny finds caring for his disabled dad very draining. Day to day tasks are repetitive and boring. But, all of that changes when Danny's neighbour goes away and asks him to feed the tropical fish. Danny discovers a secret in his neighbour's house that will change his life forever. He doesn't know much about sea creatures but he's sure that what he finds is extremely rare and magical.
178	Halfway across the galaxy and turn left Klein, Robin	Puffin Australia	1996	9780140379419	5-6	A family from the planet, Zyrgon, arrive on Earth after travelling half way across the galaxy and turning left.
3098	Halo Corder, Zizou	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2010	9780141328300	5-6	Halo, abandoned as a baby and raised by centaurs, captured and torn from her happy home, disguises herself as a boy to have any freedom. Still under constant threat of enslavement and exposure, she lives the myths, legends and culture of ancient Greece from warring Sparta to Athens, searching for her identity.
82680	Hamilton's handstand Hackett, Dave	Puffin Australia	2011	9780143504351	3-4	Hamilton, the dog, is amazing. Holly says he can even do handstands. Everybody watches and everybody waits.

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977765	Hamlet is not OK Spratt, RA	Penguin	2023	9780143779278	7-9	Selby has mastered the art of going unnoticed and seems happy avoiding most school work and friendship dramas in this way. All goes well until her school contacts Selby's parents and they are not happy. With the help of her tutor, Selby finds herself not just reading Hamlet, but trying to help him understand his misery and murderous inclinations.
10126	Handa's surprise Browne, Eileen	Walker Books	1995	9780744536348	K-2	An African girl's journey carrying a basket of fruit on her head. As she wonders which of the fruit her friends will like best, she is completely unaware of the various creatures stealing from her basket. What a surprise she gets at the end of her walk.
37024	Handa's surprising day Browne, Eileen	Walker Books	2007	9781406302189	K-2	Handa has lost Mondi, her grandmother's hen, and the fruit from her basket surprisingly goes missing too.
12372	Handful of blue, A Ford, Vince	Scholastic New Zealand	2003	9781869435615	5-6	More than an approaching cyclone hangs over Jeremy's family. His parents are struggling to save the farm during a drought and he spends his time squabbling with his younger sister, fishing with his best mate and failing to stay out of trouble. Includes some colloquial language within context.
29318	Handkerchief map, The English-Hawke, Kiri	IP (Interactive Publications Pty Ltd)	2014	9781922120861	5-6	Through letters written to loved ones, three characters reveal their most intimate thoughts about the conflict in World War II. Franz, a young Nazi soldier, has begun to question the rightness of the cause. Helga is a Russian girl, bent on joining the resistance. Susanna, a Jewess, has been separated from her husband and children, and condemned to the cruelty of a concentration camp.
179	Handles Mark, Jan & Parkins, David	Viking Children's	1987	9780143015871	9plus	A girl, who is mad about motor bikes, finds happiness in a run-down bike shop. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
8518	Handmaid's Tale, The Atwood, Margaret	Penguin	2010	9780099511663	9plus	Offred is a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead. She has only one function: to breed. If she deviates, she will, like dissenters, be hanged at the wall or sent out to die slowly of radiation sickness. But even a repressive state cannot obliterate desire - neither Offred's nor that of the two men on which her future hangs. This book contains potentially confronting mature themes and content, and is usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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7714	Hanna: my Holocaust story Alexander, Goldie	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781743629673	5-6	Hanna Kaminsky loves gymnastics, her best friend, chicken soup and reading. But, in September 1939, her happy life disappears. The Nazis have invaded Poland and are herding all Jewish people into ghettos in the cities. Hanna's family are forced into hiding in the country but this means trusting others. Hanna and her family are caught and sent to the Warsaw Ghetto where they must use whatever skills they have to survive.
2077	Hannah and the tomorrow room Gleeson, Libby	Penguin	1999	9780141305127	3-4	Tomorrow, Hannah can move out of the room she shares with her sisters and into a special place of her own. But things don't go as planned and someone else needs the room. She has to get it back.
2078	Hannah plus one Gleeson, Libby	Penguin	1996	9780140380903	3-4	When Hannah learns her mum is expecting another baby, she is convinced it will be another set of twins, leaving her as the odd one out. But Hannah has her pretend friend, Megan, to talk to and together they get into all sorts of mischief.
2079	Hannah's winter Meehan, Kierin	Penguin	2001	9780141000442	5-6	Contemporary and humorous, this story is dotted with snippets of Japanese language and culture, as Hannah and her ghost friend attempt to solve an ancient riddle.
8700	Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales Zwerger, Lisbeth (ill)	Penguin USA	1991	9780698400351	5-6	Eleven favourite Hans Christian Andersen classic stories, superbly bound and illustrated to celebrate his 200th birthday. Includes 'The princess and the pea', 'The emperor's new clothes', 'The Sandman' and 'The Nightingale'.
8986	Hansel and Gretel Browne, Anthony	Walker Books	2008	9781406318524	3-4	A faithful retelling of this famous, dark fairytale but with unique, modern illustrations.
1423974	Hansel and Gretel King, Stephen & Sendak, Maurice (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2025	9781444919349	3-4	The classic, haunting tale of two brave children lost in an eerie and dangerous forest, reimagined by literary legends: Stephen King and Maurice Sendak. Let Stephen King, global bestselling and award-winning author, and Maurice Sendak, beloved creator of the Caldecott-Medal winning Where the Wild Things Are, guide you into this most deliciously daring rendition of the traditional Grimm fairy tale. But will you find your way back out?

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601775	Hapless hero Henrie James, Petra	Walker Books	2019	9781760650834	5-6	Twelve-year-old Henrie is the first girl heir of the Melchior family in 200 years. This was deemed a dereliction of duty by the formidable Octavia Melchior, head of the House of Melchior (HoMe). For HoMe is in the business of heroes for hire. Boy heroes, that is. Girls have no place. When Henrie receives a mysterious note, it sets off a chain of events including a kidnapping, a fancy skateboard manoeuvre and a private jet and she discovers something rotten at the heart of HoMe. As past, present and future collide, HoMe is poised to come tumbling down... unless a new kind of hero can emerge from the rubble.
788043	Happiest man on Earth, The Jaku, Eddie	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9781760980085	9plus	Eddie Jaku always considered himself a German first, a Jew second. He was proud of his country. But all of that changed in November 1938, when he was beaten, arrested and taken to a concentration camp. Over the next seven years, Eddie faced unimaginable horrors every day, first in Buchenwald, then in Auschwitz, then on a Nazi death march. He lost family, friends, his country. Because he survived, Eddie made the vow to smile every day. He pays tribute to those who were lost by telling his story, sharing his wisdom and living his best possible life. He now believes he is the 'happiest man on earth'. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
11994	Happiest refugee, The Do, Anh	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9781742372389	9plus	Anh Do, comedian and television personality, arrived in Australia as a baby in a boat full of desperate family members who suffered the perils of the sea. A mother's sacrifice, a father's heroism and their adventures in a new land are inspiring. Some strong language used in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
568907	Happiness box, The: A wartime book of hope Greenwood, Mark & McLean, Andrew	Walker Books	2018	9781925081381	5-6	In 1942, Sergeant 'Griff' Griffin was a prisoner of war. With Christmas approaching, he decided to make a book for the children cooped up in nearby Changi Prison. The book was said to contain the secrets to happiness. Open this book and learn the true and inspirational story of the making of the Happiness Box book.
5228	Happy birthday to you, you belong in a zoo De Groat, Diane	HarperTrophy	2007	9780060010294	3-4	That meanie, Lewis, always teases Gilbert at school. When Gilbert receives an invitation to Lewis's birthday party, Gilbert goes, armed with a cheerful grin, a brightly wrapped package and a plan to get even for Lewis's rotten behaviour. But, this birthday has a much bigger surprise in store for Gilbert.

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16761	Happy Birthday x 3 Gleeson, Libby & Cox, David (ill)	Walker Books	2007	9781406304282	3-4	Being one of a set of triplets can be great fun, especially at birthday time. Three times the presents, three times the guests, three times the party food. Each sister goes searching for exactly the right present for the others.
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.
12230	Happy hedgehog, The Pfister, Marcus & James, Alison J (trans)	North South Books	2003	9780735818163	K-2	Grandfather Tarek urges Mikko, a young hedgehog, to accomplish something important. So Mikko ventures out and meets various animals. Mikko teaches his grumbling grandpa a lesson.
567915	Happy poems McGough, Roger	Pan MacMillan	2018	9781509871377	3-4	Elma Mitchell warns that poems should come with government warnings because words can seriously affect your heart. This is a collection of poems to make you happy. Poems that can be read aloud. Poems to be read silently. Poems to share with others. Poems to discover the world and joy others feel too. These poems have been collected and compiled by Roger McGough and feature famous writers from the past and new poets waiting for you to discover. From William Blake to A F Harrold.
2083	Happy prince, The and other stories Wilde, Oscar	Wordsworth Editions Ltd	2002	9781853261237	7-9	A collection of Wilde's classic stories that include The Selfish Giant and The Happy Prince. The story of the statue of a once pleasure-loving Prince who, with the help of a once selfish swallow, helps the poor and suffering people in their distress.
11822	Hark, it's me, Ruby Lee! Shanahan, Lisa & Binny (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2017	9780734416551	K-2	Ruby Lee is a little girl with a very big imagination. Every week Ruby's teacher, Mrs Majestic-Jones, asks special people to do special jobs in her class. Ruby would do anything to be the messenger, as she's the best in her class at announcing. But will her wild imagination get in the way?
5973	Harold and Grace Avery, Sean E	Fremantle Press	2015	9781925162295	K-2	Two tiny eggs, one in a tree and the other in a pond, survive a big storm and hatch at exactly the same time, on the same day. Harold the tadpole goes exploring and meets two fish who are mean to him until he grows fins, like them. Grace, the caterpillar, meets two stick insects who make fun of her too. Harold and Grace become friends but Harold begins to spend more time with the fish. When they are mean again, Harold returns to his leaf but Grace is no longer there.

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19246	Harold and the purple crayon Johnson, Crockett	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2012	9780007464371	K-2	"One evening, after thinking it over for some time, Harold decided to go for a walk in the moonlight." Armed only with an oversized purple crayon, young Harold draws himself a landscape full of wonder and excitement.
30826	Harold finds a voice Dicmas, Courtney	Child's Play International Ltd	2013	9781846435492	K-2	Harold is an amazing mimic and can imitate the sound of everything in his home. He seeks out sounds from outside the home and is shocked when he hears his own voice.
3118	Harold's hungry eyes Waldron, Kevin	Phaidon Press Limited	2016	9780714871240	K-2	Like most dogs, Harold is obsessed with food. When he gets lost in the big city, Harold is overtaken by hunger and begins to see food everywhere. Hot dogs on an antenna, a turkey roast in the mailbox and toast popping out of the top of a building.
2094	Haroun and the sea of stories Rushdie, Salman	Puffin Australia	1993	9780140366501	7-9	Haroun's father is the greatest of all storytellers. His magical stories bring laughter to the sad city of Alifbay. One terrible day, everything goes wrong and his father runs out of stories to tell. Haroun is determined to return the storyteller's gift.
2095	Harp at midnight, The Mor, Caiseal	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1999	9780091838751	7-9	When thirteen year old Andrew Ferguson goes to stay in an old house in Ireland, he is immediately plunged into the mysteries of Irish legend.
728150	Harp of kings, The Marillier, Juliet	Pan MacMillan	2019	9781760783297	9plus	Liobhan has always dreamed of being a Swan Island warrior. She is a talented musician with exceptional strength and fighting skills which make her the perfect candidate to be a warrior bard and spy. Whilst posing as travelling musicians, Liobhan and her brother Brocc, must find a precious harp that is an ancient symbol of kingship. If the harp is not played at the upcoming coronation the heir will not be accepted and the kingdom will be thrown into turmoil. They can trust no one. Is there a political plot to stop the prince from becoming King or is there something else, something otherworldly at work here? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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4511	Harper effect, The Bashford, Taryn	Pan MacMillan	2017	9781760552091	9plus	Harper Hunter doesn't know how it came to this. Her tennis dreams are collapsing: her coach says she doesn't have what it takes to make it in the world of professional tennis. Her new doubles partner is moody, mysterious and angry at the world. What is he hiding? She is in love with Jacob, but he is her sister's boyfriend. Or, he was. Harper could never betray Aria with Jacob, could she? As Harper's heart and dreams pull her in different directions, she has to figure out exactly what she wants. And just how hard she's willing to fight to get it. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
484	Harriet Hill, Anthony	Penguin	2006	9780143302087	5-6	Harriet, a tortoise hatched in the Galapagos Islands, was brought to Australian in the 1800's. This is the true story of Harriet's life from colonial days to her death at 176 years old at Australia Zoo in 2006.
	Harriet Bright series Craig, Claire & Feddersen, Melanie (ill)				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.
1122896	Harriet Hound Foster, Kate & Beer, Sophie	Walker Books	2023	9781760654702	3-4	Meet Harriet Hound. She's eight years old and loves dogs! But Harriet has something else that makes her super... the power to summon the dogs from her family's rescue shelter every time there's trouble afoot.
180	Harriet the spy Fitzhugh, Louise	Yearling	2001	9780440416791	5-6	Harriet spies on all the people in her neighbourhood and writes notes about them in her book.
18470	Harriet's ghost Crowley, Bridget	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2005	9780340881569	7-9	Harriet's best friend at the ballet academy is suffering from an eating disorder. The ghost of a ballerina who died tragically young attempts to contact the girls to save Marianne from death.
10575	Harriet, you'll drive me wild Fox, Mem & Frazee, Marla (ill)	Harcourt Children's Books	2005	9780733613128	K-2	Harriet's mother tries very hard not to yell at Harriet but, oh dear, she does do so many naughty things.
71304	Harris finds his feet Rayner, Catherine	Koala Books	2008	9780864617811	K-2	Harris is a very small hare with very big feet and he wants to know why. Grandad shows Harris how his big feet enable him to hop high into the sky, to climb to the tops of the mountains and to run very fast. Harris not only learns about the world around him but also the importance of finding his own feet.

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33993	Harrison's song Craig, Harrison & Finn, Ann-Marie (ill)	Wombat Books	2017	9781925563122	K-2	Harrison is a bit different to the other kids. Each time he tries to speak , he stutters. No matter how hard he tries, his tongue feels tied up in knots. That is, until one day when Harrison discovers his talent.
796	Harry & Hopper Wild, Margaret & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Omnibus Books	2009	9781862917408	3-4	A small boy named Harry and his pet dog, Hopper, have done everything together, ever since Hopper was a jumpy little puppy. But, when the unthinkable happens, Harry must learn to say goodbye to his mate.
1296493	Harry and gran bake a cake McIntosh, Fiona & Acton, Sara (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2025	9781761346941	K-2	Harry and Gran are going to bake a cake. What could possibly go wrong? A funny and charming story of a gran and her grandchild sharing the joy of baking together . . . and embracing the hilarious mishaps that occur along the way
6469	Harry and Hope Lean, Sarah	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2015	9780007512263	5-6	Hope lives with her mum in the Pyrenees. It's always been just the two of them until Frank, a free-spirited traveller, arrives with Harry, his stubborn rescue donkey. Hope and Frank form a close bond and she feels lost when Frank decides to move on. Frank was more than just mum's boyfriend and understood Hope better than her mother does. Hope promises to look after Harry and, slowly, another special bond is made.
11122	Harry and the bucketful of dinosaurs Whybrow, Ian & Reynolds, Adrian	Puffin Australia	2008	9780670915149	K-2	When Harry helps Nan clear out the attic, little does he realise how important the toy dinosaurs will be. Harry and his dinosaurs go everywhere together. But one day, Harry accidentally leaves the dinosaurs on the train.
12285	Harry by the sea Zion, Gene & Graham, Margaret Bloy (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1994	9780099189718	K-2	At the seaside, Harry, the little black and white dog, gets tangled in a bunch of seaweed and comes out of the water looking like a monster, frightening everyone on the beach.
587680	Harry helps Grandpa remember Tyrrell, Karen & Pocock, Aaron (ill)	Digital Future Press	2015	9780987274083	K-2	Harry and Grandpa love playing hide-and-seek together. Over time Grandpa becomes grumpy and forgetful, refusing to play games with Harry anymore. On Grand-parent's Day, Grandpa becomes confused and lost. He couldn't even remember Harry's name. Then Harry discovers clever ways to boost Grandpa's memory. How does Harry help Grandpa remember?
41356	Harry Highpants Wilson, Tony & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Omnibus Books	2007	9781862916043	3-4	People in the town have always worn their pants at different heights. Some wear them low, some a little high and, in Harry Highpants' case, very high. It hasn't been a problem until Roy Bland decides to stand for council and wants everyone to wear their pants the same, 'normal' way. The town is divided and into the battle comes Harry Highpants.

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49929	Harry Highpants and the salivating beast Larkin, John & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	ABC Books	2007	9780733320675	3-4	To most people, Harry Highfield is just an ordinary boy who wears his pants a little higher than you'd expect. During school holidays, however, Harry gets out his cape and becomes a superhero. When his brother loses his best cricket ball over the fence, Harry has a chance to use his superhero powers to retrieve it.
5063	Harry Kruize, born to lose Collins, Paul	Ford Street Publishing	2017	9781925272628	5-6	Harry Kruize is feeling the weight of the world on his shoulders. His father has left, starting another family elsewhere and he is the target of bullying at school, leaving him friendless and lonely. A term-long class assignment involving the writing down of personal wishes and documenting how they might be fulfilled allows Harry to tell his innermost feelings. He has six seemingly impossible wishes ranging from a normal family life, a dog, a friend, a certain bully to stop using him as a punching bag and to be an author. All of these will never happen or will they?
4637	Harry Miller's run Almond, David & Rubbino, Salvatore (ill)	Walker Books	2015	9781406362244	5-6	Liam just wants to go out running with his mates. It's not long till the Junior Great North Run. But, Mam needs him to help old Harry clear out his house. Harry knows a thing or two about running. He says when he was a lad, he ran twenty-one kilometres, from Newcastle to South Shields. This is the story of that day. Sweltering heat, clattering boots, briny sea air and the heavenly taste of ice cream.
	Harry Potter series Rowling, J K				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
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12097	Harry the dirty dog Zion, Gene & Graham, Margaret Bloy (ill)	Red Fox	1990	9780099978701	K-2	The delightful story of Harry, the little white dog with black spots, who tries very hard to avoid having a bath.
6487	Harry's secret Heiss, Anita	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781760152024	3-4	Harry has a secret. He loves to draw and is very good at it. You wouldn't think it would be a problem but Harry's friend, Gav, thinks skateboarding, footy and fishing are cool, but art is definitely not. Harry really wants to enter the local art competition but he is worried what his friends will think and say.
9799	Harry's war Heffernan, John	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781862919273	9plus	A mystery surrounds Harry's late father, a Vietnam veteran. Grandfather knows but he won't say, and no-one in Harry's family wants to have anything to do with Grandpa. Harry spends a lot of time recording Grandpa's memories of heroic action in World War II. After Grandpa addresses Harry's class at school, the mystery is solved, leaving Harry devastated. Some adult themes and coarse language in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
16350	Has anyone here seen William Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2008	9781406316131	K-2	William is never where he should be. His vanishing act reaches its peak on his second birthday.

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751195	Hat-trick Teddy Tedesco, James	Pan MacMillan	2021	9781760982911	5-6	Twelve-year-old Teddy is a footy star in the making. He plays rugby league at home on the farm. He plays for the Menangle Meerkats with his friends from school. But when a storm turns his team's playing fields into a mud-pit, Teddy is faced with the worst decision of his life: if he wants to keep playing, he will need to switch teams from the Meerkats to their arch rivals - the Camden Rams. But can a Meerkat really be a Ram? Based on James's own footy-playing childhood, Hat-Trick Teddy encourages kids to follow their dreams regardless of the obstacles in their way.
182	Hatchet Paulsen, Gary	Simon & Schuster	1999	9780689826993	7-9	The only survivor of a light plane crash in the Canadian wilderness, Brian must learn to exist among wild animals and find a way back to civilisation.
183	Hatchet: the truth Paulsen, Gary	Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780330483629	7-9	Gary Paulsen has used his experience, learning the secrets of survival in the remote northern wilderness, to write the Hatchet novels, in which a man crash lands and has to struggle to stay alive. The true-life experiences behind his books.
57007	Hate is such a strong word Ayoub, Sarah	HarperCollins Australia	2013	9780732296841	9plus	Seventeen-year-old Sophie hates Monday mornings, socks worn with sandals, and having to strategise like she's a battle sergeant every time she asks her parents if she can go out. But she especially hates being stereotyped because she's Lebanese. When New Guy, Shehadie Goldsmith, is alienated at her Lebanese school because his dad's Australian, she hates the way it makes her feel. Like she's just as prejudiced as everyone else. Like she could make a difference if she stopped pretending she's invisible. Like the attraction between them might be too strong to fight... But hate is such a strong word... Can Sophie find the strength to speak out - even if it means going against everything she's been brought up to believe? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
2799	Hate race, The Beneba Clarke, Maxine	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9780733632280	9plus	Suburban Australia. Sweltering heat. A three bedroom blonde-brick house, a family of five with a beaten-up Ford Falcon. Vegemite on toast. Maxine Beneba Clarke's life is just like all the other Aussie kids on her street. Except for one, glaring, inescapably obvious thing. A challenging read. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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79983	Hate that cat Creech, Sharon	Bloomsbury	2009	9780747599807	5-6	Jack is pleased that Mrs Stretchberry is his teacher again this year. The only problem is she likes cats and he hates them. Or, at least, he does until he gets to know some kittens and reads some poetry about cats.
7116	Hate u give, The Thomas, Angie	Walker Books	2018	9781406387933	9plus	Sixteen-year-old Starr lives in two worlds: the poor neighbourhood where she was born and raised and her posh high school in the suburbs. The uneasy balance between them is shattered when Starr is the only witness to the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend, Khalil, by a police officer. Now what Starr says could destroy her community. It could also get her killed. Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, this is a powerful and gripping YA novel about one girl's struggle for justice. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1409643	Hatful of dreams, A Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2025	9781529525861	K-2	At the end of a dark and lonely street sits a little house that glows from within. Look through the window, and you might see the Andersons... Mum, Dad, Milly, Sonny, Jonas, and of course Maggie the dog! And don't forget Grandad - with music in his fingers and magic under his hat. No, really! The children aren't sure if they believe their Grandad's fantastical tales - "Oh, Grandad! You're joking!" they cry. But they really won't believe what happens when Grandad slowly takes off his hat...
184	Hating Alison Ashley Klein, Robin	Puffin Australia	1998	9780140316728	5-6	Alison is a perfect only child who has everything - beauty, clothes and money. Erika is so jealous, she has to find a way to get rid of Alison Ashley, once and for all.
916536	Hats of Marvello, The Graham, Amanda & Naidu, Lavanya (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2023	9781460714645	5-6	No matter how much Olive longs for a pet rabbit. it is never going to happen. Not when she lives in an Australian country town where most people think they are a pest. So imagine Olive's shock when she unexpectedly finds not one, but one hundred and one rabbits. And one of them can talk. How Olive will hide and protect the rabbits will be her greatest challenge and adventure. She is also preparing for the Year 5 play. At least she has her costume ready. But the old top hat she found in the local op shop is very odd and strange.
38238	Hatshepsut: the lost Pharaoh of Egypt Wilkinson, Carole	Black Dog Books	2008	9781742030135	7-9	Hatshepsut was the eldest daughter of Tuthmosis I, a pharaoh who ruled Egypt. Her mother was Queen Ahmose. Explore the mystery surrounding her life and her reign. You can decide if she was a strong ruling pharaoh or a power-hungry princess.

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660696	Hattie Nilsson, Frida & Wirsen, Stina (ill)	Gecko Press	2020	9781776572717	3-4	Hattie lives just outside of nowhere, right next door to no one at all. Her house is red and has its own name. There are jabbering ducks in the duck house and hens that wander and poop in her mother's flowerbeds. Hattie has a dog called Tacka and own stripy outdoor cats, Havana and Stick. Hattie has been waiting forever for school to start. She's looking forward to it so much, she might burst.
13132	Hattie and the fox Fox, Mem & Mullins, Patricia (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2006	9780868963174	K-2	Hattie, the hen, spies a nose and then some eyes in the bushes. None of the other animals are interested until Hattie realises what it is and calls out.
1865	Hattie helps out Godwin, Jane & Bell, Davina & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781743435434	K-2	It's a busy day at Hattie's house. There's a lot to do before Dad's birthday party. Hattie is being very helpful, until it's time for her afternoon nap. Hattie is not even sleepy. But, Mama looks tired, very tired.
3955	Haunted Orman, Lorraine	Walker Books	2009	9781921150821	5-6	When Georgia and her brother, Ned, are sent for a holiday on their relatives' farm, they are not happy. Ned makes friends with his cousin so Georgia explores the farm on her own, discovering an old homestead which she thinks will make a cool hideout. But, Georgia is not alone and is befriended by a mysterious girl, Lily, who is not what she seems. The children soon discover they are playing with fire.
2333	Haunting of Lily Frost, The Weetman, Nova	University of Queensland Press	2014	9780702250156	7-9	When Lily Frost's parents move to a country town called Gideon, things are dire. Lily has left her best friend and knows no one. But, someone seems to know her and it isn't exactly welcoming. Lily is thrown into the path of cute local boy, Danny, but he's not giving anything away. It's up to Lily to make sense of the watery footprints on her floor and the cold air that constantly seeps into her bones.
185	Haunting, The Mahy, Margaret	Penguin	2000	9780140363258	7-9	A child begins to receive strange messages and learns about a family legacy.
46812	Have you ever ever ever McNaughton, Colin & Clark, Emma Chichester (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781406322880	K-2	Join the fun with Mother Goose as all your favourite nursery rhyme characters come to life in this rollicking, read-aloud, picture book.
7474	Have you ever seen a Sneep Pym, Tasha & Stewart, Joel (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9780374328689	K-2	Oscar is just trying to enjoy a day out but, every time his back is turned, the Sneep and its mischievous friends sneak up and spoil his fun. From one hair-raising surprise to the next, the boy explains his monster troubles to us.
4635	Have you seen elephant Barrow, David	Gecko Press	2015	9781776570096	K-2	Elephant wants to play hide and seek. You can play too but you'll have to try your best as he's very good.

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3793	Have you seen my dragon Light, Steve	Walker Books	2014	9781406353815	K-2	A young boy has lost his dragon. In the big, busy city, among the taxis and towers, the dragon must be somewhere. So the boy goes looking for one dragon. Perhaps it stopped for a hot dog (the boy has two of them) or rode into town on the bus (the boy sees three of these). And so the story goes. At each stop along the boy's search, the numbers grow from one to twenty.
15516	Having fun at school Fisher, Taminya & Le, Thuy & Bell, Meiko	Indij Readers	2003	9780975064009	3-4	Members of the school population state their ways to have fun at school. A play version is also presented.
7945	Havoc Higgins, Jane	Text Publishing Co	2015	9781922147295	9plus	The city is split in two by warring factions, either side of the river. When Nik saves a stranger from the debris, she keeps repeating the word 'havoc'. As he delves further, Nik uncovers a complex web of power, fear and betrayal that enwraps the city. He also learns more about his parents, finds out who he can trust and is forced to make an impossible choice. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
751011	Havoc! The untold magic of Cora Bell McRitchie, Rebecca & O'Connor, Sharon (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9781460757659	3-4	Cora Bell has discovered she is full of magic, powerful magic. When she loses her protection bracelet she struggles to control her powers, especially the dark magic she stole from a warlock. Can Cora find a way to fix her magic before it takes control of her and she becomes a havoc?
623834	Hayden's bedtime Haynes, Wendy & Curzon, Brett (ill)	Inprint Publishing	2019	9780987643506	K-2	Discover with Hayden what's behind the door, under the bed, inside the cupboard, and in the drawer as his father tries to get him to sleep.
665705	Haywire Saxby, Claire	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781742769196	7-9	Life in Germany in 1939 is not safe for 13 year old Max Gruber so he is sent to his Uncle Ferdy in London, only to find himself sent to Australia aboard the famous ship Dunera. Arriving in rural Hay, and housed in an internment camp, he meets local boy Tom. The two new friends become allies, as their lives are affected by the growing conflict in far away Europe.
	Hazel Green series Hirsch, Odo				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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12075	Hazel's amazing mother Wells, Rosemary	Puffin UK	1992	9780140545388	K-2	Hazel is a whimsical animal. While on her way to a picnic, she becomes lost on a hill where three young toughs bully her. Although Hazel is far from home, she cries for her mother who must save the day and make the ruffians repent.
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.
2130	Head book, The Marsden, John	Pan MacMillan	2001	9780330363211	9plus	A quick-fix guide to general knowledge and trivia. Everything you needed to know, and maybe didn't even know to ask, explained with wit and clarity. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
7786	Head kid Baddiel, David	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2018	9780008200534	3-4	Bracket Wood is a strict school. Particularly under the lead of the new headmaster, Mr Carter. But when he swaps bodies with the naughtiest boy in the school Ryan Carter, a hilarious chain of events begins. With the naughtiest boy as Head Kid, the only question is, will Bracket Wood survive?
15447	Head space: one brain, two occupants Harris, Christine	Penguin	2004	9780143300670	5-6	While on school camp, Tenille has an accident that leads to a close encounter with an alien called Zem. In fact, the alien is too close, closer than she could ever imagine.
16791	Headgames Lever, Casey	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2010	9781741663532	9plus	Steven's obsession with Avery leads him into what seems to be a childish game. It is, in fact, a very dangerous game. The players include Steven's unsuspecting friend, Tala, Connor, who is rumoured to have been in juvenile detention and may be a dealer, and his sister, Jade, a very hostile goth, and Avery. Their journey of self-realisation has unexpected outcomes. Mature themes and strong language in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
	Heads and tails series Canty, John				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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660705	Heart and soul Martin, Carol Ann & Suwannakit, Tull (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781742999920	K-2	Charlie and his dog, Louis, are a musical team. Charlie plays the trumpet and Louis sings along with him. But when Charlie falls ill, Louis is left all on his own. He no longer sings or wags his tail. Until one day, Louis hears the familiar notes from a trumpet and decides to investigate.
22044	Heart and the bottle, The Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2010	9780007182343	5-6	Once there was a girl whose life was filled with wonder at the world around her. Then, one day, something happened that made the girl take her heart and put it in a safe place. However, after that, it seemed that the world was even emptier than before. It takes another little girl to demonstrate that life is there to be lived.
5745	Heart forger, The Chupeco, Rin	Sourcebooks Inc	2018	9781492635857	9plus	Tea, a bone witch who can resurrect the dead, is done with her self-imposed exile. She now possesses all seven bezoars she needs to revive the powerful daeva. With the help of these terrible monsters, she can finally enact her revenge against the royals who wronged her and took the life of her one true love. Alliances and allegiances are shifting, and danger lurks in and out of the kingdom. But Tea's heart is set on vengeance, even if it turns her against her now-estranged brother, who supports her enemies. War is brewing, and when dark magic is at play, no one is safe. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
570815	Heart of a whale, The Pignataro, Anna	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781743817629	K-2	Whales song was so beautiful it could reach the furthest of faraways. It sang of happiness and hope, magic and wonder, always and everywhere. But Whale wishes with all his heart to find a friend somewhere in the vast, endless sea. Can his wish be carried over the ocean for someone to follow?
57379	Heart of magic Matthews, Penny	Walker Books	2008	9781921150685	5-6	Stacey wishes she could be more like her friend, Twyla. Twyla is confident, Stacey isn't. Twyla is daring, Stacey isn't. When a gypsy gives Stacey a gold heart pin, everything changes and Stacey starts behaving like the person she has always wanted to be.
15396	Heart of the tiger Millard, Glenda & Chapman, Gaye (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781865046181	3-4	A boy inherits a toy tiger who shares his experiences of a different world where there were trees. The boy comes to experience a new and vibrant world and learns about destruction of environments, aging, wisdom and new beginnings.

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1174864	Heart of the world, The Kaufman, Amie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761067389	9plus	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. They fell in love. 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. 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. 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. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
916659	Heartbeat of the land, The Freeman, Cathy & Vass, Carol & Harricks, Tannya (ill)	Larrikin House	2022	9781922503848	K-2	As Cathy runs barefoot across the great ancient land, she listens to the heartbeat of the land - Ba Boom, Ba Boom, Ba Boom. But one day, Cathy hears a cry. The land is sick, it needs help. See how one small step can plant the seeds of change we need and then listen, and you too will hear the heartbeat of the land.
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.
2137	Heartland: coming home Brooke, Lauren	Scholastic Australia	2000	9780439997959	7-9	Endurance overcoming grief and the importance of family and friends. Heartland is a recovery centre for horses that have been rescued from neglect and physical cruelty. Amy and her mum try to rescue an abandoned stallion but disaster strikes.

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1132915	Hearts still beating Archer, Brooke	Putnam	2024	9780593698327	9plus	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. 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. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1209902	Heartseer: The tale of Anise Star Foxwood, Rowan	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2025	9781803707372	5-6	Anise Star is a Heartseer - only she can see daemons, which means it's her job to protect them. So when the villainous Mr Babbit tries to destroy their White Wood home, Anise sets out on an exciting and dangerous journey to stop him. Together with her daemon-dog Wolf, Anise joins forces with runaway musician Robin and fox god Whin, battling the cunning Magpie Queen and a poisonous ink monster. Anise soon realises that it's not just Wolf and the daemons of the White Wood she needs to save, it's all of the daemons in the world.
	Heartstopper series Oseman, Alice				9plus	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 left hand corner of the screen.

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660193	Heartstream Pollock, Tom	Walker Books	2019	9781406378184	9plus	Heartstream: The app that allows you to feel everything. Amy Becker is a star. She's used Heartstream to broadcast every moment of her mother's illness. It's the realest, rawest reality TV imaginable, and it's everywhere. On the day of her mother's funeral, she goes home to find a fan of hers in the kitchen. The woman has rigged the house, and herself with explosives - and she's been waiting to talk to Amy for a very long time. Amy is about to discover just how far true obsession can go. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
952853	Heartwood hotel: A true home George, Kallie	Disney Press	2017	9781484747360	3-4	When Mona the Mouse stumbles across the wondrous world of Heartwood Hotel in the middle of a storm, she desperately hopes they'll let her stay. As it turns out, Mona is precisely the maid they need at the grandest hotel in Fernwood Forest, where animals come from far and wide for safety, luxury, and comfort. But it's not all acorn souffle and soft moss-lined beds. Danger lurks, and as it approaches, Mona has to use her wits to protect the place she's come to love. Because this hotel is more than a warm shelter to spend the night. It might also be a home.
44140	Heather fell in the water MacLeod, Doug & Smith, Craig (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781742376486	K-2	Heather was a little girl who always fell in the water. She didn't mean to. She didn't enjoy it. But she fell in nearly every day, so her parents made her wear water wings all the time.
18936	Heather has two Mummies Newman, Leslea & Cornell, Laura (ill)	Walker Books	2015	9781406359404	K-2	Heather's favourite number is two. She has two arms, two legs and two pets. And, she also has two mummies. When Heather goes to school for the first time, someone asks her about her daddy but Heather doesn't have a daddy. When Heather and her classmates draw pictures of their families, not one drawing is the same. Families are different and the most important thing is that all the people in them love one another.

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965817	Heavy Patterson, Dannika & Lynch, Davilyn (ill)	Wombat Books	2023	9781761111020	K-2	At the wild animal rescue center run by her family of incredibly strong women, Nina watches as her older female relatives piggyback polar bears and carry boa constrictors. Every day, they pick up more and more. The trouble is, they never put anything down! Seeing her family struggle, Nina is determined to find a way to show them that just because they can carry heavy things around all the time, doesn't mean they have to. Will Nina's inventions help lighten their loads?
1019856	Heavy as a mountain Connolly, Vincent	Booktopia Editions	2020	9781925995114	7-9	A WWII Japanese airman in the two greatest battles fought on Australian soil, shamed by his capture, faces a dilemma - uphold the honour of his family or risk the life of his young wife? Duty is heavy as a mountain, death as light as a feather. He conceals his true name to protect his family. Suicide is a possibility, but he's drawn away from his military indoctrination by experiences with ordinary Australians, drawn towards living out his own individuality. But the young bride he left behind had vowed she would kill herself if he died. He could write to tell her he lives, but would that reveal his cowardice, shame his family? A tale of the Australian WWII experience, seen through the eyes of this deeply troubled man.
1423804	Hedgehog or echidna?: Animals who are the same... but different Barton, Ashleigh & Thomas, Amandine (ill)	Lothian Books	2025	9780734422682	K-2	A hedgehog and an echidna meet. They are both spiny animals who look very similar - but they are different. Are there any other animals around the world who also get mixed up? Let's find out!

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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. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Skye McKenna read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#hedgewitch-skye-mckenna
2144	Heidi Spyri, Johanna	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2001	9780694014538	5-6	At five, little orphan Heidi is sent to live with her grandfather in the Swiss Alps. The villagers are afraid of him but Heidi is fascinated by his long beard and bushy eyebrows. She loves her life, playing in the sunshine amongst the goats and birds. But, one terrible day, Heidi is collected by her aunt and made to live with a new family in town. Heidi can't bear to be away from her grandfather and wants to find her way back up the mountain.

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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? LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Joel McKerrow read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#heist-1-the-great-chocolate-caper-joel-mckerrow
505	Helicopter man Fensham, Elizabeth	Bloomsbury	2005	9780747575498	9plus	Pete and his dad are running from the secret service. Pete is confused about his life and his dad's behaviour but knows they must hide when they hear a helicopter. A sensitive and empathetic story of mental illness. Adult themes and strong language. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
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?
39587	Hell and high water Landman, Tanya	Walker Books	2016	9781406366914	7-9	In eighteenth century Devon, Caleb, travels with his father, living off the earnings from their Punch and Judy show. When his father is wrongly arrested for stealing and transported to the Colonies, Caleb is left alone. After a desperate journey in search of an aunt he's never met, he receives a strange, cold welcome. Then, a body washes up on the nearby beach and Caleb is caught up in a terrifying net of lies and intrigue. Soon, he and his new family are in mortal danger.

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707973	Hell ship Veitch, Michael	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760630843	9plus	For more than a century and a half, a grim tale has passed down through Michael Veitch's family: the story of the Ticonderoga, a clipper ship that sailed from Liverpool in August 1852, crammed with poor but hopeful emigrants - mostly Scottish victims of the clearances and the potato famine. Hoping for a better life in Australia. Three months later, a ghost ship crept into Port Phillip Bay flying the dreaded yellow flag of contagion. Deadly typhus had erupted, killing a quarter of the passengers and leaving many more desperately ill. Sharks followed the ship. Panic stuck Melbourne. James William Henry Veitch was the ship's assistant surgeon, on his first appointment to sea. Annie Morrison was a volunteer who helped him. Michael Veitch is their great-great grandson and Hell Ship is a well researched narrative which brings to life the hardships and horrors endured by those who came by sea to seek a new life in Australia. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
22296	Hello Flowers, Tony	National Library of Australia	2016	9780642278876	K-2	Meet twelve Australian friends who can speak different languages. In their own languages, they tell us how to count, say hello and goodbye, and lots of other words about play, food, hobbies and clothes. Once you've said hello, you can see Emiko playing the Japanese drum, Pilinh performing an Aboriginal dance, how to make gnocchi with Sophia and flat bread with Amal.
774216	Hello and welcome Dreise, Gregg	Penguin Random House Australia	2021	9781760898328	5-6	"Hello and welcome to our corroboree. Hello and welcome to our gathering. Father Sky, Mother Earth, together here with me. Different colours, different people, together in harmony." Feel the welcome as we celebrate Indigenous culture, Elders and future generations. Join the corroboree in the traditional Gamilaraay language of the Kamilaroi people as we listen and learn together. A wonderful companion to Gregg Dreise's highly acclaimed My Culture and Me, this joyful picture book celebrates Australia's Indigenous heritage and the diversity we enjoy today.
10627	Hello baby Fox, Mem & Jenkins, Steve (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2009	9780670074006	K-2	There are clever monkey babies, dusty lion babies, sleepy leopard babies and hairy warthog babies. But, there is one baby who is the most treasured one of all.

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1423924	Hello cocky Bell, Hilary & Pesenti, Antonia (ill)	Scribble Press	2025	9781761381577	K-2	Hello Cocky is a poetic and playful celebration of Australia's bossiest bird. Have a stickybeak at these beautiful creatures, curious, fearless and very loud, from bush to backyard, and from hollow trees to wheelie bins.
18618	Hello God Simons, Moya & Coutts, Lisa (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2007	9780732285340	3-4	Every night before she falls asleep, Kate talks to God. She tells God about school, her friends and she asks lots of questions especially about Stephanie, her friend, who is seriously ill. When Kate doesn't get any sign of answers, she is ready to give up. But, then she finds her answers in a surprising place.
750996	Hello Jimmy! Walker, Anna	Puffin Australia	2020	9781760893422	K-2	One day a parrot appears on the doorstep. Dad thinks he's amazing, he's loud and full of surprises. But Jack doesn't like surprises at all....not at all.
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.
9511	Hello new Agard, John	Orchard Books	2000	9781841216218	3-4	Voices from all over the world including English, Scottish, Caribbean, Hungarian and American, are represented in this lively poetry collection, all linked by the word 'new'.
12296	Hello puppy Cox, David	Penguin	2003	9780670040568	K-2	Bridie would love a puppy of her own, but her mum says she can't have one just yet. So Bridie waves her hands, works some magic and finds the puppy she wants - in her grandad.
43466	Hello Ruby: Journey inside the computer Liukas, Linda	Penguin Books Australia	2017	9780143309147	3-4	Do you know what is a computer, and what's inside? Join Ruby and Mouse for a playful adventure with craft and activities, discovering the parts, functions and names of most parts of a computer. Cute, fun and colourful.
5024	Hello to you, moon Morgan, Sally & Sonny & Biddy (ill)	Little Hare Books	2017	9789781760129	K-2	Not all creatures are night animals, but all creatures respond to the moon.
1019870	Hello twigs: Let's find treasure McDonald, Andrew & Wood, Ben (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2023	9781761212000	K-2	Ziggy is on a treasure hunt but she's not sure what treasure is. With her twiggy friends, she sets out on a treasure hunt but the treasure she finds is ... unexpected. Let's say hello to Ziggy. Let's say HELLO TWIGS!
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?

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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.
6525	Hello world Beavis, Paul	Gecko Press	2015	9781927271995	K-2	Mr and Mrs Mo are busy painting the house and the monster is bored, until he gets a grand idea. He's off to see the world. But, his adventure becomes bigger than he expected and the monster wishes Mrs Mo had come after all, and with some sandwiches.
825618	Hello world Shanahan, Lisa & Rudge, Leila (ill)	ABC Books	2021	9780733340826	K-2	The sun is up and one little girl is ready to face the day and welcome the world. From dressing up, helping outside in the garden to playing in the park, journey along on a day in the life of a child and discover the small wonders to be found in a single ordinary day.
	Hello, beautiful series Various				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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682662	Hello, hello Spinifex Writing Camp	Magabala Books	2020	9780648586418	5-6	A family is walking home on a very dark night. It;s hard to see clearly - what is that shadow? And what is that noise??? Turn the pages of this intriguing and atmospheric book and join the family as they discover what the dark night is hiding. Hello, Hello was written and illustrated by students from Laverton, Menzies and Tjuntjuntjara remote community schools at the third Spinifex Camp, sponsored by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. The students were joined by ILF ambassador and award-winning illustrator Ann James and singer/songwriter Chris Aitken, and together they have produced a book that will intrigue, surprise and delight readers of all ages.
31126	Hello, horse French, Vivian & Rayner, Catherine (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781406349948	K-2	I have a friend called Catherine, and she has a horse called Shannon. Shannon's beautiful, with a coat like soft velvet - and very kind. I think she might just become my friend too!
5423	Hello, Sydney McKean, Megan	Thames and Hudson (Australia) Pty Ltd	2016	9780500500767	3-4	Explore 15 of Sydney's most iconic locations with the help of six cheeky seagulls on this look-and-find adventure. From Taronga Zoo to Bondi Beach, there are delightful quirks of the city to spot on each page as well as fun facts to discover.
567945	Hello, universe Kelly, Erin Entrada	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780062877505	5-6	Four students from the same school will discover they are stronger and incredible in their own ways. In the course of the day these four children and a guinea pig discover the magic of acceptance and friendship. Each have their faults and differences and frightening moments bring out the best in others too. A story of friendship and bullying.
580933	Help around the house Gleitzman, Morris	Penguin	2018	9780143793236	5-6	Ludo's dad has just been elected as an Independent in Federal Parliament, which means a big move to Canberra. Top on his list of priorities is to find the local Scout group and continue his journey with the Scouts. Little does he realise just how important his scouting skills will turn out to be.
1979	Helping little star Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, Blaze (ill)	Walker Books	2013	9781921977770	K-2	Little Star has fallen off the edge of the night sky. He wants to return home to the Moon and hopes that Python, Dingo or Kangaroo can help him.

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737758	Helping our planet Bingham, Jane & Fox, Christyan (ill) & Leschnikoff, Nancy (ill) & Rojo, Sara (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2020	9781474982764	5-6	There's no doubt about it, our planet is in trouble. So what can YOU do to help? This hands-on guide to practical choices and actions provides helpful checklists of things you can do. You'll find clear guidelines on planet-friendly shopping, eating and travel, as well as ways to save energy, deal with waste, and get drastic about plastic. With the help of this book, YOU can make a difference to the future of our planet.
958039	Henna wars, The Jaigirdar, Adiba		2022	9781645675730	7-9	When Nishat comes out to her parents, they say she can be anyone she wants - as long as she isn't herself. Because Muslim girls don't like other girls. Nishat doesn't want to hide who she is, but she also doesn't want to lose her relationship with her family. And her life only gets harder once a childhood friend walks back into her life. Flavia is beautiful and charismatic and Nishat falls for her instantly. But when a school competition invites students to create their own businesses, both Flavia and Nishat choose to do henna, even though Flavia is appropriating Nishat's culture. Amidst sabotage and school stress, their lives get more tangled - but Nishat can't quite get rid of her crush on Flavia, and realizes there might be more to her than she realized.
699051	Henrie's hero hunt James, Petra	Walker Books	2020	9781760650858	5-6	'It's not easy being a hero. Ask Henrie Melchior. She's about to begin her very first Hero Hunt. Marley Hart needs a hero, but she's not convinced Henrie's the hero for her. When a message from the grave, a missing Egyptian statue, a pea man and secret codes collide with Violetta Villarne from Villains Incorporated. Henrie Melchior wishes she'd never left HoMe. Two girls. One boy. A great aunt. A mystery.
4063	Henrietta and the perfect night Murray, Martine	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760290245	3-4	Five year old Henrietta is full of questions, sometimes confident and assertive, sometimes not quite as much. With a new baby about to join the family Henrietta is worried about being a good big sister. When the time comes it is not at all as she expected. Starting school is also not as easy as she thought, but throughout Henrietta's positive go-getter spirit shines through.
15038	Henrietta, there's no one better Murray, Martine	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2004	9781741147186	3-4	Henrietta talks about her life, her family, her pets, her best friend and her imaginative play.

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12130	Henry and Amy: right-way-round and upside down King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2000	9781863889988	K-2	Everything Henry tries to do straight turns out wiggly but his friend Amy always does everything perfectly. Henry shows her the fun of being topsy-turvy.
4976	Henry and the guardians of the lost Nimmo, Jenny	Egmont Childrens	2016	9781405280877	5-6	The yellow letter arrived on a Saturday, otherwise Henry would have been at school. The envelope was such a bright, sunny colour, no one would have believed that it contained a bombshell. Less than 10 minutes after the arrival of the mysterious letter, Henry is on the run with his Auntie Pearl, possibly never to return home. Henry has a secret. He is twelve, but he hasn't aged a day since the moment he was thrust a hundred years into the future. Now his secret has put him in danger. His only hope is the protection of the Guardians of the Lost.
3889	Henry and the yeti Ayto, Russell	Bloomsbury	2017	9781408876619	K-2	Henry loves Yetis. Yes, yetis. The problem is nobody knows if yetis actually exist. Henry, however, is sure they do exist, and he is going on an expedition to find one. But will he remember to bring back some evidence?
9975	Henry Hoey Hobson Bongers, Christine	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2010	9781864719956	5-6	Henry Hoey Hobson arrives at his sixth school, a small, Catholic school, to discover he is the only boy in his grade. There are three male misfits a year below him. Fatherless, friendless and non-Catholic, Henry earns a reputation as a vampire when ill-fitting braces make his mouth bleed.
8902	Henry Lawson Treasury Lawson, Henry & Davis, Oslo (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2014	9780857985132	7-9	Henry Lawson, one of Australia's most famous writers, was known as the 'Poet of the People', Lawson's writing captures life in the Australian bush and the hardships and everyday lives of ordinary Australians in the 1800s. Lawson's stories and poems are full of the drama and often absurd humour that characterised life in the Australian outback in the early years of our nation.
705692	Henry Turnip Harris, Chloe Jasmine	Walker Books	2020	9781760651114	K-2	Henry Turnip has seven pairs of blue striped overalls, one for each day of the week. He likes television shows about the deep blue sea, strawberry jam sandwiches with the crusts cut off and reading indoors. Henry does not like too much of anything ... too much noise, too many people or too much mess, until he meets Reuben Moon. Reuben is an adventurer and the kind of friend who helps Henry.
12677	Henry's bath Perversi, Margaret & Brooks, Ron	Walker Books	1997	9781921150043	K-2	Henry does not want to have a bath and wash his hair. Henry's solution, he tries to give some of his animals a bath instead.

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39448	Henry's bed Perversi, Margaret & Brooks, Ron	Walker Books	1997	9781921150050	K-2	A gentle story about Henry who is meant to be going to bed but he wants his mama or papa or his animals to sleep with him.
32281	Henry's pirate adventure McKenzie, Heath & Nixon, Livinia (ill)	Lake Press Pty Ltd	2017	9781760454425	K-2	Henry is just a normal boy. But one day, as he is walking home from school, he sees a water bottle on the ground. What follows is a brilliant idea for an adventure! Follow Henry and his wondrous imagination as he builds a ship fit for a pirate. What will happen when he sets sail?
1491638	Her good side Weatherspoon, Rebekah	Penguin	2023	9780593696057	7-9	Told in alternating voices, awkward teenagers Bethany and Jacob must navigate blossoming feelings after agreeing to date each other as practice for the real deal.
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.
3802	Her mother's face Doyle, Roddy & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Scholastic US	2009	9780439815017	5-6	Although Siobhan's mother died when she was small, she can remember her mother's hands, her voice and her words. But, no matter how hard she tries, Siobhan cannot remember her mother's face. She'd ask her father but he is too sad and Siobhan carries her grief deep within her. One day, a woman shows her how to remember and has a message for Siobhan's father.
682621	Her perilous mansion Williams, Sean	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760877361	5-6	In a strange mansion miles from anywhere, an orphan named Almanac and a twelfth daughter named Etta find themselves working - and bickering - side by side in the largely deserted rooms. But soon they realise that the house and its inhabitants are not quite what they seem, and there's more at stake than just their jobs. Can they solve the puzzle of Her Perilous Mansion before it's too late?
14983	Herbert and Harry Allen, Pamela	Puffin Australia	2000	9780140567830	K-2	Herbert and Harry were brothers who did everything together till the day they have a falling out over treasure. One becomes very rich, the other stays poor but it remains to be seen whether either of them are happy.
28355	Herbert the brave sea dog Belton, Robyn	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2010	9781921529306	3-4	Everybody loved Herbert, a small dog, but the person who loved him most was his owner, Tim. One day, Herbert set off on a boat trip with Tim's father but the short journey soon turned into the biggest adventure of Herbert's life. A true story of a remarkable dog's voyage at sea.

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9514	Here come the heebie jeebies and other scary poems Bradman, Tony & Roberts, David (ill)	Hodder & Stoughton	2000	9780750029339	3-4	While not particularly frightening, the poems in this British anthology are delightfully appealing to children because they appear so distasteful to adults. Topics include being left out, making mistakes at school and those niggling night-time fears.
587751	Here comes stinkbug Riddle, Tohby	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760523527	K-2	Stinkbug can really stink. But when it starts bugging his friends, Stinkbug wonders if it's time to stop doing what stink bugs do best.
15099	Here comes the crocodile White, Kathryn & Terry, Michael (ill)	Koala Books	2004	9780864615947	K-2	A crocodile goes looking for lunch but all the jungle animals argue their way out of being his meal.
2161	Here comes the rain Good, Clare & Cox, David (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1999	9781865040318	K-2	Grace has been waiting for the rain for so long that it seems like the drought will never break. Grandpa Frank tells Grace to look for certain signs so she watches the animals to see if rain is on the way. Illustrations are very appealing.
4130	Here comes trouble Bates, Dianne	Dragon Tales Publishing	2015	9780992523961	5-6	Nine year old Sam is always in trouble. He has a kind heart but more challenges than most children his age. After getting into trouble with the police, Sam thinks things can't get any worse. But, it seems that this is just the beginning.
2263	Here in the garden Stewart, Briony	University of Queensland Press	2014	9780702250101	3-4	As the seasons change, a boy shares the magic of his garden with a special friend.
669414	Here in the real world Pennypacker, Sara	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780008371692	5-6	Ware is looking forward to a summer with his lively grandmother instead of the loud and sweaty recreation centre where he is usually sent. However, after his grandma has an accident he finds himself sent back to the dreadful rec centre. Then he meets tough but secretive Jolene who brings him to an abandoned chuch which becomes a place of refuge, but this special place is threatened and Ware promises to save it. Can he be this hero in the real world?

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770571	Here the whole time Martins, Vitor	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2020	9781444958492	9plus	Felipe is fat. And he doesn't need anyone to remind him, which is, of course, what everyone does. He's been waiting for summer: a break from the classmates who tease him incessantly. His plans include catching up on TV, finishing his TBR pile, and watching YouTube tutorials. But then Felipe's mom invites Caio, the neighbour kid from apartment 57, to spend 15 days with them while his parents are on vacation. Felipe is distraught because A) he's had a crush on Caio since, well, for ever, and B) Felipe has a list of body image insecurities and absolutely NO idea how he's going to entertain his neighbour for two full weeks. Suddenly, the days ahead of him that once promised rest and relaxation end up bringing a whirlwind of feelings, forcing Felipe to dive head-first into every unresolved issue he has had with himself - but maybe, just maybe, he'll manage to win over Caio, too. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
11590	Here we are Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Children's Books	2017	9780008266165	K-2	Well, hello. And welcome to this Planet. We call it Earth. Our world can be a bewildering place, especially if you've only just got here. Your head will be filled with questions, so let's explore what makes our planet and how we live on it. From land and sky, to people and time, these notes can be your guide and start you on your journey. And you'll figure lots of things out for yourself. Just remember to leave notes for everyone else. Some things about our planet are pretty complicated, but things can be simple, too: you've just got to be kind.
5724	Here's a little poem Yolen, Jane & Fusek Peters, Andrew & Dunbar, Polly (ill)	Walker Books	2007	9781844287536	K-2	Poetry arranged in appealing themes related to the everyday experiences of children such as getting up in the morning to drifting off to sleep at night.
15144	Heritage & places Chapman, Helen	Heinemann	2004	9781740701952	5-6	Heritage is a complex concept. Heritage helps to make us who we are and shapes our local community and our country. Selected Australian heritage sites introduced in interesting photographs, location maps and websites for further research.

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	Heritage Heroes series Various				5-6	Stephanie Owen Reeder's award-winning Heritage Heroes series retells the remarkable true stories of famous Australians, while providing historical insights into their lives. Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
56369	Herman and Rosie Gordon, Gus	Penguin Books Australia	2012	9780670076031	3-4	This is a tale about a big city, hotdogs and music. It's a tale of ringing on rooftops and it's the tale of Herman and Rosie.
5626	Hermelin the detective mouse Grey, Mini	Jonathan Cape	2014	9780857550231	3-4	Hermelin is a special little mouse. He was born in a box of cheese and lives in an attic at 33 Offley Street. He can read books and type notes on his typewriter. Most importantly, Hermelin can solve mysteries and the people of Offley Street are in need of a detective.
2311	Hero Lean, Sarah	HarperCollins Children's Books	2014	9780007512249	5-6	Leo dreams of being a hero. In his imagination, he is a fearless gladiator but he wants to be a hero in real life. When the boys at school dare him to do something he knows is wrong, Leo lets everybody down.
2166	Hero of Little Street, The Rogers, Gregory	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2009	9781741145243	7-9	Escaping from some bullies, Boy slips into a grand, old gallery full of treasures, paintings and mystery. When he is befriended by a little dog, they venture into a famous Dutch painting and are transported to seventeenth century Holland where the streets are dangerous places for a dog. This wordless picture book is part of the Boy Bear series, which includes The Boy, the Bear, the Baron, the Bard and Midsummer Knight.

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587782	Hero's guide to deadly dragons, A Cowell, Cressida	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2018	9780340950340	3-4	It's Hiccup's birthday, but that's not going to keep him from getting into trouble. To save his dragon, Toothless, from being banished, Hiccup must sneak into the Meathead Public Library and steal the Viking's most sacred book. But the Vikings see books as a dangerous influence, and keep them locked up and under heavy guard. To save his friend, Hiccup must brave the Hairy Scary Librarian and his dreadful army of Meathead Warriors and face off against the formidable Driller-Dragons. Will he make it out and live to see his next birthday?
815677	Heroes next door Johnson, Samuel & Hinton, Hilde	Hachette Australia	2020	9780733646362	9plus	Samuel Johnson and Hilde Hinton, along with their late sister, Connie, have raised more than ten million dollars for cancer research. In this book, they have written a collection of simple stories about ordinary Australians who have faced extraordinary circumstances. All of these regular people, people you would meet on the street, have found reasons to stay positive and focused on believing in the power of kindness and positive thinking. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
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 Prophesy 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 ll, the entire ship a weapon hovering above the Pomerian Line!

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36023	Heroes of Olympus, The: The lost hero Riordan, Rick	Puffin Australia	2010	9780141334011	5-6	Jason has a problem. He doesn't remember anything before waking up on a school bus holding hands with a girl. Apparently she's his girlfriend Piper, his best friend is a someone called Leo, and they're all students in the Wilderness School, a boarding school for "bad kids." Piper has a secret. Her father has been missing for three days, and her nightmares reveal that he's in terrible danger. Now her boyfriend doesn't recognize her, and when a freak storm and strange creatures attack during a school field trip, she, Jason, and Leo are whisked away to someplace called Camp Half-Blood. Leo has a way with tools. His new cabin at Camp Half-Blood is filled with them. What's troubling is the curse everyone keeps talking about, and that a camper's gone missing. Weirdest of all, his bunkmates insist they are all-including Leo-related to a god.
23897	Heroes of Olympus: Son of Neptune, The Riordan, Rick	Hyperion Books	2012	9780141335735	5-6	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. 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. 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.

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8826	Heroes of the Kokoda track Brasch, Nicolas	Black Dog Books	2011	9781742031347	5-6	In 1942, a World War II campaign between Australia and Japan occurred on a track, the Kokoda Trail. The track begins in Kokoda, in Papua New Guinea, and winds its way through rugged mountains towards Port Moresby. The Kokoda Track is only one hundred kilometres long but the tropical conditions made it a mudslide. Australian troops were ill-equipped and unprepared, and completely outnumbered.
751116	Heroes of the secret underground Gervay, Susanne	HarperCollins Children's Books	2021	9781460758335	5-6	Twelve-year-old Louie lives with her brothers, Bert and Teddy, and their Hungarian grandparents, in the Majestic Boutique Hotel, an old-world establishment surrounded by magnolia trees and an aura of peace. But when Louie finds an old rose-gold locket covered in mysterious writing, she learns that it isn't just the magnolias her grandparents have carefully cultivated at the Majestic -with their peace and tranquility comes secrets they would prefer remain buried. As Louie and her brothers attempt to discover the truth, they are thrown back in time to 1944, into the middle of their grandparents' experiences in Nazi-occupied Budapest. The old locket holds the mystery of the young heroes of Budapest's secret Jewish underground, and the history Louie's grandparents want to keep hidden. And until it can be revealed, there can be no peace for anyone - in the past, present or future.
65776	Heroes of Tobruk Mulligan, David	Scholastic Australia	2008	9781741690774	9plus	When World War II is declared in 1939, Peter and his friend, Tony, put their ages up and enlist in the Australian army. Written as diary entries, giving a gripping and informative insight into their experiences in the Middle East, particularly at Tobruk. Provides a clear picture of the challenges and horrors of war. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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883560	Heroes, rebels and innovators: Inspiring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from history Wyld, Karen & Biumaiwai, Jaelyn (ill)	Hachette Australia	2021	9780734419835	5-6	Powerful and exciting: here are seven inspiring stories about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from history. Amongst these are Patyegarang, a Darug woman who worked with a British officer of the First Fleet, teaching him words from local Aboriginal languages - together they made the first written record of any Aboriginal languages; Mohara Wacando-Lifu, a woman of Torres Strait Islander, Niue Islander and Papua New Guinea heritage and the first Indigenous woman to receive the Royal Humane Society's Gold Medal for bravery; Yarri and Jacky Jacky, who led the rescue of sixty-nine people during the Gundagai floods of 1852.
9221	Heroes: Australians at their best Baillie, Allan	Phoenix Education	2001	9781876580131	7-9	Australia's great heroes at their most decisive moments.
187	Heroic lives of Al Capsella, The Clarke, Judith	University of Queensland Press	2000	9780702230615	9plus	A witty and dry account of a teenage boy's struggle to get by in his teenage years and his quest for normalcy. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1304567	Heroines of the ancient world Gargill-Martin, Honor & Carpenter, Margaux (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781529507522	7-9	Celebrate the stories of incredible women from the ancient world in this beautifully illustrated gift book. Featuring powerful retellings of courageous women, including the ruler Cleopatra, Mary Hebraea the first known alchemist and the warrior queen Boudica, this stunning collection of epic stories will get children fascinated by ancient history.
568100	HerStory Halligan, Katherine & Walsh, Sarah (ill)	Nosy Crow Ltd	2018	9781788001380	5-6	This is not just history, it's Her Story! It is the story of brave leaders, talented artists, gentle healers, committed teachers and gifted problem-solvers. It is the story of women and girls who bravely faced challenges, overcame difficulty or danger, and even gave up their lives to follow their dreams and make the world a batter place.
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?

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14269	Hester the jester Clark, Margaret & Denton, Terry (ill)	Puffin Australia	2007	9780143302483	5-6	Hester wants to be the next court jester, but it is unheard of for a girl to take on that role. There is also the slight problem of a king who is quite happy to chop off heads if he is displeased. Hester must fulfil her ambition without losing her head.
61652	Hetty's day out Allen, Pamela	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780670074471	K-2	One morning, Hetty, a large grey cat, wakes up, squeezes through her cat door and sets off to visit all the people in her neighbourhood. Everyone has something special for Hetty to snack on, in increasing quantities, none of which Hetty can refuse. When Hetty tries to get to her cushion for a nap she realises, in a most unusual way, just how much she's eaten.
3067	Hexenhaus McWatters, Nikki	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702254253	7-9	In 1628, Veronica and her brother flee for their lives into the German woods after their father is burned at the stake. At the dawn of the eighteenth century, Scottish maid Katherine is lured into political dissent after her parents are butchered for their beliefs. In present-day Australia, Paisley navigates her way through the burning torches of small-town gossip after her mother's new-age shop comes under scrutiny. A powerful historical novel about three young women caught in the hysteria of their own times.
10830	Hey cat Arena, Felice	Penguin	2008	9780670071753	3-4	Mouse is sure that cat supports his daring and creative lifestyle. But all is not what it seems. A rollicking cat-and-mouse story with a twist or two in the tale.
647191	Hey diddle diddle Schmid, Emma (ill)	Child's Play International Ltd	2018	9781786281784	K-2	Hey diddle diddle, The cat and the fiddle, The cow jumped over the moon. The little dog laughed to see such fun, And the dish ran away with the spoon! But what happens next? With new verses about piano playing pigs and chimps with cellos, the rhyming fun continues!
	Hey Jack series Various				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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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!
8603	Hi new baby Harris, Robie H & Emberley, Michael (ill)	Walker Books	2001	9780744582260	K-2	A child is reminded of the first reactions to a new baby in the family, including the varied emotions of excitement, curiosity, pride, disappointment, anger, understanding and love.
5858	Hickory Dickory Dash Wilson, Tony & Wood, Laura (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781743811160	K-2	Before the clock infamously strikes one, a poor mother mouse must search the house for her two missing sons. But she'd better watch out for the cat! Hickory Dickory Dash is the National Simultaneous Storytime book for 2018.
1423916	Hickory dickory dock Horacek, Judy	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781761600814	K-2	The show is over! The favourite nursery rhyme, Hickory Dickory Dock is done and I mouse am signing out!

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28706	Hidden figures Shetterly, Margot Lee	HarperCollins Australia	2016	9780008201326	7-9	Before Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of professionals worked as 'Human Computers', calculating the flight paths that would enable these historic achievements. Among these were a coterie of bright, talented African-American women. Segregated from their white counterparts, these women used pencil and paper to write the equations that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. Moving from World War II through NASA's golden age, touching on the civil rights era, the Space Race, the Cold War, and the women'sd rights movement, 'Hidden Figures' interweaves a rich history of mankind's greatest adventure with the intimate stories of five courageous women whose work forever changed the world.
582876	Hidden figures: The true story of four black women and the space race Shetterly, Margot Lee & Freeman, Laura (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2018	9780062742469	5-6	Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden were good at math...really good. They participated in some of NASA's greatest successes, like providing the calculations for America's first journeys into space. And they did so during a time when being black and a woman limited what they could do. But they worked hard. They persisted. And they used their genius minds to change the world.
2174	Hidden forest, The Baker, Jeannie	Walker Books	2000	9780688157609	3-4	Striking collages, set above and below the water level off the coast of Tasmania, tell the story of Ben, a rather thoughtless boy, who sets out to catch as many fish as he can. Unexpectedly, Ben learns the value of marine life communities.
886450	Hidden girl, The Bassett, Louise	Walker Books	2022	9781760654788	9plus	When Melati Nelson wins a scholarship to an elite Melbourne high school, she buries her bad girl past. But after the school unfairly punishes her, a defiant Mel steals a diary from the school counsellor's office, only to discover a coded cry for help. The diary belongs to Devi, a young Indonesian girl who is being held by traffickers. Mel races against the clock, in a desperate journey that takes her from Melbourne to Java, to work out Devi's identity and where she's being held. Before long the pieces fall into place and Mel must put her own life on the line to save a girl she's never met. A gripping and original novel that explores privilege, responsibility, and the difficult and dangerous choices we are sometimes forced to make.

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1071754	Hidden hat, The Cummings, Phil & Goldsmith, Jennifer (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761205705	5-6	While playing hide-and-seek at Grandpa's house, Lucy and Mitch find a hat, hidden away in a deep, dark corner. It's Grandpa's hat, filled with memories. In this moving story of rediscovery, truth and mateship, a hidden hat stirs memories of a grandfather's days serving in Vietnam.
846082	Hidden knife, The Marr, Melissa	Penguin	2021	9780593406007	7-9	Vicky was the daughter of a great warrior, Kathleen, who had escaped the clutches of the queen. She was protected by gargoyles and the people who loved her mother. After an unexpected turn, she needs the help of those people more than ever. She is sent to the school her mother went to: Corvis, and finds new friends and secrets to her past. Can she repair the wrongs that have been made in the past and will she have to do it all alone?
18645	Hidden monastery, The Wang, Gabrielle	Penguin	2006	9780143302681	5-6	Peng meets Jax after he fell from the stars. Twelve years later, Jax stumbles across a hidden monastery, deep inside an ancient park and begins to discover his destiny, what it means to be a Peng Master. Contains some martial-arts style violence.
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?
3698	Hide that horse Metzenthen, David & Hobbs, Leigh (ill)	Puffin Australia	2009	9780143304494	3-4	Hiding a horse, even a very small one, isn't easy. Tim and Mr Conroy have to use all their wits to keep little Percy from being caught by horse-hating Ranger Dooley.
1124	Hiding Edith Kacer, Kathy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742375298	5-6	The true story of Edith Schwalb, a young Jewish girl, sent to live in a safe house after the Nazi invasion of France in 1938. An entire village heroically conspired to conceal hundreds of Jewish children, who went to the local school, roamed the streets and ate good food, all without having to worry about concealing their Jewish identity.
18318	High hopes on sea Wagner, Jenny & Rogers, Gregory (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2005	9780702235252	3-4	Dad is an inventor but everything he makes goes wrong. Eventually, he invents something that works and is successful.

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871798	High-Rise Mystery Jackson, Sharna	Knights of	2023	9781999642518	5-6	Summer in London is hot, the hottest on record, and there's been a murder in The Tri: the high-rise buildings which is home to resident know-it-alls, Nik and Norva. Who better to solve the case, armed with their curiosity, home-turf knowledge and unlimited time - until the end of the summer holidays anyway.
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.
9532	Highway Wheatley, Nadia	Scholastic Australia	2000	9781862913066	3-4	Dad's a truckie and he, mum and the kids are going on a very different holiday, a trip down the highway on an overnight run. The illustrations capture all the wonders of a child's journey of discovery.
75259	Highway girl: an English girl's diary 1670 Wilding, Valerie	Scholastic UK	2009	9781407108704	5-6	When Susannah and her brother are orphaned, she is forced to live on the charity of distant relatives in England while he seeks his fortune in America. When news arrives that her brother is dangerously ill, Susannah will stop at nothing, even highway robbery, to get the money she desperately needs to save his life. It is 1670, when times are hard and punishments harsh.
30723	Highway rat, The Donaldson, Julia & Scheffler, Axel (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781407124377	K-2	Give me your buns and your biscuits. Give me your chocolate eclairs. For I am the Rat of the highway and the Rat Thief never shares. Life is not safe for the other animals, as the villainous Highway Rat gallops along the highway, stealing their food. Clover from a rabbit; nuts from a squirrel, he even steals hay from his own horse. Until, the Highway Rat meets a cunning duck.
39761	Highway robbery Thompson, Kate	Bodley Head	2008	9780370329574	3-4	In England in the 1800s, a dark stranger leaves his magnificent horse, Black Bess, in the care of a boy he's never met. As dusk falls, the stranger has still not returned and the loyal boy has declined many offers to buy the animal. Then soldiers arrive, demanding to know where the horse's owner has gone. There's mischief in the air, but it isn't entirely clear who's causing it.

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2957	Highwayman's curse, The Morgan, Nicola	Walker Books	2007	9781406303124	7-9	On the run from the redcoats, the two young highwaymen, Will and Bess, find themselves in Scotland, blamed for a murder they did not commit. They are captured by smugglers and become embroiled in religious hatred and revenge that goes back for generations. Will and Bess will have to make decisions and choices that will test their courage to the limit.
16462	Highwayman's footsteps, The Morgan, Nicola	Walker Books	2006	9781406303117	7-9	William de Lacy, the high born son of a gentleman, is on the run for stealing money and a horse. These are hanging offences and Will and the mysterious Bess must be resourceful and brave enough to survive an eighteenth century highwayman's life.
188	Highwayman, The Noyes, Alfred	Oxford University Press	1999	9780192723703	7-9	A classic adventure and tragic love story told in verse, about the betrayal of heroic Bess and her dashing highwayman.
804787	Hike Oswald, Pete	Walker Books	2020	9781406394351	3-4	In the cool and quiet early light of morning, a father and child wake up. Today they're going on a hike. Follow the duo into the mountains as they witness the magic of the wilderness, overcome challenges, and play a small role in the survival of the forest. By the time they return home, they feel alive - and closer than ever - as they document their hike and take their place in family history.
587807	Hilda and the hidden people Davies, Stephen & Miller, Seaerra (ill)	Flying Eye Books	2018	9781911171447	5-6	Meet Hilda: explorer, adventurer, avid sketchbook-keeper and friend to almost every creature in the valley! Join our beloved heroine as she encounters her very first troll, negotiates peace with some very persnickety elves, and reunites two lovelorn ancient giants. Fantastic creatures and daring adventures are all just part of another average day for Hilda, but what will she do if she is forced to move to Trolberg city, far away from her beloved valley home?
	Hilda graphic novel series Various				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.
1019853	Hilda's world: A guide to Trolberg, the wilderness and beyond Hibbs, Emily & Chan, Jason (ill)	Flying Eye Books	2023	9781913123239	5-6	Join Hilda whilst she discovers the world of the fantasy land, Trolberg! Explore the city, wilderness and much more. Includes maps, top tips of things to do whilst visiting Trolberg!

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1551900	Hill End gold Whiting, Sue	Walker Books	2026	9781761601491	5-6	When Pa buys a stake in a gold mine at Hill End, Alfie knows his life is about to change. A golden future is just within reach, and fortune favours the bold ... but in Hill End, fortunes are lost as fast as they are made. It's 1872 and Alfie Wilson's pa has sold the farm. He's moving the family to Hill End to make their fortune and secure their Golden Future. Pa has gold fever - and so has Alfie - and they are convinced that it won't be long before they'll be the Wealthy Wilsons. Not everything is golden in this mining town though. Alfie soon discovers that life in Hill End is hard and, at times, dangerous. But fortune favours the bold, and Alfie is determined he and his pa will overcome the many hardships and risks to strike it rich. But are there things in life more precious than gold?
3817	Hilo: Boy who crashed to Earth, The Winick, Judd	Penguin	2015	9780141376929	3-4	When a strange boy in silver underwear falls from the sky D.J. and his friends think it is pretty cool to have a new kid at school that can do crazy things, even if he can't remember anything about where he came from. But when evil robots start appearing to destroy the earth, this new boy could become the most important or the most dangerous friend the gang has ever had. A graphic novel.
751142	Hip hip hooray McCartney, Tania & Racklyeft, Jess (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2019	9781922081766	K-2	The big day is almost here. The invitations are sent, the presents made pretty ... there's some fun to prepare! Peek inside the homes of these adorable animals as they celebrate charming birthday traditions - from party hats to pinatas and blowing out candles to making a wish.
4425	Hippo has a hat Donaldson, Julia & Sharratt, Nick (ill)	MacMillan	2007	9781405021920	K-2	Hippo and friends go to the shop to buy lots of interesting clothes, including shoes for Caterpillar and slippers for Gorilla. They all look so smart, they should be going to a party.
13708	Hired girl, The Schlitz, Laura Amy	Walker Books	2015	9781406361407	7-9	Fourteen year old Joan Skraggs yearns for real life and true love, just like the heroines in her beloved novels. But, there is little hope for adventure, beauty or art on a farm in Pennsylvania, where the work never ends, looking after her father and three brothers. When she can't take any more, Joan escapes to the city, finding a kitchen maid's position in a Jewish household. Here, she grows as a person and her strict religious upbringing is tempered, as she learns more about her employers' beliefs and world events.

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1370360	His face is the sun Corpora, Michelle Jabes	Hachette Children's Books	2025	9781444982558	9plus	The Kingdom of Khetara is a gift of the River Iteru, the jewel of the desert. Yet a crisis looms on the horizon. The crowns of the north and south were joined through war a generation before, but Khetara remains a land divided. The pharaoh is wasting away from a mysterious illness--and forces in the south and within his own family are plotting against him. As rebellion grows and secrets flourish, an even more deadly threat emerges. An ancient evil awakes among the rolling dunes of the Red Land that threatens to destroy everything in its path. Four strangers-a princess, a young priestess, a rebel, and a tomb robber-are ripped from their lives and thrown into the conflict. Amid murder and betrayal, magic and monsters, gods and visions, love and war, these four unlikely heroes find themselves connected by a forgotten oracle that whispers insistently across the land. Only together can they save the kingdom from destruction, but when the bloodshed is done, who of Khetara's children will sit on the throne? This title is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
582769	His name was Walter Rodda, Emily	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2018	9781460756188	7-9	'Once upon a time, in a dark city far away, there lived a boy called Walter, who had nothing but his name to call his own...' The handwritten book, with its strangely vivid illustrations, has been hidden in the old house for a long, long time. Tonight, four kids and their teacher will find it. Tonight, at last, the haunting story of Walter and the mysterious, tragic girl called Sparrow will be read - right to the very end...
4832	His Royal Tinyness Lloyd-Jones, Sally & Roberts, David (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781406324662	K-2	Once upon a time there was a happy family. Then, one horrible, no good day, a new ruler was born...behold! His Royal Highness, King Baby!
4520	Historium Nelson, Jo & Wilkinson, Richard (ill)	Templar Publishing	2015	9781783701889	5-6	Welcome to the virtual museum. The galleries, which are based on the geographical location of the archaeological finds, include Africa, America, Asia, Europe, The Middle East and Oceania. See objects of beauty, objects of functionality, objects of war, objects of life, death and burial. As you wander from room to room, explore the magnificence of what civilisations have left behind over thousands of years of human history.

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1433797	History hunter: The crystal skulls Greenwood, Mark	Fremantle Press	2026	9781760996550	5-6	Legendary crystal skulls made by ancient civilisations have been a source of controversy for decades. But are they more modern than we think? Made by no known human process, the crystal skulls have defied investigations to determine who made them, when they were made, and what tools were used. Could they be relics from the legendary lost island of Atlantis, or are these exotic artifacts an elaborate hoax? The truth is out there.
1345428	History hunter: The deadly diamond Greenwood, Mark	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760995058	5-6	The Deadly Diamond tells the fascinating true story of the Hope Diamond, one of the most famous gems in the world. From its discovery in India to its journey through royal courts and across continents, this dazzling blue diamond has been surrounded by mystery and legend. Was it a treasure or a curse? Mark Greenwood brings history to life in a tale filled with adventure, intrigue, and wonder.
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?
1433773	History hunter: The unlucky pirate Greenwood, Mark	Fremantle Press	2026	9781760996536	5-6	Captain Kidd is a figure shrouded in myth and legend. Hired by the King of England as a privateer to capture pirates who were attacking treasure-laden ships, he was eventually accused of turning rogue and becoming a ruthless buccaneer himself. His notoriety endures because of the legendary hoards of gold, silver and precious stones said to have been buried by him. But did pirates really bury their treasure? And how much of Captain Kid's treasure is still waiting to be found? The truth is out there.
1210807	History hunter: 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?

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1359457	History hunter: The wonder horse Greenwood, Mark	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760995034	5-6	In the 1930s, the big chestnut horse was a national icon who brought joy to ordinary Australians during the Great Depression. In dark times, people with little reason for hope cheered him on. Under the care of his faithful handler, Tommy, Phar Lap won many sensational victories. But there were some who would stop at nothing to keep Phar Lap from winning. Join the History Hunter as he tackles a web of mysteries, from the intuition of a struggling horse trainer to the role of genetics, and the biggest mystery of all: how did Phar Lap really die?
	History mysteries series Greenwood, Mark				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.
18050	History of cricket, A Chambers, Catherine	Black Dog Books	2009	9781742030586	7-9	Cricket is a worldwide sport, which is even played on ice. Discover where it began, how the rules were created, who was the man behind the famous Lords ground in England and how Australia was the country to invent one day internationals.
4822	History of fashion, A Bone, Emily & Cowan, Laura	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2017	9781474924931	7-9	A beautifully illustrated book that tells the story of how fashion has changed and evolved over thousands of years. From animal skins worn by the very first people, to flapper dresses, flares and other modern fashions in the 20th century.
97681	Hit list Heath, Jack	Pan MacMillan	2010	9780330425841	9plus	Ash and Benjamin are thieves. They find stolen artefacts and return them to their owners. When they try to rescue Alice B from the only place in the world who know more than the CIA, they encounter assassins, huge swimming pools and Ghosts. Includes violence. Usually read by students in years 9,10 and above.
	Hitchhiker's guide to the galaxy series Adams, Douglas				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you 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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1424009	Hits and misses of Melody Moss, The Dallimore, Helen	Penguin	2025	9781761354175	5-6	Melody Moss is staring high school and everything is going wrong! Her BFF has forgotten the Forever bit and has found The Clones. Her mum is taking food experimentation to a disgusting level. Her big sister pretends she doesn't even exist. Her dog farts all the time. And, her new crush has pushed her firmly into the Friend Zone. She's holding it together, but only just. When a competition is announced to see who can write and direct the school musical, Melody jumps at the chance. Will dancing octopuses (octopi?), a possibly life-threatening babysitting gig, and a new friendship with a fellow musical-theatre tragic be just what Melody needs to get out of this mess?
567919	Hive Betts, A.J.	Pan MacMillan	2018	9781760556433	7-9	Hayley tends to her bees and follows the rules in the only world she has ever known. Until she witnesses the impossible: a drip from the ceiling. A drip? It doesn't make sense. Yet she hears it, catches it. Tastes it. Curiosity is a hook. What starts as a drip leads to a lie, a death, a boy, a beast, and too many awful questions.
190	Hobbit, The Tolkien, J R R	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1999	9780006754022	7-9	In this classic story, hobbits are small but heroic people who live in The Shire in Middle Earth. Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit who lives in Bag End, goes on a quest with the wizard, Gandalf.
8309	Hobbit, The: An illustrated edition Tolkien & Wenzel, D (ill) & Dixon, C & Deming, S (adapt)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780345445605	5-6	Prelude to The Lord of the Rings series in which Bilbo Baggins, at the request of the great wizard, Gandalf, sets off on an adventure fraught with danger. Nasty things adventures, they often make you miss dinner. Bilbo reclaims the dwarves' treasure and discovers the all-powerful ring that binds them all.
9583	Hobby for Mrs Arbuckle, A Smyth, Gwenda & James, Ann (ill)	Viking Children's	1989	9780670823833	3-4	Mrs Emmeline Arbuckle looks in the newspaper to find a new hobby with the help of her different pets.
6366	Hodge Podge Lodge: A rubbish story Lamont, Priscilla	New Frontier Publishing	2018	9781912076215	K-2	The Pigwigs live happily in Hodge Podge Lodge. One windy morning, all their rubbish is blown away, causing mishaps with their neighbours. When the distressed animals bring all the rubbish back to Hodge Podge Lodge, Little Miss Pigwig has an idea that will help to keep Hodge Podge Lodge and its surrounding environment tidy.
191	Hold my hand or else Clark, Margaret	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1993	9780091827083	7-9	A story about the relationships between young people and their parents in a seaside community. It's about starting high school, first love and difficult sisters.

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1084	Hold on tight Acton, Sara	Scholastic Australia	2013	9781742833491	K-2	A little girl explores the possibilities of being blown away, riding the leaves, chasing fairies, bouncing on clouds, being caught in raindrops.
751152	Hold on! Saving the Spotted Handfish Newton, Gina M & Tribout, Rachel	CSIRO	2020	9781486311842	5-6	Have you ever seen a fish that could do a handstand? This is the story of a quirky and primitive little fish that is famous for two things: walking on its 'hands' (pectoral fins), and being the first marine fish anywhere in the word to be listed on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. The Spotted Handfish has survived since the time of the dinosaurs -- until now. Invasive sea stars, pollution and climate change mean that this unique Australian is in real trouble -- raise your hand if you want to know more!
18533	Hold-up heroes, The Bates, Dianne & Wright, Kathryn (ill)	National Museum of Australia Press	2006	9781876944384	3-4	Polly and James overhear a gang of bushrangers plotting to kidnap the Governor. Before they can tell anyone, they discover their father will be driving the Governor's coach and fear he is helping the bushrangers.
1423360	Holding back Prentice, Frances	Rhiza Press	2025	9781761112546	7-9	Nick's life revolves around his family farm, homeschooling and campdrafting events. It has always seemed like enough, but now Nick's not so sure. His sister has no trouble making friends wherever she goes, but Nick has always held back. Is it too late to start getting a social group of his own? After joining his sister at the local swim squad, Nick discovers his competitive drive. Will he find someone to connect with too? Will his newfound confidence help him at the next campdraft?
628135	Hole idea, The Macdonald, Beth & Macdonald, Paul & Eckstrom, Nathaniel (ill)	Book Trail Press	2019	9780648498902	K-2	Finnian Jones lived in a house brimming with books. One morning, Finnian woke up eager to create a story of his own...
14978	Hole in the road Wood, Jakki	Frances Lincoln	2008	9781845072865	K-2	The many steps needed to mend a damaged stretch of road, from the barricading of the original hole through to the laying and rolling of new asphalt. Find out about the vehicles, safety procedures and personnel required to complete the work.
5259	Hole story, The Canby, Kelly	Fremantle Press	2018	9781925591125	K-2	One day Charlie finds a hole. A hole of his very own! He picks it up and pops it in his pocket. But it doesn't take Charlie long to realise that a hole in your pocket is not a good thing to have...
567901	Hole, The Brown, Kerry & Masciullo, Lucia (ill)	ABC Books	2018	9780733335235	3-4	If you were walking through the woods and a hole you came upon, would you stop and take a look? Or simply carry on?

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192	Holes Sachar, Louis	Bloomsbury	2003	9780747563662	7-9	Stanley is not surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre. Nor is he surprised when he is told that his daily labour is to dig a hole, five foot wide and five foot deep, and report anything he finds in it.
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.
2192	Holly and the dream fixer Hayes, Rosemary & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Puffin Australia	1998	9780141300306	3-4	Holly's family is set to spend their holidays at the caravan park again. Holly is outraged, wishing that she could have an exotic island summer holiday like her classmates. Xavier comes to her rescue but island bliss is hard to find.
489	Holly Bloom's garden Ashman, Sarah & Parent, Nancy & Mitchell, Lori (ill)	Flashlight Press	2004	9780972922500	K-2	Late bloomer, Holly, yearns to be a great gardener but just can't manage to grow flowers like her family can. But, Holly is determined to succeed and she finds where her real talents lie.
617013	Holly the honeybee dancing star Winch, Gordon & Pym, Stephen (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2019	9781925594492	K-2	Holly the honeybee is the dancing star of her hive: she waggles, she wiggles, and she waggles again. But is there a secret message in Holly's waggle dance? And could it help the bees survive through a long, hot summer?
	Holly Webb's kittens & puppies 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.
833221	Home Hendriks, Karen & Knatko, ALisa	Daisy Lane Publishing	2021	9780648819301	3-4	War ends, yet its dark shadow remains. A family is forced to flee their home. As they journey through hunger, long cold nights, and homelessness, a heart locket whispers words of hope. And a country that's far away calls for those that are no longer wanted. It offers new beginnings and a precious place, once more to call home.
40213	Home Oliver, Narelle	Omnibus Books	2006	9781862916692	5-6	When their cliff top habitat is destroyed by fire, a pair of peregrine falcons must find a new one. They end up in the city but they wonder if they will be able to make it to their home.

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193	Home among the gum trees: the story of Australian houses, A Nicholson, John	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1997	9781864480955	5-6	The complete history of Australian homes from pre-European settlement to modern day dwellings.
9114	Home and away Marsden, John & Ottley, Matt (ill)	Lothian Books	2008	9780734410566	7-9	Everyone wants a safe place, a place to share with people they love and to call home. Torn from everything they know and love, a young boy and his family struggle to survive the harsh realities of living life as refugees. A harrowing read for refugees from other lands, a disturbingly thought-provoking read for those of us who have always lived in peace and with plenty.
13049	Home for gnomes Clark, Margaret & Gordon, Gus (ill)	Puffin Australia	2008	9780143303336	3-4	The gnomes have always lived in Miss Mackie's garden. She looks after them and the gnomes work hard to keep her big garden beautiful. When Miss Mackie falls ill and has to leave her home, the gnomes promise they will care for the garden and look after each other. But, when developers come to knock the house down, the gnomes realise Miss Mackie isn't coming back.
659809	Home for Luna, A Gemmill, Stef & Armstrong, Mel (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2019	9781925594843	K-2	When Luna washes up on a strange shore she is scared and lonely. She soon discovers there is beauty in her new land, and along the way makes unexpected friends. But will she ever feel at home in a place so different from the one she remembers?
9304	Home foreign language book Various				K-2	Students and parents may substitute reading or listening to any book on the Kindergarten to Year 2 booklist, for a similar book that is written in their home language. All students may read a home language book as a personal choice book.
16015	Home in the rain Graham, Bob	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781406368239	K-2	In heavy rain, Francie and her mum, who is expecting a baby girl, are driving home from Grandma's. When they're still far from home, they pull over for a picnic. As the car steams up, Francie presses her little finger on the window, spelling out Daddy and Mummy. She leave one space free, ready and waiting for the name of her soon-to-be sister.
8090	Home in the sky Baker, Jeannie	Walker Books	2001	9780744575859	3-4	Light, a white pigeon, flies away and is lost in the city of New York. He is rescued by a young boy but Light must return to his real owner, Mike, to be free to fly. The story is illustrated with Jeannie Baker's beautiful collages.

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9507	Home of the Kadimakara people Trezise, Percy	HarperCollins Australia	2000	9780207198489	3-4	A Dreaming story retold. Jadianta, his sister Lande and brother Jalmor are fishing when a storm blows their walpa out into Balanorga, the great lake. A gentler wind blows them on shore and they must journey back to their people, the Kadimakara.
12427	Home run Collins, Paul & Brecon, Connah	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734405265	3-4	One day, Robbie, who is always left out, gets his chance to join in and to hit a grand slam. The team is losing, so it can't hurt to let Robbie play. Robbie's difference, the reason for his rejection, is handled with subtlety.
9899	Home to mother Pilkington Garimara, Doris & Lyndon, Janice (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2006	9780702235467	3-4	Three girls are taken from their mothers in the 1930s and are sent to a camp. They decide to escape and follow a rabbit-proof fence to find their way home.
195	Homelands and frontiers Tucker, Alan	Scholastic Australia	1999	9781862913875	9plus	Tracing the clashes between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and the Europeans who tried to move them from their land. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
9333	Homeless bird Whelan, Gloria	Frances Lincoln	2009	9781845079772	7-9	At thirteen, Koly enters a traditional Indian, arranged marriage and is widowed in months. She is imprisoned in her husband's home until abandoned to spend her days in worship with other widows. Koly discovers opportunities and savage crimes among those who would help her and those who would exploit her.
29979	Homer the library cat Lindbergh, Reeve & Wilsdorf, Anne (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781406336566	K-2	Homer is a very quiet cat. He lives in a very quiet house with a very quiet lady. One day, while the lady is away, Homer hears a very loud crash and out the window he goes. He takes an unexpected tour of the neighbourhood and discovers it's a surprisingly hectic place. Poor Homer just wants to find a spot where he can curl up, undisturbed.

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846234	Hometown haunts Nwosu, Poppy (ed)	Wakefield Press	2021	9781743058640	9plus	This #LoveOzYA anthology - the first to focus entirely on horror - unites a stellar cast of Australia's finest YA authors with talented new and emerging voices, including two graphic artists. The stories in this wide-ranging collection dig deep and go hard. While some are straight-up terrifying rollercoaster rides, others are psychologically rooted in our society's deepest fears and concerns: acceptance and fitting in, love and loss, desire and temptation, and the terror of a world threatened by catastrophic change -- and even collapse. From body horror to the supernatural, hauntings to transformations, and the everyday evil of humans to menacing outside forces, Hometown Haunts will have you glued to your chair... until you leap out of it! Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
15053	Honey and Bear Dubosarsky, Ursula & Brooks, Ron (ill)	Puffin Australia	2010	9780143305002	K-2	Honey and Bear are good friends and do lots of things together. Sometimes, they feel bored or cross but they always look after each other. Contains five stories.
992543	Honey and the valley of horses Orr, Wendy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761068492	3-4	Fleeing a sick world, a family happen upon an enchanted valley of horses. Unable to leave, they live in paradise for seven years. Then Dad falls desperately ill and Honey must test her courage and resourcefulness to get help. Can she find a way back to the outside world, if it's still there? Readers will long remember this rich and enchanting adventure.
30126	Honey bees close up Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2014	9781742033440	5-6	Not only do bees provide us with honey and beeswax, they are responsible for much of the food we depend on every day. Take a closer look at these important insects.
9210	Honey spot Davis, Jack	Currency Press	1988	9780868191638	5-6	Through the friendship between a black boy and a white girl, race relations and conservation are dealt with in this play.
596678	Honeyman and the hunter, The Grant, Neil	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760631871	9plus	Rudra is an Indian-Australian boy at a crossroads, poised to step into the world of adulthood and to discover his cultural heritage and how that might truly define him. A wonderful exploration of dual heritage, cultural identity, family and the power of storytelling. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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903240	Honour among ghosts Williams, Sean	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781761065767	5-6	When Penny's father is arrested for thievery, she is convinced that he has been framed. But by whom? Together with the magistrate's son, a traveller and a magical scribe's apprentice, Penny soon uncovers more crimes - and it's always the rich being burgled and the poor being blamed. The town is in uproar, and a mysterious inspector arrives, but can they be trusted? How will this plucky foursome untangle the truth and put things right?
	Hooey Higgins series Voake, Steve & Dodson, Emma (ill)				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.
	Hoofbeats series Duey, Kathleen				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.
1177	Hooray for bread Ahlberg, Allan & Ingram, Bruce (ill)	Walker Books	2013	9781406337990	K-2	This tasty tale shares the joy a loaf of bread brings a baker, his family, a back-yard of dogs, a pond-full of ducks, a flock of birds and a teeny mouse.
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?
11267	Hoosh: camels in Australia Brian, Janeen	ABC Books	2005	9780733315046	5-6	Information about the camels of the desert and their role in Australia's development. Coloured photographs and maps cover every imaginable aspect of camels and their presence in Australia.
2067	Hootie the cutie Worthington, Michelle & Poli, Giuseppe (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2014	9781921928000	K-2	A brave little owl proves that heroes come in all shapes and sizes.

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1423941	Hooves of death, Volume 1 Bragg, Sam	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780063448247	5-6	The end of humanity did not begin with zombies but it might very well end with zombies. Unicorns are immune to the bite of the undead, and are reluctant protectors of the remaining uninfected. But this short lived peace will collapse and the unicorns will find themselves on an epic journey to fulfill a prophecy with a fiesty human girl and a servant of death. There certainly is glitter and rainbows, but this is also a tale of ghouls and dark powers.
18556	Hope Bay Pluss, Nicole	Puffin Australia	2005	9780143301523	9plus	A friendship between a young adolescent girl called Possum and Olga, a Dutch World War II refugee, reveals past and present histories, connections and relationships. Grief and loss are sensitively handled and resolved. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
37948	Hope in a ballet shoe DePrince, Michaela & Elaine	Faber & Faber	2014	9780571314461	7-9	Michaela DePrince grew up in war-torn Sierra Leone, witnessing shocking atrocities. When her father is killed and her mother dies of famine, Michaela is sent to an orphanage. She is adopted by an American couple but life isn't without difficulties. When Michaela begins ballet lessons, she faces racism and prejudice, and has to fight for a place amongst the ballet elite to become an international ballet star.
916660	Hope is the thing Bell, Johanna & Wagner, Erica	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180026	K-2	Hope is a kookaburra singing the sun Hope is the emu learning to run... Let your imagination soar in this joyful ode to the world of birds and the healing power of nature. Sparked by the Emily Dickinson poem 'Hope is the thing with feathers', this lyrical text accompanied by glorious mixed media collages reflects and celebrates the diversity, ingenuity and wonder of birds.
871669	Hope on the horizon Rauf, Onjali Q & Lundie, Isobel (ill)	Hachette Australia	2022	9781526364418	5-6	Author Onjali Q Rauf shares some of her favourite books and characters as she leads readers on a journey to better understand how our own actions, and the actions of others, can have great and positive effects on others. Navigating our world can be an adventure where even small acts of kindness can have an enormous impact.

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637585	Horatio Squeak Foxlee, Karen & Barrow, Evie (ill)	Walker Books	2019	9781760650476	K-2	In a very fine house, on a very grand street lived the tiniest mouse you could possibly meet. His little green coat was threadbare and patched. If you looked very close, his socks were mismatched. So, you might not believe that a mouseling so weak could possibly perform an incredible feat. But this is the tale of Horatio Squeak.
3972	Horizon Westerfeld, Scott	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781743817605	7-9	When a plane crash-lands in the arctic, eight young survivors step from the wreckage expecting to see nothing but ice and snow. Instead they find themselves lost in a strange jungle with no way to get home and little hope of rescue. Food is running out. Water is scarce. And the jungle is full of threats unlike anything the survivors have ever seen before- from razor-beaked shredder birds to carnivorous vines and much, much worse. With danger at every turn, these eight kids must learn to work together to survive. But cliques and rivalries threaten to tear them apart. And not everyone will make it out of the jungle alive.
196	Horned helmet Treece, Henry		1996	9781855493582	7-9	A novel set in Viking Britain. Beorn, a fugitive from Iceland, is adopted by a powerful Viking warrior.
	Horowitz horror series Horowitz, Anthony				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.
2203	Horrendo's curse Fienberg, Anna & Gamble, Kim (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2002	9781865086033	3-4	Horrendo reveals strategies for overcoming fear and adversity when he finds creative solutions to problems caused by pirates, vile villains and volcanoes. Horrendo champions those who are different and non-violent.
2206	Horrible Harriet Hobbs, Leigh	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2001	9781865084398	3-4	Horrible Harriet lives in the roof of the school. She is mean and nasty and the other children are scared of her. When Athol Egghead arrives in a hot-air balloon, he is her first friend. Horrible Harriet is one in a million, even that's one too many.
849	Horrible Harriet's inheritance: in her own words Hobbs, Leigh	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781741149852	3-4	You may remember Horrible Harriet - she's wicked, wild and larger than life, and she invented Mr Chicken. Well Harriet is back to claim her inheritance and fill in the gaps in her impressive family tree along the way. These include queens, warriors and yes, a vampire too. Horrible Harriet is going on a journey of a lifetime.

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	Horrible histories series Various				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.
2208	Horrible holiday, The Jinks, Catherine	Puffin Australia	1998	9780141301839	3-4	While his family appears to be going on a disastrous holiday, Kevin is having a good time, appreciating different things.
	Horrid Henry series Simon, Francesca				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.
4946	Horror handbook, The van Loon, Paul & Scheffler, Axel (ill)	Alma Books Ltd	2016	9781846884177	7-9	A humorous guide to the world of vampires, witches and monsters. What happens to a vampire when he dies? How does somebody become a werewolf? How can you protect yourself from witches? All of these questions and more are answered in this book, which will finally give you all the information you ever wanted to know about ghosts, zombies, monsters and all kinds of creepy-crawly creatures. Full of tips, anecdotes and trivia, and delightfully illustrated by Axel Scheffler. Paul van Loon's book is a fun and fascinating reference book for all fans of scary stories and things that go bump in the night.
1467478	Horror in pleasantville Finn, Caleb	Penguin Books Australia	2025	9781761345890	9plus	Do you ever get the feeling that nothing is what it seems? Each of these short stories takes the familiar and twists it into something that will intrigue, unnerve, and haunt you. A dead best friend . . . with a not-so-dead body. Old family videos that, instead of a comforting past, play a sinister future. A funhouse where the mirrors reflect another you that wants to take your place. A supermarket where the customers are shopping for you. These short stories will leave you watching out for the anomalies in the world around you. This title includes mature themes and is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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33324	Horse called Darling, A Stephens, Delwyne	Puffin Australia	2010	9780143304692	5-6	Penny has to cope with the saddest moment in her life, involving her pony, Manny. Everyone is willing her to come back and compete in the next event. Hopefully, a horse called Darling will encourage her.
12571	Horse called Elvis, A Heffernan, John	Five Senses Publications	2019	9781865046105	5-6	Matt befriends an abused horse, Elvis, that touches the lives of his family struggling to stay together. Some coarse language and cruelty to animals in a realistic story of a father's efforts to overcome his own shortcomings for love of his children.
46389	Horse for Angel, A Lean, Sarah & Blythe, Gary (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2013	9780007455058	5-6	Nell is surprised when her mum wants her to stay with her family in the country. While unpacking her bags she is startled by a large wild horse and a mysterious girl, which leads Nell on a mystery and a chance to discover secrets about herself.
18358	Horse girl Larkin, John	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2004	9780733617881	3-4	Eight year old Rebecca eats, sleeps and loves horses and one day turns into one. A simple, humorous story of Rebecca at school as a horse.
17469	Horse mad Wolfer, Dianne	Fremantle Press	2005	9781920731472	3-4	What happens to a horse mad girl when she stops being horse mad? A story of Alice and her friends imagining they are horses on the school playground.
	Horse mad series Helidoniotis, Kathy				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.
14680	Horse road, The Harrison, Troon	Bloomsbury	2012	9781408819357	7-9	In Ferghana, Central Asia, in 102 BC, thirteen year old Kallisto is an excellent horsewoman. One day, while racing her horses in the mountains, Kallisto sees the Chinese army approaching her city. On reaching home, she finds a deserted city, and her favourite horse and others missing. Kallisto is determined to get the horses back, even if this means being challenged to a duel of horsemanship and skill.
9485	Horse show Hayden, Kate	Dorling Kindersley	2001	9780789473714	3-4	As three children prepare for a show, readers are introduced to the horses at White Lane Farm, one of whom is a difficult horse to ride. Preparations, basic events and horse care are included.

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49947	Horses for King Arthur Lawrence, L S	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781862919198	9plus	Alexa, the headstrong teenage daughter of a landowning family in 475 England, dreams of breeding fine horses. When she meets Artorius, a boy who dreams of victory, fighting the barbarians from horseback, Alexa finds allies to help extricate herself from her mother's plans. She finds herself in an uncertain, bloodthirsty world, where life has little value when measured against power and wealth. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
4013	Horses: a complete guide for young horse lovers Gardini, Lauryn	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2008	9781742113524	5-6	Whether you own a horse or just dream about it, find out everything you want to know about caring for horses, identifying breeds and colours, and basic riding skills.
5439	Horses: Wild & tame Volant, Iris & Vogel, Jarom (ill)	Flying Eye Books	2017	9781911171324	K-2	From the earliest cave paintings of wild horses to domesticated ones today, horses have been a huge part of human history. See how the horse evolved from its ancient relatives, learn about famous horses from history and discover interesting facts along the way in this elegantly illustrated book.
4454	Horton and the Kwuggerbug and more lost stories Seuss, Dr	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2016	9780008131272	K-2	Four short stories feature familiar faces and places, including Horton the Elephant, Marco, Mulberry Street and a Grinch. Seuss fans will learn more about Horton's integrity, Marco's amazing imagination, a narrowly avoided disaster on Mulberry Street, and a devious Grinch.
13807	Horton hatches the egg Seuss, Dr	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2004	9780007175192	K-2	A fun, rhyming story about good-natured Horton whose dependability pays off.
26458	Hostage Tayleur, Karen	Black Dog Books	2009	9781742031026	9plus	The thing I remember is that the chemist floor had a large, black scuff near the counter. I don't remember the knife. I remember something cold on my neck, which could have been a knife, or it could just have been his long, cold fingers. But it was the scuff I remember best. Adult themes require a mature reader. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
42398	Hot cold summer, A Weetman, Nova	Hardie Grant Egmont	2014	9781742977737	7-9	It's the summer holidays and thirteen year old Frankie Jones has a dilemma: she can go to London with her mum, but that means seeing Jack again, an old crush who has hurt her in the past; or she can go on a beach holiday with her dad, but that would involve hanging out with Dad's new girlfriend as well. In this pick a path story, you get to make Frankie's decisions for her. Make or break the rules and find romance or heartbreak along the way. When you get to the end you can go back and choose again!

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4042	Hotaka: a novel Heffernan, John	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760113766	7-9	When the tsunami strikes the Japanese coastal town of Omori-wan, the effects are utterly devastating. Three years later, much of what happened on that day is still a mystery and Hotaka finds himself increasingly haunted by memories of his best friend, Takeshi. When strong-willed Sakura initiates a controversial anti-seawall movement, there is danger at every turn for Hotaka and his friends. As the town and its people struggle to rebuild their lives, can Hotaka help Omori-wan look to the future- and can he let go of his past? A powerful and moving story about one boy caught up in the Japanese earthquake and tsunami of 2011.
1423959	Hotdog & friends: Fun park! Do, Anh & McGuiness, Dan (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761643316	K-2	The perfect picnic quickly turns into a disaster, with one hilarious mishap after another! Hotdog and friends are ready for an awesome day at the park. They have their picnic basket and games to play. But, wait... is that rain?!
	HotDog 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.
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.

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587908	Hotel Flamingo Milway, Alex	Piccadilly Press	2019	9781848127753	3-4	When young Anna inherits a dilapidated once-grand hotel from her Great Aunt Mathilde, she's determined to restore it to its former glory. But this is no ordinary hotel - all of her staff and guests are animals! Anna soon rises to the challenge. Whether it's a flamingo, a penguin or a hippo knocking at the door, Anna is ready to welcome them all - with the help of her trusty sidekicks T Bear the doorman, Squeak the friendly mouse elevator, and Lemmy the lemur receptionist ... As she soon finds out, though, running an animal hotel is no easy task. Can Anna make Hotel Flamingo a success once more?
722870	Hotel Flamingo: Holiday heatwave Milway, Alex	Bonnier Publishing Australia	2019	9781848128057	3-4	It's a blazing summer on Animal Boulevard and Hotel Flamingo is buzzing with excitement. The King and Queen Penguin are coming to stay. It's been a long time since the hotel had royal guests and there's a lot for Anna and her team to do. But looking after penguins in the middle of a heatwave is not easy task.....
3301	Hotel Strange: His royal majesty of the mushrooms Ferrier, Katherine & Ferrier, Florian	Graphic Universe	2016	9781512411546	3-4	When Kiki finds a crown in the woods, a group of mushroom people rushes to call him their ruler. Now the quirky residents of Hotel Strange have to find the real king before things get even crazier.
2252	Hound of the Baskervilles, The Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	Penguin	2009	9780141192437	9plus	The sudden death of Sir Charles Baskerville is blamed on a fearsome, ghostly hound that has haunted his family for generations. When the famed detective, Sherlock Holmes, is engaged to ensure the safety of the Baskerville heir, Dr Watson is surprised that his friend is dismissive of the matter. Watson is dispatched alone to the wild moors and, in the cold night, a savage and bestial howl can be heard. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
6266	Hound of the Baskervilles, The: Usborne Graphic Sherlock Holmes Punter, Russell & Da Rold, Andrea (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2018	9781474938082	7-9	Following the mysterious death of Sir Charles Baskerville, Sherlock Holmes is on the case, intent on finding out the truth behind the family's curse and the existence of the terrifying Hound of the Baskervilles. The new heir, Henry Baskerville, has already been warned against claiming his inheritance, will he be the next to fall prey to the family's curse or will Holmes be able to crack the case before there is more death? Based on the most famous of all Holmes' cases this graphic novel captures the terror and suspense surrounding the Hound and the curse that continues to hunt the Baskervilles.

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17912	Hounds of the Morrigan, The O'Shea, Pat	Oxford University Press	2009	9780192728722	5-6	Set in the west of Ireland, this story tells of the coming of the Great Queen, the Morrigan, who is bent on bringing destruction to the world. Only Pidge and Bridget can stop her and their task seems impossible as they're constantly trailed by the Queen's hounds. But, they're aided in their quest by a host of willing helpers, a glorious array of unforgettable characters from Irish legend and lore.
4571	Houndsley and Catina Howe, James and Gay, Marie-Louise (ill)	Candlewick Press	2006	9780763624040	K-2	Houndsley is a loyal friend to Catina. He encourages her writing pursuits and wants desperately to see what she has put down in words. Catina is just as loyal and compassionate to Houndsley, and absolutely adores the creative and tasty meals he concocts. But sometimes, no matter how much heart and soul goes into an individual's efforts, things don't always work out as expected.
4164	Hour of the bees Eagar, Lindsay	Walker Books	2016	9781406368154	7-9	While her friends are enjoying their summer holidays, twelve year old Carol is helping her parents move the grandfather she's never met into a home for people with dementia. At first, Carol avoids prickly Grandpa Serge. But, his crazy stories, about a healing tree, a green-glass lake and the bees that will bring back the rain and end a hundred years drought, begin to fascinate her. As the thin line between magic and reality starts to blur, Carol must decide for herself what is possible and what it means to be true to her roots.
1244437	House Giovannoni, Dan & Lane, Charlotte (ill)	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760994709	5-6	House is the story of a lonely little house, all by itself in the world, without anyone to open its front door. House abandons its foundations and launches into the sky in search of a friend. From its aerial vantage it can see the whole world and then, it comes across someone just like it; someone lonely; a child, all by herself in the middle of a storm. House whisks her away to safety, and as the lonely little girl slowly makes her way through each room, she discovers the wonders inside the fantastical contraptions, the kitchen preparing anything you please, the periscope that lets you watch the world roll by down on the ground. House is a place of calm, of distraction, and of rest the house is a friend to someone in need.
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 stanger's face appears in the mirror, and she hears eerie music at night. When a group of mysterious guests arrive at midnight, Saffi becomes enmeshed in her family's dar, magical secret...

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1367116	House divided, A Hallifax, Clare	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760658991	5-6	A coming of age story, set against the Dismissal of the Whitlam government in 1975 as battle lines are drawn, democracy is on the edge, and all of it is far too close to home. When another national crisis puts Juliet's family beach trip on hold, Juliet is disappointed, but not surprised. When your dad has a key job in the federal government, even faraway crises hit close to home, and change is the only constant. It's 1975 and Juliet has a lot to look forward to. It's the last year of primary school, wrongs are being set right, and there's new attitudes, new opportunites... as well as new friends. But as Juliet gets to know more about the people around her and the times that shape her, there are plenty of surprises still in store. But politics is casting a long shadow over the country, and it seems nothing can save Juliet, her family, and her friendships, from the biggest crisis of all.
2180	House for Donfinkle, A Brereton, Choechoe & Harris, Wayne (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2014	9781921720536	K-2	Up high in the grasslands where Wooble Beasts roam, Donfinkle Vonkrinkle is building his home. When up pop four creatures to babble and squawk, a troublesome taunt full of bothersome talk.
197	House guest, The Nilsson, Eleanor	Puffin Australia	1997	9780140386011	9plus	A gang of children robs houses. Gunna, a member of the gang, finds that one of the houses draws him back and that it is for a reason. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
723786	House in the cerulean sea, The Klune, T J	Pan MacMillan	2020	9781250217318	9plus	Linus Baker leads a quiet, solitary life. As a Case Worker at the Department in Charge Of Magical Youth, he spends his days overseeing the well-being of children in government-sanctioned orphanages. When Linus is summoned by Extremely Upper Management he's given a curious and highly classified assignment: travel to Marsyas Island Orphanage, where six dangerous children reside: a gnome, a sprite, a wyvern, an unidentifiable green blob, a were-Pomeranian, and the Antichrist. Linus must set aside his fears and determine whether or not they're likely to bring about the end of days. But the children aren't the only secret the island keeps. Their caretaker is the charming and enigmatic Arthur Parnassus, who will do anything to keep his wards safe. As Arthur and Linus grow closer, long-held secrets are exposed, and Linus must make a choice: destroy a home or watch the world burn. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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24439	House in the woods, A Moore, Inga	Walker Books	2011	9781406324327	K-2	When two Little Pigs leave their home-made huts one morning, two very large friends, Moose and Bear, move in. It's very nice to have your friends stay but not when they cause your homes to collapse. The animals decide to solve the problem by building a big enough house in the woods where all four of them can live together.
846265	House in the woods, The (Ghost hunter chronicles 1) Fielding, Yvette	Andersen Press Ltd	2021	9781839131141	7-9	Clovis, Eve and Tom decide to play with a Ouija board in an abandoned house on Halloween night. What they encounter sends them on a race to discover who the ghost is and why it needs their help.
6362	House of her own, A Hughes, Jenny & Bentley, Jonathan (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2014	9781742974620	K-2	Audrey is bigger than she was yesterday. Now she needs a bigger house. So she asks her Dad to build her one, at the top of a tree. It is an ideal house, perfect in every way. Except for one thing.
198	House of many rooms, The Pryor, Michael	Louis Braille Audio	2000	9780732024208	7-9	When the Princess and her band of followers are pursued by the Hollow Men, Saul is drawn into their conflict.
15097	House of Narcissus, The Wild, Margaret & Harris, Wayne (ill)	ABC Books	2001	9780733310492	5-6	A beautiful house in Venice, rich in history, revisits its past stories in the context of the present. It is a house that has shunned all inhabitants but eventually it welcomes a fragile cat and opens its heart to life.
1209883	House of rural realness, The Campbell, Curtis	University of Queensland Press	2025	9780702268885	9plus	Peter Thompkin needs a public image overhaul after his vicious clapback against the most popular gay in school goes viral. When his best friend Alan, aka teen drag queen Aggie Culture, announces the first public drag performance by The House of Rural Realness, Peter steps forward as their producer. It might be the only way he can restore his reputation. Peter leads the queens as they survive bigoted backlash-and one another. But will Mason County's Drag Extravaganza drop dead before they make their first death drop? And will Peter and Alan's friendship even survive past curtain call?
70026	House of secrets Columbus, Chris & Vizzini, Ned	HarperCollins Children's Books	2013	9780007490141	5-6	When Brendan, Cordelia and Nell move to Kristoff House they have no idea that they are about to unleash the dark magic locked within. Now the Walker family must battle against deadly pirates, bloodthirsty warriors and a bone crunching giant. If they fail they will never see their parents again and a crazed witch will take over the world.

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43812	House of secrets: Battle of the beasts Columbus, Chris & Vizzini, Ned	HarperCollins Australia	2014	9780007490172	5-6	Brendan, Cordelia and Nell are trying to save the world, but they better be able to fight for their lives. Just when they thought they had defeated the Wind Witch forever, their home is blasted into a crazy world of battles beasts and cyborgs. From the searing heat and clashing swords of the Colosseum, to the snow capped Tibetan mountains and some seriously freaky monks - the stakes have never been higher.
903251	House on pleasant street, The Laguna, Sofie & McBride, Mark (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526450	K-2	Alby and his family are new on Pleasant Street. Their house is perfect, with a giant tree to climb, and a pool. Their pet, Delia, is still in training, But she is settling in just fine. And tonight is Halloween, Alby's favourite night of the year, so anything can happen. A hilarious story about family and friendship, and what happens when trick or treating doesn't go to plan.
587868	House on the mountain, The Holcombe, Ella & Cox, David (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760636968	5-6	There is a fire coming, and we need to move quickly. Mum and Dad start packing bags, grabbing woollen blankets, the first-aid kit, torches, and then the photo albums. Dad puts Ruby on her lead and ties her up near the back door. My chest feels hollow, like a birdcage.
1424016	House Saphir, The Meyer, Marissa	Penguin	2025	9781761357602	9plus	Trust your heart. But trust no one else. Welcome to the House Saphir. Some claim that to this day the sinister laughter of ghost Monsieur Le Bleu, can be heard echoing through the halls of his mansion. And every year, on the anniversary of his death, the fountain where he was killed runs red with blood. His evil spirit lingers and is hungry to kill again. Can Mallory Fontaine, daughter of a witch, solve a murder and banish the ghost? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
6818	House that was built in a day, The: ANZAC cottage Everett, Valerie & McGuire, Barbara	University of Western Australia Press	2007	9781920694715	5-6	A community in Western Australia decided to honour the ANZACs by building a house in one single day and giving it to a returning wounded ANZAC soldier. It is the oldest memorial in Western Australia and one of the oldest nationally.

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2359	House that was Eureka, The Wheatley, Nadia	Text Publishing Co	2013	9781922147189	9plus	Two tales twist together at 203 Liberty Street, Newtown. In 1985, sixteen year old Evie and her family move into a new home, which appears to be haunted. Evie dreams of running footsteps, shouting voices and loud banging. Fifty years previously, during the Great Depression, Lizzie and her family live at number 203. Her family faces eviction and the local communist movement barricades the house. The final chapters reveal the connections between the past and the present. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
903315	House that wasn't there, The Arnold, Elana K	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780062937070	5-6	As Oak and Alder start school together, they can't imagine ever becoming friends. But the two of them soon discover a series of connections between them -- mysterious, possibly even magical puzzles they can't put together. At least not without each other's help.
587747	House with a clock in its walls, The Bellairs, John	Piccadilly Press	2018	9781848127715	7-9	Lewis Barnavelt discovers there is a wizard in his family when he comes to live with his Uncle Jonathan. Experimenting with Uncle Jonathan's spells Lewis uncovers the mystery behind the ticking that can be heard throughout the house, sometimes loud sometimes quiet, sometimes slow, sometimes fast. It's an evil clock and it could destroy humankind. It is up to the Barnavelts to find where the clock is hidden in the walls - and stop it. Tick tock, a deadly clock... a terrifying race against time...
568871	House with chicken legs, The Anderson, Sophie	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2018	9781474940665	5-6	Marinka lives with her grandmother Baba Yaga. Baba Yaga's job is to guide people through The Gate into their next life. Their house has a gate made of bones and chicken legs. A couple of times a year, the house stands up in the middle of the night and walks to another location. This sounds exciting, but Marinka longs to stay somewhere long enough to make real friends. Based in Slavic folklore, this novel is about finding your own way in life even when you think your destiny might be decided.
846279	House, A Henkes, Kevin	Greenwillow	2022	9780063092600	K-2	What makes a house a home? Is it the windows and doors and walls and roof? Is it the sky above and the grass outside? Or is it something else? A House introduces young readers to shapes, numbers, the weather, and the parts of a house, with a rhythmic, repetitive text and remarkable illustrations.

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1423801	Hover car racer: the graphic novel Reilly, Matthew & Hanna, John (ill)	MacMillan	2024	9781761268953	5-6	Never give up. Never say die. Meet Jason Chaser, hover car racer. He's won himself a place at the International Race School, where racers either make it on to the Pro Circuit - or they crash and burn. But he's an outsider. He's younger than the other racers. His car, the Argonaut, is older. And on top of that, someone doesn't want him to succeed at the School and will do anything to stop him. Now Jason Chaser isn't just fighting for his place on the starting line, he's racing for his life.
815447	How a recycling truck works Bryan, Lara & Medeiros, GIovana (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2021	9781474986083	K-2	Beep, beep! The recycling truck has arrived. Peep inside to find out how it works, as it zooms around town collecting recycling and taking it to the sorting factory.
21155	How animals build Butterfield, Moira & Hutchinson, Tom	Lonely Planet Publications	2017	9781786576620	5-6	Do bees need cement mixers to build hives? Do beavers use cranes to construct dams? No, of course not! Like many animals, they're building geniuses who don't need building site tools to create incredible work. Welcome to nature's very own, super-clever world of construction.
34996	How animals work Burnie, David	Dorling Kindersley	2010	9781405351928	7-9	Burrow underground with a mole rat, join a brown bear on a fishing expedition, witness a honeybee dance and take flight with a flock of flamingos. Explore the incredible animal kingdom and find out how animals move, communicate, hunt and feed in their natural habitats.
75377	How big is a million Milbourne, Anna & Riglietti, Serena (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2007	9780746077696	K-2	Pipkin, the little penguin, wants to know just how big a million is. He knows it's a big number so he sets out on a journey to find out. Assists early understanding of number and quantity.
1359433	How big is love? Merrison, Carl & Hustler, Hakea & Goodwin, Jade (ill)	Lothian Books	2025	9780734420176	K-2	A young child and older family member sit on the porch at sunset watching a storm roll in. The adult whispers, 'I love you,' but the child needs reassurance: 'How much?' With each new declaration, we learn that the love between adult and child is boundless.
7304	How big is too small Godwin, Jane & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2015	9780670070756	K-2	Poor Sam, he always gets left out of his big brother's games. But, one day, when the big boys leave him out again, Sam gets to thinking about how big is too small.
965883	How brave I can be Stephen, Byll & Stephen, Beth & Howe, Simon (ill)	ABC Audio - Enterprises	2023	9780733342721	K-2	A story of a family growing up and changing and the small milestones and examples of courage along the way
5046	How cities work Gulliver Hancock, James	Lonely Planet Publications	2016	9781786570215	3-4	From the cities to the skyscrapers- reveal the secret workings of the city. Lift the flaps to see what is inside buildings and unfold pages to find out what's going on above your head and under your feet. It's the city like you have never seen before.

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570814	How did I get here? Bunting, Philip	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742769684	3-4	The (unauthorised) biography of you, and the story of all of us. Charting from the Big Bang to birth, Philip Bunting takes us on a journey back to the start of time (in about the time it takes to eat your breakfast!) A hilarious, and beautifully illustrated book, designed to raise more questions than it answers.
41489	How do dinosaurs eat their food Yolen, Jane & Teague, Mark (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2006	9780007216086	K-2	Ten different dinosaur species behave just like some children do at mealtimes - burping, spitting, spilling or playing with their food.
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.
35727	How do you burp in space Goodman, Susan & Slack, Michael (ill)	Bloomsbury	2013	9781599900681	5-6	Here is a travel planner for all those who dream of taking a holiday in outer space. Includes what to pack, how to get there and home again, what to wear, how to sleep, brush your teeth and even burp in space.
977816	How do you say hello? Barton, Ashleigh & Heiduczek (ill)	ABC Books	2023	9780733342196	K-2	How Do You Say Hello is a delightful and fun look at how we welcome each other, in languages the world over.
1019904	How do you say I love you? Barton, Ashleigh & Heiduczek, Martina (ill)	ABC Books	2022	9780733342172	K-2	In every country around the globe, we all have ways to show the people who mean the most to us what they ought to know. A heartwarming book that celebrates the many different ways we say 'I love you', in languages the world over.
	How does it work 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.
35551	How does my home work? Butterworth, Chris & Gaggiotti, Lucia (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781406363784	3-4	Flick a switch...the light comes on. Press a button...the TV comes on. Turn the tap....clean water comes out. Take a drink from the fridge...it's cool and fresh. Just how do all these clever things happen in your home? Go on a fascinating journey, behind the walls and under the floor of this home to find out about the energy that makes it all work.

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48838	How frogmouth found her home Kwaymullina, Ambelin	Fremantle Press	2010	9781921696015	K-2	Frogmouth isn't like the other birds. She doesn't want to live in the trees and is in search of something more. Frogmouth travels the land hunting for a new nesting place but nothing feels right. On her way, she helps other animals find their true homes, but still she searches for hers.
113069	How high can a kangaroo hop French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2008	9780732285449	5-6	Discover the lost monster kangaroos, how indigenous people hunted and used kangaroos, how to tell a kangaroo from a wallaby and what to do if you find a kangaroo by the side of a road.
23614	How I alienated my grandma Main, Suzanne	Scholastic New Zealand	2015	9781775433064	5-6	After discovering a long buried, mysterious device in his back yard, Michael inadvertently causes his Gran to become inhabited by an alien. Michael and his best friend, Elvis set out to remedy the situation, only to discover the future of the Earth is at stake. Elvis is the expert in science fiction and technology, while Michael is quick thinking and can scheme his way out of trouble, as quickly as he gets into it.
12247	How I became a pirate Long, Melinda & Shannon, David (ill)	Harcourt Children's Books	2003	9780152018481	K-2	Jeremy Jacob joins Braid Beard and his pirate crew and finds out about pirate language, pirate manners and other aspects of their life.
574732	How I came to be me Cai, Gao	Starfish Bay Publishers	2018	9781760361051	3-4	A baby describes their journey from conception via birth to their homecoming in this wonderful tribute to the miracle of birth.
751114	How it all blew up Ahmadi, Arwin	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781471409929	9plus	Eighteen-year-old Amir Azadi always knew that coming out to his Muslim family would be messy, but he wasn't expecting it to end in an airport interrogation room. Now, he's telling his side of the story to the stern-faced officer. Amir has to explain why he ran away to Rome (boys, bullies, blackmail) and what he was doing there for a month (dates in the Sistine Chapel, friends who helped him accept who he is, and, of course, drama) . . . all while his mum, dad and little sister are being interrogated in the room next door. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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642939	How it feels to float Fox, Helena	Pan MacMillan	2019	9781760783303	9plus	Biz knows how to float. She has her people, posse, her mum and the twins. She has Grace. And she has her dad, who tells her about the little kid she was, and who shouldn't be here but is. So Biz doesn't tell anyone anything. Not about her dark, runaway thoughts, not about kissing Grace or noticing Jasper, the new boy. And she doesn't tell anyone about her dad. Because her dad died when she was seven. And Biz knows how to float, right there on the surface - normal okay regular fine. This book explores issues of mental health. It is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
995988	How it works: Light Hull, Sarah & McKean, Kaley	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781474998895	3-4	What is light? Where does it come from? And how does it work? Lift the flaps to discover the extraordinary science of light, from dazzling rainbows to powerful lasers.
35596	How Lunchbox Jones saved me from robots, traitors and Missy the Cruel Brown, Jennifer	Bloomsbury	2015	9781681194417	5-6	Luke Abbott's school is the losing-est school in the history of losing. And that's just fine for him. He'd rather be at home playing video games and avoiding his older brother Rob and the Greatest Betrayal of All Time. But now he's being forced to join the robotics team, where surely he'll help uphold the school's losing streak. He'll also meet a colorful cast of characters, including: Mikayla, the girl who does everything with her toes; Jacob and Jacob, who aren't twins but might as well be; the sunflower seed-obsessed Stuart; and Missy the Cruel, Luke's innocent-looking bully since they were six-years-old. But it's an unlikely connection with a mysterious boy known only as "Lunchbox Jones" that will change Luke's life. Turns out, Luke and Lunchbox Jones have a lot more in common than just robots.
3717	How machines work: zoo break Macaulay, David	Dorling Kindersley	2015	9781465440129	3-4	Follow the mad antics of Sloth and his sidekick, Sengi, as they try to find their way out of the zoo, with the help of some machines.
5032	How many dinosaurs deep? Kitchin, Ben & Fieldhouse, Vicky (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2017	9781925059731	3-4	Jim is not quite sure that he's ready to move from the baby pool to the middle-sized pool. Can a group of splashing dinosaurs help him face his fear?
1367134	How my family says I love you Sewankambo, Yvonne & McLeod, Aurore (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781760655723	K-2	Not everyone says 'I love you', but we all have many ways of showing we care. There are so many ways to say I love you, without saying any words at all. From lending a hand, extending a hand, offering a gift, giving a hug, sharing a skill and sharing a meal, there are so many ways to express our love to family, and friends. An insightful, and delightful, celebration of how we show we care.

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15575	How nearly everything was invented by the Brainwaves MacLeod, Jilly & Swerling, Lisa (ill) & Lazar, Ralph (ill)	Dorling Kindersley	2008	9781405329781	5-6	Through labelled diagrams, the Brainwaves present the inventing of the lens, steam engine, light bulb, generator, internal combustion engine, transistor, gunpowder, and many other everyday inventions and scientific discoveries.
660538	How not to be popular Paterson, Cecily Anne	Wombat Books	2019	9781925563658	5-6	Maddie tries to be nice to everyone. Even weird, chicken-obsessed Tahlia. But she'd way prefer to hang out with the cool girls at school. The only problem is that they don't seem interested in her, at least not until Year 6 camp. That's when Maddie has a decision to make: how far will she go to be popular? Will she be able to live with the guilt when she finally has everything she's been hoping for?
2267	How the birds got their colours Lofts, Pamela (comp) & Albert, Mary (teller)	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781865046242	K-2	Based on a story of the Bardi people in Western Australia. An Aboriginal story that explains the misadventure that led to the birds being so colourful.
3675	How the elephant got his trunk Kipling, Rudyard & Joven, John (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2016	9781474918497	K-2	Once, in a time long forgotten, elephants had short, stubby noses. One day a curious baby elephant visits Crocodile and that all changes.
5794	How the finch got his colours Guertin, Annemarie Riley & Perez Garcia, Helena	Familius	2018	9781945547775	K-2	Many years ago, before the world bloomed in magnificent colours, the Earth lay stark and gray. The animals that graced its skies and roamed its lands were the colours of dirt, clay, and stone. Until Rainbow descended to bestow her colours on the creatures of the world. Each bird asked for a bright and beautiful colour, green for Parrot, red for Cardinal, and yellow for Canary. But will there be any colours left for little Gouldian Finch? He soon learns the power of patience and the beauty of all creatures.
2262	How the Finnegans saved the ship French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2001	9780207197499	3-4	Based partly on historic fact, thirteen year old Mary travels by steamship with Mrs Finnegan and her six other children from Ireland to Australia in 1913. Lots of explanatory notes on Irish history, customs and recipes included in this book.

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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-villes 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 dont go as planned, will the Grinch return to his grinchy ways, or can one special Who remind him of the true meaning of Christmas?
73826	How the kangaroos got their tails Lofts, Pamela (comp) & Lirrmiyarri, George (teller)	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781865046259	3-4	Told by George Lirrmiyarri of the Kija people to children living in Warmun, Western Australia. One of a series of Aboriginal stories about animals and birds. A battle of wits, between a hills kangaroo and a plains kangaroo over some bush honey, leads to an interesting outcome.
7931	How the sun got to Coco's house Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2015	9781406359008	K-2	The journey of the sun is captured as it travels from the far side of the world, rising up behind a snowy peak and casting its mellow dawn light for the wandering polar bears. The sun leaps whole countries, chasing the night, before bursting at last in a fanfare of warm golden light through little Coco's window.
3672	How the whale got his throat Kipling, Rudyard & Joven, John (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2016	9781474918503	K-2	Once upon a time, Whale was ever so greedy- he swam around eating anything and everything he came across. Then one day he decided to eat a man and things changed...
1019896	How to avoid being eaten by sharks... and other advice Larkin, John & Krebs, Chrissie (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781760657451	5-6	This hilarious guide will aim to give you answers to some of life's odd questions. Whether you've ever worried about being eaten by a shark or abducted by an alien this book will weigh up some of the evidence for or against.
1065628	How to be a friend Ayoub, Sarah & Purnell, Mimi (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9781460763230	3-4	Do you know what it takes to be a friend, someone on whom someone else depends? Just a few ingredients, tips and tricks, make the perfect friendship mix! A lyrical story with heartfelt ideas about what it means to be a good friend from the team that brought us The love That Grew.

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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.
17139	How to be a great detective Dubosarsky, Ursula	Penguin	2004	9780143301004	5-6	Claudia is convinced the stain on the path is blood. That means murder and she wonders who is dead and who is the killer. Claudia sets out to gather the evidence and to bring the killer to justice, jumping to conclusions along the way.
825564	How to be a hero: Take up the quest Weldon, Cat	Pan MacMillan	2021	9781529045031	5-6	Whetstone is a wannabe thief. Lotta is a wannabe Valkyrie. A case of mistaken identity will bring the two of them together on a quest that will have you wondering what will happen next and whether they will both achieve their goals. Will one of them become a hero? What is a hero anyway?
1495331	How to be a knight Whistleblade, Archibald & Silvermoon, Basil (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2026	9781836043768	5-6	From holding lances to courtly dances, novice knights have a lot to learn. Help is at hand with this book, which covers everything from sieges to swordplay to feasts and fights.
12535	How to be a world explorer: your all-terrain training manual Levy, Joel & Hancock, James Gulliver	Lonely Planet Publications	2012	9781743214091	7-9	This book will teach you everything you need to know to venture through all the landscapes on Earth as well as through the air, over the seas and under the waves. Soon you'll have no excuses - get out there and explore!
5580	How to be famous Shalev, Michal	Gecko Press	2016	9781776570300	3-4	A pigeon comes from a famous family. They have been famous for generations. But, he is particularly famous and he wants to tell you why.
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?

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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, Astrids 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. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Ange Crawford read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/9plus-book-list#how-to-be-normal-ange-crawford
885159	How to be Prime Minister and survive grade five Fitzgerald, Carla	University of Queensland Press	2022	9780702265587	5-6	When an everyday dad accidentally becomes Prime Minister it throws his family into a new world. One with new rules, and a new school. This is a challenge on its own. When he disappears, his daughters need to cover for him and get the opportunity to make some big decisions regarding their future.
902462	How to be... the new person Branford, Anna	EK Books	2022	9781760655839	3-4	'Hazel Morrison has a secret habit that no one knows about. She makes pretend videos about her everyday things. When Hazel's family has to move, she has to cope with leaving her best friend and starting at a new school where she doesn't actually feel welcome. She manages to make a new friend, her elderly next door neighbour Veronica. But then Veronica has to move too. As Hazel settles in at school, she meets Laura. Together they create a real video. It is a how to guide for being the new person because everyone at some time, will meet one or be one.

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574730	How to become a knight: In ten easy lessons Tarpley, Todd & Harney, Jenn (ill)	Sterling Publishing Co	2018	9781454923305	K-2	The King needs a new knight! But with Sir Simpleton training Sam in all the wrong ways, how will he ever master the tricks of the trade?
4668	How to bee MacDibble, Bren	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760294335	7-9	In a world where bees are extinct, the quickest, bravest kids climb fruit trees and pollinate the flowers by hand. All Peony wants to be is a bee - dancing along the high branches and helping her gramps and sister scratch out a living. Life on the farm is a scrabble, but there is enough to eat and a place to sleep, and there is love. Then Peony's mother arrives to take her away from everything she has ever known. Will Peony's grit and quick thinking be enough to keep her safe?
3535	How to build a car Lacey, Saskia & Sodomka, Martin (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781633220409	3-4	Eli's famous for dreaming big. Sometimes too big. But this time, the mouse has a plan-to build a real race car. If he can get his friends Phoebe and Hank to help, it might just work. And together, they can really go places. Through hard work and perseverance, the three friends learn all about car mechanics and teamwork as they work together to build a miniature racer.
1334243	How to build a racing car Scott, Fran & Boston, Paul (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529524178	3-4	Build your own moving race car from household objects in this step-by-step guide based on the science behind Formula One. Take your place at the starting gate and fire up your engine: it's time to build your very own racing car! Join presenter and maker Fran Scott for a crash course in racing engineering, then use your new-found skills to build your own awesome air-powered machine using household objects.
620080	How to build the perfect cubby house McKenzie, Heath	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760152673	K-2	Ollie is building the perfect cubby house. Everyone has some great ideas, and pretty soon, the whole family is involved.
18321	How to catch a fish Thornton, J D	Scholastic Australia	2005	9781865046549	5-6	Factual guide for people who fish. Contains images, diagrams and text boxes with descriptions and Information about different breeds.
15930	How to catch a monster Bollenbach, Christina	Scholastic Australia	2013	9781742832791	K-2	Lukas sits on the edge of his bed every night waiting for his scary monster, until he hatches a plan to catch it once and for all.
5194	How to cook children: a grisly recipe book Howard, Martin & Stimpson, Colin (ill)	ABC Books	2008	9780733323843	7-9	A witty, tongue in cheek cooking manual for witches, with recipes collected from around the world. Each witch presents her method with kids as an ingredient, lots of word play, and cultural and linguistic humour.
10777	How to cross the road and not turn into a pizza Fine, Anne	Walker Books	2002	9780744590340	3-4	Simon and his class are being taught how to cross the road without ending up as flat as a pizza. This is an important thing to know.

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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!
2268	How to eat fried worms Rockwell,Thomas	Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group Inc	1996	9780440445456	5-6	The humorous account of a fifty dollar bet for Billy to eat fifteen worms.
1423995	How to get magically popular Sanghani, Radhika	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2025	9781805318286	5-6	Sabina Patel just wants to fit in. But in her new school, in a new town where she doesn't know anyone, Sabina feels more out of place than ever. Then she accidentally unlocks magic powers and starts to see the future, and she quickly stands out as one of the most popular girls at school. But when Sabina starts seeing futures she'd rather not know about, she's not sure if she's unlocked a gift or a curse.
32388	How to get rid of a vampire Erre, J.M & Lallemand, Clemence (ill)	Alma Books Ltd	2017	9781846884221	3-4	Zazie has begun writing in her new diary, filling it with all her thoughts and feelings about her friends, school and family, knowing that at least here she will not get into trouble for speaking her mind. School has become much harder work now that their regular teacher is away and the replacement is a particularly strict task master who just happens to bare a striking resemblance to the main character of the book Zazie is currently reading - Dracula. Zazie determines it is up to her to save the situation, using the advice contained within Dram Stoker's book. However not all goes according to plan, with one mishap after another.
689551	How to grow a family tree Henry Jones, Eliza	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9781460754955	9plus	Stella may only be seventeen, but having read every self-help book she can find means she knows a thing or two about helping people. She sure wasn't expecting to be the one in need of help, though. Thanks to her father's gambling addiction, Stella and her family now find themselves living at Fairyland Caravan Park. And hiding this truth from her friends is hard enough without dealing with another secret. Stella's birth mother has sent her a letter. As Stella deals with the chaos of her family, she must also confront the secrets and past of her 'other' family. But Stella is stronger than she realises. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
2270	How to guzzle your garden French, Jackie	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1999	9780207197932	5-6	This book enables the reader to select seeds, grow, cook and eat the produce.

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5207	How to hang a witch Mather, Adriana	Walker Books	2018	9781406378795	7-9	The trials of high school start to feel like modern day witch hunt for Samantha Mather, who has all the wrong connections to Salem's past. To say Sam is unwelcome in Salem would be an understatement. She is the target of the Descendants, a mysterious group of girls whose ancestors were persecuted in the Witch Trials. Complicating her life further is Elijah, an inconveniently handsome resident ghost, and her cute new neighbour, Jaxon. When a centuries old curse is rekindled, Sam finds herself in the centre of it. Can she stop history repeating itself?
54416	How to heal a broken wing Graham, Bob	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9781406307160	K-2	When Wills sees a fallen bird on the crowded city footpath, he stops and reaches down to help the creature whose wing has broken.
1312676	How to help when you really want to help Bell, Davine & Tapper, Hilary Jean (ill)	Lothian Books	2025	9780734423658	K-2	A tissue for a tear. A cloth to clean. Somewhere to stay. Something to snuggle. A warm-hearted exploration of some of the big and small ways we can all make a difference in the world, no matter our age - at home, around the neighbourhood, at school and in the community.
15348	How to live forever Thompson, Colin	Red Fox	1998	9780099461814	5-6	A boy in search of a missing book, lost over two hundred years ago, looks in a library that holds a complete collection of all the books ever published. The shelves come alive at night when the watchman has fallen asleep.
1229903	How to make a bedtime McKinley, Meg & Blair, Karen (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760653712	K-2	Beautiful bedtime and sleepy good nights. This is how the night wraps around you sleepily and slumbery.
751091	How to make a bird McKinlay, Meg & Ottley, Matt (ill)	Walker Books	2020	9781925381894	3-4	From award-winning author Meg McKinlay and celebrated artist Matt Ottley comes a moving and visually stunning picture book that celebrates the transformative power of the creative process from inception through recognition to celebration and releasing into the world. We shadow the protagonist as she contemplates the blue print of an idea, collects the things that inspire from the natural world to shape a bird. And breathes life into it before letting it fly free. It shows how small things, combined with a little imagination and a steady heart, can transform into works of magic.

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652725	How to make a movie in 12 days Hardy, Fiona	Affirm Press	2019	9781925870657	5-6	Twelve days. Five kids. Many special effects. One giant mystery. Hayley Whelan has spent her whole life dreaming of making a horror movie - and not just the type of movie that kids make on their dodgy second-hand iPhones. When her grandma passes away, she inherits the money for a proper, grown-up camera. But before Hayley even calls 'Action!', strange things start happening... Someone is sabotaging Hayley's movie - but who? Why? And can Hayley finish her movie in time for the premiere? From Australia's brightest new middle-grade talent comes this love song to movies, friendship and the summer holidays.
802384	How to make a pet monster: Flummox Wilkinson, Lili & Spence, Dustin (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760877392	3-4	Have you ever wanted a pet monster? Artie and Willow find an ancient spell book which shows them how to make real monsters. They make Hodgepodge, who is a bit furry and a bit stinky. He is Artie's best friend. Willow wants to make a best friend too. Now that Artie knows that monsters are real, what if this new one is really dangerous? He is really worried.
750977	How to make a pet monster: Hodgepodge Wilkinson, Lili	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760877385	3-4	Artie and new step-sister Willow discover a book of spells to create monsters in their attic. What follows is a combination of experiments (part disaster/part success), leading to monster creation with some new step-sibling bonding along the way.
901550	How to make a pet monster: Smidgen Wilkinson, Lili & Patrick, Alex (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781761067433	3-4	After their last monster creation bonded with the neighbour, Arabella-Rose, the Monster Club are set to try again with full intentions of making a monster for Willow. With the unexpected arrival of new friend Zayn and souffle making mayhem in the kitchen, will Willow get her monster or will an eggtastrophy ruin everything?
640245	How to make friends with the dark Glasgow, Kathleen	HarperCollins Australia	2019	9781460751060	9plus	It's the brightest day of summer and it's dark outside. It's dark in your house, dark in your room, and dark in your heart. You feel like the darkness is going to split you apart. This book deals with issues of grief, suicide and healing. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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682392	How to make friends with the sea Guerrero, Tanya	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	2020	9780374311995	5-6	Pablo is homesick. He's only twelve years old, but he's lived in more countries than he can count. After his parents divorced, he and his mother have moved from place to place for years, never settling anywhere long enough to call it home. And along the way, Pablo has collected more and more fears: of dirt, of germs, and most of all, of the ocean. Now they're living in the Philippines, and his mother, a zoologist who works at a local wildlife refuge, is too busy saving animals to notice that Pablo might need saving, too. Then his mother takes in Chiqui, an orphaned girl with a cleft lip -- and Pablo finds that through being strong for Chiqui, his own fears don't seem so scary. He might even find the courage to face his biggest fear of all... and learn how to make friends with the sea.
886019	How to make friends: A bear's guide Rabbit, Cat	Berbay Publishing	2021	9780645069600	K-2	How do you make real friends? Bear is trying to answer that question. Lamb and koala are helping him find the answer. Could it be jogging or baking treats or following them everywhere? What is the answer going to be?
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.
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.
846198	How to pick a fight Kaminoff, Lara	Penguin Random House Australia	2021	9781910620786	7-9	Jimmy might be small, but he knows what he wants and that is to be a world champion wrestler. His family are much too busy in their own lives to really hear what Jimmy has to say, and when he sets off on his journey to chase his dreams, it takes a while for people to notice. Jimmy certainly has his share of adventures and learns a lot of hard lessons before he finds his way.

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486	How to raise and keep a dragon Topsell, John & Nigg, Joseph (ed)	HarperCollins Australia	2006	9780732284091	5-6	All you need to know about choosing and raising your dragon. Detailed information on differing breeds, the advantages of one over another as a pet and valuable information on equipment and lifestyle changes that may be required.
846121	How to repaint a life Herrick, Steven	University of Queensland Press	2021	9780702263156	9plus	With every step down the road, and every bus stop he passes, Isaac moves further from his father and a life of fear. When he is given a chance by a kind cafe owner, Isaac feels he may have a chance at a new life. He decides that he will trade kindness for kindness with those he encounters as a way forward from the cruelty he has left behind. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1209892	How to sail to somewhere Barton, Ashleigh	Hachette Australia	2025	9780734423627	5-6	Release date: March 25, 2025 Beatrice Glass - Bea - lives in a tiny fishing village that's sleepy all year until the summertime, when the tourists flock in and most of the locals leave. But summer is also when Bea's favourite person in the entire world, her fun and hilarious uncle, Byron, comes to stay. On their last day together the previous summer, Byron had given Bea an intriguing antique book containing a map of Somewhere, a mysterious island off the coast, and promised that next summer they'd sail to Somewhere together for their best adventure yet. That was last year. Now summer has arrived, but Byron hasn't. And now it looks like he never will. Are the book and Byron's disappearance linked? Byron has left some clues for Bea - a scavenger hunt of sorts designed to bring her and her new friend, Arabella, together and give Bea one last magical summer. Could Somewhere hold the key to both Bea's and Arabella's future?
17231	How to save the universe in 10 easy steps Rushby, Allison	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743319000	5-6	Cooper and Molly are twins but, on the eve of his tenth birthday, Cooper discovers Molly is actually an alien sent to protect and help him fulfil his destiny. One day, he is going to save the universe. Cooper doesn't think he has any special skills so he wonders how on earth, or rather Peregrination, is he going to do it.

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626733	How to save the whole stinkin' planet Constable, Lee & Hart, James (ill)	Penguin	2019	9781760890261	5-6	Attention all waste warriors, this is a garbological adventure for you. From the moment you dive into the rubbish bin, you will be on an interactive journey of investigation and experimentation to earn badges and save the whole stinkin' planet.
3701	How to speak dolphin Rorby, Ginny	Scholastic US	2015	9780545676052	5-6	Lily's life seems to revolve around her half-brother, Adam, who has autism. She has little time for friends or activities. Her stepfather doesn't acknowledge that Adam needs to attend a special school and Lily has yet to get over the grief of losing her mother in a car accident. When Adam meets Nori, a young dolphin with cancer, they bond instantly. But, Lily wants to get real help for Adam and help Nori to regain her freedom, without betraying her family.
587783	How to steal a dragon's sword Cowell, Cressida	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2011	9781444900941	3-4	Viking Berk heir Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III and his dragon, Toothless are target of dragon rebellion -- filled with the meanest Razor-wings, Tonguetwisters, and Vampire Ghouldeaths. Only a King can save them, a champion with all of the King's Lost Things. Hiccup will have to outwit a witch, fight his arch-enemy, and beat back an army of bloodthirsty dragons with just one sword.
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.
803452	How to talk to a tiger... and other animals Bittel, Jason & Buzzell, Kelsey (ill)	Magic Cat Publishing	2021	9781913520076	5-6	This book brings together the language and sounds of over 100 animals and creatures. Explore the way creatures and critters communicate in the wild.
1089056	How to teach grown-ups about climate change Daniels, Patricia & Belcha, Aaron (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781804660300	5-6	Lots to think about in this entertaining and meaningful guide. Time to have an informed talk to the adults about what we can do about Climate Change. This guide will enable youth to get the message across in a fun, truthful and questioning way that will convince the grown-ups with facts that even the scientists think are weird. Can they pass the test at the end? And who in Australia has heard of the extinction of the Bramble Cay melomys? While not the end of the world it cannot get worse and this book will teach you and your grown-up why.

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871650	How to teach grown-ups about Pluto Regas, Dean & Blecha, Aaron (ill)	Britanica Books	2021	9781913750503	5-6	It's about time the grown-ups got up to speed... After all, Pluto hasn't been a planet since 2006! In this guide from Britannica astronomer Dean Regas reveals why Pluto was kicked out of the planet club.
8831	How Tom beat Captain Najork and his hired sportsmen Hoban, Russell	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780099432470	3-4	Fearsome Aunt Fidget Wonkham-Strong is sick of Tom messing around so she organises Captain Najork and his sportsmen to play womble, muck and sneedball. Tom may not be able to defeat these formidable opponents.
1017960	How we came to be: Creatures of camouflage and mimicry Bayly, Sami	Lothian Books	2023	9780734421371	5-6	Discover the secrets behind some of the natural world's most unusual creatures of camouflage and mimicry. Find out about the chameleon who changes colour to communicate with its friends, the burrowing owl who copies the sound of a fiercer animal to protect itself from threats, and the harlequin filefish that has come to smell like coral to blend in with its surroundings. You'll be amazed by how these clever creatures use disguise and imitation to find food, send out warning signals and, most of all, avoid predators!
903252	How we came to be: surprising sea creatures Bayly, Sami	Hachette Australia	2022	9780734421364	3-4	Come with us on a deep dive through the ocean zones. Meet some of the most unusual creatures from the sea and hear their stories about how they have changed over millions of years to survive in the inky ocean depths. Why is the deepsea flounder as flat as a pancake and why are yeti crabs so hairy?
2160	How weird is that Evans, Gyan & Dawson, M S (ill)	Museagency	2008	9780646493398	3-4	A book about trying to describe the impossible, the highly improbable and the most likely to be extinct creature, rarely ever seen.
15054	Howler Rosen, Michael & Layton, Neal (ill)	Bloomsbury	2004	9780747571377	K-2	Howler, the pet dog, calls his owner child, Rover, and treats the family as we treat and name our pets. When a new baby arrives, the family must make some adjustments.
2552	Howzat Lefroy, Mike & Anelli, Liz	Walker Books	2014	9781922077646	3-4	Kids all over the world play cricket. Follow their game around the globe.

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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!
1423795	Howzat Pat! Money mystery Hartley, David, Geddes, Serena & Cummins, Patrick	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460764701	3-4	I'm Pat Cummins and I love playing cricket. I love it so much that I sleep with my bat! Australia's biggest cricket stars might play at our cricket ground if we raise funding for solar lights! While we're cleaning out recycling from the bush, something AMAZING happens. Will we meet the MYSTERIOUS hairyman? What's INSIDE the hidden suitcase? Can we raise the MONEY?!
47226	Hubble bubble granny trouble Corderoy, Tracey & Berger, Joe (ill)	Nosy Crow Ltd	2011	9780857630278	K-2	A bespectacled little girl has a most unusual grandma. She's a witch, complete with spells, cats, bats, frogs and a pointy hat. Sometimes, the little girl wishes her granny was, well, a bit more normal.
18332	Hubert Horatio Bartle Bobton-Trent Child, Lauren	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2005	9780340877890	3-4	A story about a likable child with rich parents who solves their problems when their money runs out.
10125	Hubert Horatio: How to raise your grown-ups Child, Lauren	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780008264086	3-4	Hubert Horatio Bartle Bobton-Trent is an exceptionally responsible child. Unfortunately, his parents are exceptionally irresponsible. These stories explain how, through lots of wacky adventures, Hubert Horatio had to raise his parents rather than the other way around!
774422	Huda and me Hayek, H	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526023	5-6	Left behind in Melbourne after his parents have to leave for Beirut unexpectedly, 12 year old Akeal finds himself, along with his six siblings, being held to the whims of an atrocious babysitter. Through the bold plans of younger sibling Huda, Akeal then finds himself roped into a courageous adventure with Huda travelling abroad as "unaccompeed" minors.
35758	Hueys in It wasn't me, The Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2013	9780007420674	K-2	A fight has broken out amongst The Hueys. But, no-one can remember what they are fighting about. If only they could find an interesting distraction.

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27185	Hueys in none the number, The Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Children's Books	2014	9780007420698	K-2	The thing about the Hueys was that they loved numbers, 0, 1, 2, 3.. Wait. 0 Is none a number. Join the Hueys for a counting conundrum.
29019	Hueys in the new jumper, The Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2012	9780007420667	K-2	The thing about the Hueys is they all look the same, they all think the same, they all do the same things. Until, one day, a Huey knitted himself a new jumper.
35942	Hueys in what's the opposite, The Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2015	9780007420711	K-2	The Hueys explore the concept of opposites in their characteristically quirky way. Starting out with some easy ones, like up and down, they move on to ever more wildly imaginative examples.
4797	Hug machine Campbell, Scott	Atheneum Books for Young Readers	2014	9781442459359	K-2	A little boy takes it upon himself to calm and cheer everyone, and everything, with a warm hug. He takes his work quite seriously and no challenge is too tough. Being a Hug Machine is a big, important job that requires frequent refuelling to keep his hugging energy high. When he's about to collapse from exhaustion, the Hug Machine might just need a hug too.
	Huggabie Falls series Cece, Adam & Weldon, Andrew (ill)				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.
15036	Hugo the flying firefighter Broekstra, Lorette	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2005	9781741143348	K-2	Hugo saves the day when he spots a house fire from his aeroplane and alerts the neighbourhood by sky writing an alarm.
6424	Hugo the lifesaving sailor Broekstra, Lorette	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2005	9781741750454	K-2	Hugo sails away in 'Gypsy' from Hometown. Then the wind picks up and Hugo is in grave danger.
1209837	Hullaballoo about elephant poo, The White, Dee & Nielsen, Christopher (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9781460766194	K-2	Elephant poo. How much does an elephant make? What can it be used for? Read this book to explore the hullabaloo about elephant poo.
63552	Hullabazoo Hollier, Lisa & Roper, Tracey (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780670074822	K-2	It's a perfect day for a trip to the zoo but watch out for the clever crocs.
845816	Human for Kingsley, A Evans, Gabriel	Little Hare Books	2021	9781760506919	K-2	Kingsley had decided to own a human. This was not a decision to be taken lightly. After all, owning a human is a responsibility. But finding the right kind of human is much harder than Kingsley expected. Some are too bossy. Some are too busy. And some just don't seem to appreciate a dog the way they should. Will Kingsley ever find a human that is exactly right?

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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?
751012	Humpty Dumpty sat on the slide Wilson, Tony & Wood, Laura (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781743834770	K-2	Humpty tries to join in but makes a few mistakes. But being a patient, resilient egg he is determined to make friends.
5864	Hunchback of Notre-Dame, The Hugo, Victor	Penguin Putnam	2001	9780450152788	7-9	The original splendid classic with detailed historical information and beautiful illustrations. The story of Esmeralda, the dark-eyed gypsy beauty and Quasimodo, the hunchbacked, bell-ringer of Notre-Dame.
36961	Hunches in bunches Seuss, Dr	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2005	9780007198566	3-4	Join the craziest creatures as they follow hunches in bunches. Ideal for beginning readers with lots of rhyme, rhythm and repetition.
846226	Hundred thousand welcomes, A Donovan, Mary Lee	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780063228658	K-2	Welcome! A hundred times over, a thousand times over, Welcome! Family, friends, neighbours, travellers and strangers from near and far are greeted with hospitality, kindness, compassion, warmth and fellowship in this timeless picture book about the universal birthright of all people.
	Hunger Games series Collins, Suzanne				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you 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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967407	Hunger of Thorns, A Wilkinson, Lili	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760526948	9plus	Maude is the daughter of witches. She spent her childhood running wild with her best friend, Odette, weaving stories of girls who slayed dragons and saved princes. Then Maude grew up and lost her magic - and her best friend. These days, magic is toothless, reduced to glamour patches and psychic energy drinks found in supermarkets and shopping malls. Odette has always hungered for forbidden, dangerous magic, and two weeks ago she went searching for it. Now she's missing, and everyone says she's dead. Everyone except Maude. Storytelling has always been Maude's gift, so she knows all about girls who get lost in the woods. She's sure she can find Odette inside the ruins of Sicklehurst, an abandoned power plant built over an ancient magical forest - a place nobody else seems to remember is there. The danger is, no one knows what remains inside Sicklehurst, either. And every good story is sure to have a monster. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
569333	Hungry Swain, H A	MacMillan	2018	9781250063083	9plus	In Thalia's world, there is no more food and no need for food, as everyone takes medication to ward off hunger. Her parents both work for the company that developed the drugs society consumes to quell any food cravings, and they live a life of privilege as a result. When Thalia meets a boy who is part of an underground movement to bring food back, she realizes that there is an entire world outside her own. She also starts to feel hunger, and so does the boy. Are the meds no longer working? Together, they set out to find the only thing that will quell their hunger: real food. It's a journey that will change everything Thalia thought she knew. But can a "privy" like her ever truly be part of a revolution? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
16608	Hungry ghosts Heinrich, Sally	Lothian Books	2007	9780734409805	7-9	Sarah is experiencing prejudice. She resents fitting in with the Aussie ways while honouring her Chinese traditions. Things become really complicated when Sarah starts hearing the voice of a ghost. Contains language that may offend some readers.

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29908	Hungry lion or a dwindling assortment of animals, A Cummins, Lucy Ruth	Atheneum Books for Young Readers	2011	9781481448901	K-2	Once upon a time there was a hungry lion and a bunch of adorable animals. I wonder what happened next.
9569	Hunt, The Oliver, Narelle	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	1997	9780850917079	3-4	At twilight, the mother tawny frogmouth owl goes hunting, looking for food for her chicks. Each tasty morsel she spies seems to disappear. A moth looks like the tree bark, a cricket like a curled leaf and you need to look very carefully to find them.
1019761	Hunter on holiday: A big trip around Europe Parry-Valentine, Jessica & Parry-Valentine, Stephen & Spink, Ashlee (ill)	Puffin Australia	2023	9781761046926	K-2	Fly away with Hunter as she explores icy fjords and ancient cities; majestic mountains and sunny town squares. A wonderful adventure awaits!
5848	Hunter's moon Townsend, John	Evans Bros	2008	9780237535247	7-9	Neil is a young gamekeeper. When his boss is mysteriously hurt, Neil is left to look after the woods and pheasants on his own. There have been rumours of a panther on the loose and Neil has to survive nights alone, before the truth is revealed by the light of the hunter's moon.
35705	Hunters and hunted Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2014	9781742033365	5-6	The animal kingdom is a dangerous place, especially at mealtimes. While hunters are out searching for their dinner, the hunted are using all sorts of tricks just to stay alive. Welcome to the frightening and dangerous world of the hunters and the hunted.
7004	Hunting elephants Roy, James	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9781741663266	7-9	Harry and his family head out to the country for Uncle Frank's fourth wedding. Family tensions are high and there is mystery about his uncle's experiences in the Vietnam War. Harry also has his own scars and issues to deal with around the death of his brother. A story about finding truth in unlikely places and moving on.
43170	Hunting for dragons Whatley, Bruce	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781741693294	K-2	Dragons are everywhere, if you know where to look. A little girl sees dragons everywhere and is sure there is one living in her house. She puts on her dragon-hunting armour and sets out looking for clues to help her find the mysterious creature.
14999	Hunwick's egg Fox, Mem & Lofts, Pamela (ill)	Penguin	2005	9780670042302	K-2	Hunwick, an old bilby, finds an object which he thinks is an egg and he cares for it. Eventually, he realises that it is a stone and will never hatch but he continues to love it and care for it as his friend forever.
21839	Hurry down to Derry fair Chaconas, Dori & Tyler, Gillian (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781406303797	K-2	Billy Brown is in a hurry. The fair is starting now but his family is not hurrying too. Well, there are pies to be baked, wood to be chopped and animals to be brushed, all to show and sell at the fair. Only Grandma is ready to go.

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3522	Hurry up and slow down Marlow, Layn	Oxford University Press	2008	9780192720801	K-2	Hare and Tortoise are good friends but Hare is always in a hurry. When they're eating lunch or out walking, Hare always tells Tortoise to move faster. But, when Tortoise reads Hare a bedtime story, the tables are turned. Tortoise reads quickly but Hare wants more time to study the pictures.
2286	Hurry up, Alice Mattingley, Christobel & Johnson, Michael (ill)	Puffin Australia	2005	9780141301563	3-4	Alice is a dreamer. Everyone is always hurrying her along but, one day, she comes first by being last.
6541	Hush treasure book, The Various	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760112790	5-6	A joyous compilation of short stories, poems and artwork by 30 renowned Australian authors & illustrators. A CD of music is included.
55404	Hush, hush Wild, Margaret & Strevens-Marzo, Bridget (ill)	Little Hare Books	2009	9781921272868	K-2	Baby hippo can't fall asleep. He rolls and wriggles, he stands on his head and waggles his legs. So, he decides to go for a walk and he hears a sound that all the mothers are using to put other baby animals to sleep.
663522	Hush, little possum Crumble, P & Binks, Wendy	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781743811597	K-2	Hush, little baby - oops no, it's an Australian lullaby! Hush, little possum! What will happen to little possum as the rain begins to fall. Mama possum will find a place to keep her baby safe and warm.
18077	Hush, The Melki-Wegner, Skye	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9780857985668	7-9	Chester is searching for clues about his father and why he disappeared. But, when he's caught illegally connecting with the Song as he plays his beloved fiddle, Chester is sentenced to death. Only a licensed Songshaper can bend music to their will. Susannah knows the secrets of The Hush, where there is no music, only deadly Echoes that will steal your soul, and she has plans for Chester.
12166	Husherbye Burningham, John	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780099408642	K-2	A lullaby in which we see three bears, a frog, a fish and the man in the moon all worn out at the end of the day and ready for bed.
12495	Hyram and B Caswell, Brian & Ottley, Matt (ill)	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2003	9780733614422	3-4	Hyram and B, two bears in a second-hand shop, have lived on The Shelf longer than any of the other toys. They sit quietly, hoping to be bought by the right person. When Catherine buys B, he wonders if he will ever see Hyram again.
27587	I always, always get my way Krasnesky, Thad & Parkins, David (ill)	Flashlight Press	2009	9780979974649	K-2	Emmy is the youngest in the family but whenever anything goes wrong, it is never her fault.

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6008	I am a warrior goddess Adams, Jennifer & Lemniscates, Carme (ill)	Sounds True	2018	9781683640059	K-2	You do not have to be a grown-up to be a hero, and I am a Warrior Goddess shows how in the empowering tale of a little girl with big aspirations, each day is full of opportunities to make a positive impact with ordinary actions. As our heroine connects with the earth, takes care of her body, and finds strength in kindness, she discovers her inner warrior goddess and inspires young girls everywhere to do the same.
15052	I am an ankylosaurus Wallace, Karen & Bostock, Mike (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2004	9780340893845	K-2	An ankylosaurus lays her eggs then does battle to keep two predators away.
871673	I am Cody Hat, Aggie & Tate, Crystal (ill)		2022	9781922717702	5-6	Five year old Cody was asked, "How can you tell if someone is a boy or a girl, or both, or neither?' Cody's response was profoundly pragmatic. 'Well, it's not their hair or their clothes. It's actually in their heart. You can't just tell. They have to tell you.' This is Cody's story of opening her heart to her mum.
2290	I am David Holm, Anne	Egmont Childrens	1989	9780749701369	7-9	A young boy's journey of survival across Europe following his assisted escape from a concentration camp.
815351	I am every good thing Barnes, Derrick & James, Gordon C	Egmont Childrens	2021	9780525518778	5-6	I am a non-stop ball of energy. Powerful and full of light. I am a go-getter. A difference-maker. A leader. Step inside the mind of the confident narrator of this book! He is proud of everything that makes him who he is. He's got big plans, and will see them through. He's creative, adventurous, smart, funny. A good friend. A superhero. Sometimes he falls, but he always gets back up. And other times he's afraid, because he's often misunderstood. So, slow down, look and listen as he shows you who he really is ...
27745	I am Henry Finch Deacon, Alexis & Schwarz, Viviane (ill)	Walker Books	2014	9781406357134	3-4	Henry Finch strives for greatness, gets it all a bit wrong, then makes it right again in a very surprising way and truly becomes great. Henry Finch is a total inspiration.
	I am Jack series Gervay, Susanne & Wilcox, Cathy (ill)				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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4548	I am Jazz Herthel, Jessica & Jennings, Jazz & McNicholas, Shelagh (ill)	Dial Books (Penguin)	2014	9780803741072	3-4	Jazz always knew she was different from other kids. She had a girl's brain and a boy's body. This is her story. Based on the real-life experience of co-author, Jazz Jennings.
21147	I am jellyfish Paul, Ruth	Puffin NZ	2018	9780143771159	K-2	Jellyfish is quietly crooning in the shallows, when knife-nosed Swordfish swooshes, races and chases her, down, down, down, deep into the dark blue sea. At that moment, stealthy Squid stretches a tentacle, tussling and tossing Swordfish in the darkness. Who will help Swordfish? He makes a last wish...then...ON goes a light - it's Jellyfish!
20077	I am Juliet French, Jackie	HarperCollins Australia	2014	9780732297985	7-9	This is the well-known story of Juliet Capulet and her love for Romeo, and the increasing helplessness Juliet feels as she realises that unlike young men her age, her life will effectively be determined and controlled by others, who see her having an arranged marriage of alliance and becoming a breeder of sons. I am Juliet closely follows the well-known and loved plot of the play, and also Rob, the 13-year-old boy who is the first to play the role of Juliet on the Elizabethan stage. He is overwhelmed by 'all those words' that Shakespeare wrote. But Rob realises that the story of love and tragedy is a somewhat simple one and the words are there for their extraordinary beauty and meaning. He will be Juliet and let the power of the words sing.
4041	I am Malala Yousafzai, Malala & Lamb, Christina	Little, Brown & Co	2013	9780316322409	7-9	When the Taliban took control in Pakistan, Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On her way home from school, fifteen year old Malala was shot in the head by a member of the Taliban. She survived and began her extraordinary journey. Malala has become a global symbol of peaceful protest, the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize laureate and a co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.
1433891	I am not a fish Guest, Patrick & Abey, Katie	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761647628	K-2	'I'm not a fish. No way. That's not me .'A joyful story about embracing your unique self... even when you have to swim against the tide.

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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?
12472	I am not sleepy and I will not go to bed Child, Lauren	Watts	2002	9781841210780	K-2	Lola's brother, Charlie, has the unenviable job of getting her to bed. Lola has quite an imagination and doesn't want to go. Charlie must give bedtime drinks to imaginary tigers and shoo a whale down the drain before Lola can get ready for bed.
903367	I am not Starfire Tamaki, Mariko, Yoshitani, Yoshi (ill)	Random House Children's Books	2021	9781779501264	9plus	Seventeen-year-old Mandy, daughter of Starfire, is NOT like her mother. Starfire is gorgeous, tall, sparkly, and a hero. Mandy is NOT a sparkly superhero. Mandy has no powers, is a kid who dyes her hair black and hates everyone but her best friend Lincoln. To Starfire, who is from another planet, Mandy seems like an alien, like some distant angry light years away moon. Everyone thinks Mandy needs to go to college and become whoever you become at college, but Mandy has other plans. Mandy's big plan is that she's going to move to France and...do whatever people do in France. But then everything changes when she gets partnered with Claire for a school project. Mandy likes Claire (even if she denies it, heartily and intensely). A lot. How do you become the person you're supposed to be when you don't know what that is? How do you become the person you're supposed to be when the only thing you're sure of is what you're not? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
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?

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660606	I am perfectly designed Brown, Karamo & Brown, Jaon & Syed, ANoosha (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2019	9781529036152	K-2	I Am Perfectly Designed is an empowering story about loving who you are, exactly as you are - and a celebration of the love between parent and child. From Karamo Brown -- star of the hit Netflix series Queer Eye -- and his son Jason, this touching story follows a boy and his father as they spend the day together. Walking through the city, they chat about all the ways in which they are perfectly designed for each other. From playing in the park and eating ice-creams, to gazing at the moon, father and son think about all the fun things they've done together... and all the fun to come! Perfect for sharing together, this is a book for families of all kinds, everywhere.
642931	I am so clever Ramos, Mario	Gecko Press	2019	9781776572496	3-4	One glorious day the wolf meets Red Riding Hood strolling through the woods. She looks a clever girl, but the wolf knows who is the cleverest. He has a plan to outwit her. But this little girl is not so easily duped. And the wolf finds unexpected hazards in wearing a frilly petticoat in the deep dark woods.
3104	I am so strong Ramos, Mario	Gecko Press	2007	9780958272056	K-2	Wolf is very vain but not really confident as he demands and bullies all the other animals into telling him how strong he is. Then, he meets what he considers is only a little toad-like creature. The little creature is sure someone else is stronger.
201	I am Susannah Gleeson, Libby	Penguin	2000	9780141306131	5-6	Susie is devastated when her friend moves away and an old lady comes to live in Kim's old house.
21230	I am the boss of this chair Crimi, Carolyn & Morea, Marisa (ill)	Sterling Publishing Co	2018	9781454923220	K-2	Being the boss is much easier when you're the only cat in the house. Oswald Minklehoff Honey Bunny III has always been top cat. Then Pom Pom the kitten comes along and suddenly Oswald isn't the boss of everything anymore - not the toilet paper, food dish, back door, toy mouse, or even his own special chair. Will Oswald realise that life is more fun when you have a friend - and that, really, there's plenty of room on the chair to share?
3375	I am the king Timmers, Leo	Gecko Press	2007	9780958278720	K-2	The animals are trying to establish who should be king of the animals. It could be Goat, Flamingo, Snake, Pig, Crocodile or even Elephant.

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13089	I am Thomas Gleeson, Libby & Greder, Armin (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742373331	7-9	Thomas is isolated in a crowd. His story is punctuated by the words adults, such as parents, teachers, politicians, recruitment officers and churchgoers, have said to him throughout his journey from childhood to adulthood. As the voices in his life crowd in on him, Thomas looks for another way.
12286	I am too absolutely small for school Child, Lauren	Watts Publishing Group	2003	9781841213545	K-2	Lola agrees it would be handy to learn to read bedtime stories, write to Father Christmas and count biscuits, but she has told her brother, Charlie, that she probably doesn't have time to go to school. Her invisible friend doesn't want to go either.
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?
15349	I can be safe Thomas, Pat & Harker, Lesley	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2003	9780750242646	K-2	Shows children how to be safe and stay safe in lots of everyday situations.
18379	I can draw animals Gibson, Ray	Usborne Publishing Ltd	1997	9780746029435	K-2	A book to introduce drawing to young children, with simple step by step instructions.
18374	I can draw people Gibson, Ray	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2000	9780746037041	K-2	Simple step by step guide for young children in how to draw people.
202	I can jump puddles Marshall, Alan	Penguin	2004	9780143003045	7-9	Alan Marshall's classic autobiography shows how someone who contracted polio at the age of six, in 1908, and was permanently crippled can still lead a fulfilling life.
4664	I can only draw worms Mabbitt, Will	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2017	9780141375182	K-2	This book is about worms (I can only draw worms). A book that's all about worms might sounds a little odd, but in fact it's absolutely hilarious and it's guaranteed to have children howling with laughter.
30716	I could be a superhero Hornsey, Chris & Perkins, Gwyn (ill)	Little Hare Books	2008	9781921272646	K-2	Murphy, the dog, wonders what he will be when he grows up. He thinks about being a tennis player, a chef, an astronaut or even a superhero. His owner knows just what he will be.
1411272	I could give you the moon Liang, Ann	HarperCollins Australia	2026	9781038971142	9plus	While Chanel has spent her entire life making herself into the brightest star, Ares has has been trying to fade into the background. When the two meet and share a shocking vision of the future, Ares realises Chanel is the key to finding his missing brother, while Chanel grows convinced that only Ares can keep her parents' separation nothing more than a shameful secret. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, and above.
12500	I did nothing: the extinction of the gastric-brooding frog Crew, Gary & Wilson, Mark (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2004	9780734405074	5-6	Zeek learns the fate of what might have been the last Gastric-Brooding Frog. Sadly, the frog, which may have held the secret of a cure for cancer, was known for just nine years before all trace of it was lost in the wild.

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22987	I do not like books anymore! Hirst, Daisy	Walker Books	2018	9781406369137	K-2	Natalie and Alphonse really like books and stories. But when Natalie tries reading a book on her own, the letters and words look like scuttling insects, and it seems as if she might NOT like books ANYMORE!
91721	I don't believe in dragons Walker, Anna	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781741693423	K-2	When Miss May tells the children she sees a dragon, her kindergarten class reacts in different ways. Some are intrigued, some are surprised and some are scared. But, Jack says he doesn't believe in dragons. When Emma wonders where the dragon is, Jack reminds her there isn't any such thing.
41791	I don't like Gloria Umansky, Kaye & Chamberlain, Margaret (ill)	Walker Books	2008	9781406313406	K-2	Nobody asked me if Gloria could come to live with us. She eats from my bowl, sleeps in my basket and gets all the attention. I don't like Gloria.
8555	I don't like Koala Ferrell, Sean & Santoso, Charles (ill)	Koala Books	2015	9781742761497	K-2	Adam does not like Koala. Koala is a little creepy. Adam tries explaining this to his parents. He tries putting Koala away, far away. He tries taking Koala on a long, long walk. Nothing works. Adam really wants to be rid of Koala, once and for all.
5610	I don't like poetry Seigal, Andrew & Piascik, Chris (ill)	Bloomsbury	2016	9781472930033	3-4	A collection of funny, weird and wacky poems especially for children who think they do not like poetry. There are poems about zombies, dogs, haircuts and grandpas beard, to list just a few. with many more to keep you laughing and rhyming throughout this collection. A fun way to enjoy poetry and learn about language without ever really having to admit it.
10677	I don't like snakes Davies, Nicola & Lozano, Luciano (ill)	Walker Books	2015	9781406342833	K-2	A little girl's family doesn't have a dog or a cat or a bird. The have snakes and she really, really, really doesn't like them. They're slithery and scaly, and they have icky, flicking tongues and creepy, unblinking eyes. But, you and she might be surprised.
1511	I don't want a cool cat Dodd, Emma	Orchard Books	2009	9781846169502	K-2	There are cool cats, fluffy cats, skinny cats and scowly cats. Enjoy the different cats prowling and purring through the book, and decide which one you would like.
75103	I don't want a posh dog Dodd, Emma	Orchard Books	2008	9781846169281	K-2	There are snappy dogs, growly dogs, wheezy dogs and greedy dogs. Enjoy the different dogs itching and scritching through the book, and decide which one you would like.
12493	I don't want to go to bed Ross, Tony	Andersen Press Ltd	2003	9781842702239	K-2	The Little Princess doesn't want to go to bed and she provides all sorts of reasons not to. But, the King and Queen are firm. When the King goes to kiss her goodnight, her bed is empty again, this time their princess is missing.

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12101	I don't want to go to school Harris, Christine & Smith, Craig (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2000	9780091838805	K-2	Kate does not want to go to school but, in helping her new friend, Li, she overcomes her fears and soon discovers that school is not the scary place she imagines it to be.
1023733	I don't want to read this book Greenfield, Max & Lowery, Mike (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9780593326060	3-4	Why would I want to read this book? Words, sentences, and even worse, paragraphs fill up books. Ugh! So what's a reluctant reader to do? Actor Max Greenfield (New Girl) and New York Times bestselling illustrator Mike Lowery bring the energy and laugh-out-loud fun out for every child (and parent) who thinks they don't want to read a book. Joining the ranks of favorites like The Book With No Pictures and The Serious Goose, this clever and playful read-aloud breaks the fourth wall and will have all readers coming back for laughs again and again!
1388327	I flew around the world Rutherford, Zara & Liu, Jiatong (ill)	Dorling Kindersley	2024	9780241662311	5-6	In August of 2021, 19-year old Zara Rutherford embarked on a mission to fly solo around the world. 155 days later, she returned victorious. Over five months, the brave young explorer encountered ice caps, volcanoes, bolts of lightning, wildfires, freezing temperatures, typhoons, remote stretches of sky, turbulence, and much more.
29886	I found a friend and my friend found me Norling, Beth	Viking Children's	2010	9780670072590	K-2	An irresistible picture book about the delights and niggles of first friendships.
22998	I got a chicken for my birthday Gehl, Laura & Horne, Sarah (ill)	Carolrhoda Books	2018	9781512431308	K-2	What a birthday girl wants more than anything from her Abuela are tickets to the amusement park. Instead she gets a chicken. But this chicken is no ordinary chicken; it has plans! With a lot of hard work, and help from lots of other animals, this chicken may just end up building the girl the best birthday gift ever!
1163	I got this hat Temple, Jol and Temple, Kate & Foye, Jon (ill)	ABC Books	2013	9780733332067	K-2	If you enjoy wearing hats, you'll enjoy this book. But don't wear it as a hat, as it will fall off.
203	I hate Fridays: stories from Koala Hills Primary School Flynn, Rachel	Penguin	1991	9780140341027	5-6	An interlinked collection of stories about the hilarious goings-on at Koala Hills School.
504	I hate sport Storer, Prue	Penguin	2004	9780143301790	5-6	Karen hates sport. When her family gives her an ultimatum about playing sport, Karen gives it her best shot but there aren't many sports that value perfect, pink fingernails. Karen must find a sport or miss out.

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1423920	I hear a buho MacKay, Raquel & Fonseca, Armando (ill)	Scribble Press	2024	9781761380495	K-2	This is a rhyming story with text in English and Spanish, which encompasses language, the parent-child bond, nature and the benefit of being still and listening.
1026284	I hope this doesn't find you Liang, Ann	Penguin Books Australia	2024	9781761049811	9plus	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. 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. 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...
1209915	I in the island, The Barker, Judith & Firth, Janie (ill)	Woodslane Press	2022	9781922800077	K-2	This is the story of the 'I'. A young dancer performs a Brolga Dance at a spring festival in Sydney's Centennial Parklands. She imagines two brolgas entwined and circling then flying back to K'gari, her island home. This Australian story teaches young readers about the long vowel 'I' and where they can find it in different words.
8822	I is for Israel Bar-Hillel, Gili & Das, Prodeepta (photo)	Frances Lincoln	2016	9781847807083	3-4	Through the letters of the alphabet, from A for Ahalan (hello, welcome) to D for the Dead Sea to S is for Shuk (market), this is a celebration of Israel, in all its diversity. Find out about Israel's rich heritage, its families and modern-day life.
4785	I just ate my friend McKinnon, Heidi	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760294342	K-2	I just ate my friend. He was a good friend, but now he's gone. What if I never find another friend again?

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1423821	I killed the king Mix, Rebecca & Hannah, Andrea	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2025	9780008782146	9plus	After a decade of war, the kingdoms of Avendell and Istellia have finally agreed to peace. As nobles and magic wielders from both countries arrive at remote Castle Avendell for a historic all-night masquerade to celebrate, King Costis summons an unlikely group to his the crown prince, his Istellian bride-to-be, his personal guard, a wild beast teamer, and the palace's questionable new healer. But before Costis can reveal why he has gathered them, the castle goes dark. When the lights come back, the king is dead-murdered with the princess's knife, in a weak spot only his guard knew of, and with venom from one of the beast tamer's monsters lacing the blade. With no clear killer-and everyone a suspect-they make a risky decision to tell no one until the treaty is signed. But when a winter storm seals everyone inside and someone aware of the king's untimely death begins to pick off guests one by one, the six suspects must work together to discover who killed the king... before one of them is next. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1446680	I know what you're hiding Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761526794	7-9	A deadly blaze. A desperate girl. Three days to crack the case. Everyone knows the story. Jamie George was the golden child. Her sister, Morgan, was nothing but trouble. When their house mysteriously burned down, Jamie barely survived. Morgan wasn't so lucky. Three years later, teen podcaster Zoe Gale receives an urgent message. Jamie needs help. She's received a threat written in blood and a demand for cash. Instead of paying up, Jamie wants Zoe to unmask the blackmailer. Zoe's tangled with dangerous people before. And there's something about Jamie she just doesn't trust. But soon she's digging up secrets someone would kill to keep buried ...

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12019	I like books Browne, Anthony	Walker Books	1997	9780744555455	K-2	Funny books, scary books and books about monsters and pirates are all represented here. The endearing chimp appears in the clothes of each of the books' heroes.
15035	I like cats Hubbell, Patricia & Paparone, Pamela (ill)	North South Books	2003	9780735817746	K-2	Rhyming story describing all different types of cats in various situations.
16565	I like myself Beaumont, Karen & Catrow, David (ill)	Koala Books	2005	9780864616111	K-2	A picture book about self-awareness, acceptance and living life to the fullest.
4076	I listened and I looked Briggs, Sue & Harvey, Bev & Leslie, Donna (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781760158750	K-2	A small girl, sitting alone one a river bank, repeatedly gets the same advice from the old people. There is a bunyip living in a cave at the bend in the river. No matter how hard or long she watches and waits, she never sees it. Have the old people just made up the bunyip to teach children to be safe in the river? Or are they just having a bit of fun, by teasing the children?
788	I lost my mobile at the mall Harmer, Wendy	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741663716	7-9	This is the story of how Elly Pickering's life falls apart, piece by piece, after the catastrophic loss of her mobile phone. She simply can't survive. If it wasn't for FacePlace, she might as well be stranded on a desert island.
1186	I love footy Zurbo, Matt	Windy Hollow Books	2013	9781922081179	3-4	When I touch a footy, I feel as big as a giant. When I run with a footy, it's like I'm as fast as a lion. I love footy.
952	I love me Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, Ambelin (ill)	Fremantle Press	2016	9781925163490	K-2	I love the way my heart knows best. I am me. A lively celebration of being and loving yourself.
	I love series Various				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.
3996	I love you Mao, Xiao & Yun, Tang (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2017	9781925059762	K-2	Little Badger's teacher shares her favourite words with the class. At the end of the day Little Badger goes home to practise saying three special words- I love you.
995909	I love you because I love you Thi Van, Muon & Love, Jessica	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2022	9780062894595	K-2	I love you because you tell the best stories. Because I love you, my best story is you. Who do you love and why do you love them? This is a happy book about the people who we love in our lives. It looks at the big and small reasons we love the people we do.

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60455	I love you book Hathorn, Libby & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	IP (Interactive Publications Pty Ltd)	2011	9781921479892	K-2	Come on a romp through the pages of this enchanting picture book. It reminds us of all the books we love, and why we like to see and to feel, to touch and to smell and even to taste the books and the stories that light up our lives.
204	I love you, Jason Delaney Kidd, Diana	HarperCollins Australia	1996	9780207189876	7-9	Alison finds herself dealing with the death of her Auntie Mim and the change in her relationship with her best friend, Katie. When she falls in love with Jason, life begins to get very complex.
4074	I made lattes for a love god Harmer, Wendy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781742379913	7-9	Elly Pickering has a juicy secret. A secret her PR mum won't let her tell anyone because if the kids at Oldcastle High knew that mega-star Jake Blake (yes, THE Jake Blake, teen sensation and all round heart-throb) was coming to Oldcastle to film his latest movie, they might just explode with excitement. Elly is determined to get on set and to get more than a glimpse of her Hollywood crush. But now thanks to an unfortunate incident involving a car, a red handbag and the paparazzi, it looks like Elly's lost a lot more than her opportunity to be close to Hollywood royalty. She's lost her dignity, her job and her best friend. How can she get everything back to normal?
846191	I must betray you Sepetys, Ruta	Hodder & Stoughton	2022	9781444967630	7-9	Cristian has lived his entire life in the grip of a repressive dictatorship. The country is governed by fear. When the secret police blackmail him, Cristian has an impossible choice. Save the life of his sick grandfather by informing on his family, or risk his life - and all of theirs - by resisting? At 17, Cristian dreams of being free but doesn't know where to turn. In this climate of constant suspicion, can he trust his best friend, his girlfriend or even his family? Closely based on the real events of the Romanian Revolution of 1989, this is a powerful, heart-breaking thriller from the author of Salt to the Sea, winner of the Carnegie Medal.
7254	I need a hug Blabey, Aaron	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781743629093	K-2	All this little porcupine wants is a hug. But, those prickly spikes make it very difficult to give her the cuddle that she craves.
660053	I NEED a parrot McKimmie, Chris	Ford Street Publishing	2019	9781925804287	K-2	What does a parrot need? A boy tries to persuade us he really needs a parrot for a pet. Will you agree with him that a parrot is an excellent choice?

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542	I need my monster Noll, Amanda & McWilliam, Howard (ill)	Flashlight Press	2009	9780979974625	K-2	When Ethan's regular bed time monster decides to go on holidays, Ethan can't sleep without Gabe's ragged breathing and claw-scratching. Substitute monsters line up to take Gabe's place but none of them are scary enough to help Ethan get to sleep. Ethan wonders how he will be able to sleep.
7093	I open the door Spinifex writing camp & James, Ann & Dreise, Gregg & Watson, Judy	Indigenous Literacy Foundation	2017	9780994465450	5-6	I Open the Door... contains nine interconnected stories, all of which begin and end with opening a door. The young author/illustrators at the 2016 Spinifex Writing Camp were encouraged to let their imaginations run wild, and the result is a book that will simply take your breath away. Prepare to be intrigued, surprised, fearful and delighted as you turn the pages to follow the adventures of what happens when a door is opened.
205	I own the racecourse Wrightson, Patricia	Penguin	1994	9780140368345	7-9	Andy buys a racecourse from a tramp for three dollars.
5214	I remember Crawford, Joanne & Jordinson, Kerry Anne (ill)	Magabala Books	2018	9781925360769	K-2	I remember is an exquisite tale of memory. Set in the Geraldton area of Western Australia, an elderly woman remembers the camping trips of her childhood. As her recollections fade in and out, she is drawn to think about the elusiveness of what she can remember from so long ago.
12332	I said nothing: the extinction of the paradise parrot Crew, Gary & Wilson, Mark (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734405593	5-6	Young Harry tells the story of the death of the last Paradise Parrot, possibly the most beautiful of all Australian birds. While he tries to blame trappers for the bird's extinction, he soon realises that he must take some responsibility himself.
12333	I saw nothing: the extinction of the thylacine Crew, Gary & Wilson, Mark (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734404725	5-6	Rosie witnessed the capture of the last thylacine (tiger-wolf) in Tasmania. She is concerned that she may have been able to do something to save it, and so save the species from extinction.
833115	I saw Pete and Pete saw me Hutchings, Maggie & Barrow, Evie (ill)	Affirm Press	2020	9781925972825	K-2	Everyone walks right past Pete - except for one little boy. He sees Pete's big smile and bright drawings, and they make a connection. The boy can't give Pete a home, but when Pete gets sick, he can show he cares. A heartfelt, moving story about the importance of really seeing the world around us and the power in tiny acts of kindness.
660428	I see, I see Henderson, R.	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760524746	K-2	A book for one? A book for two? A book for different points of view.

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6669	I spy Dad Brian, Janeen & Stewart, Chantal (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2009	9781921042171	K-2	A little girl is looking for her father. She can see lots of dads doing many different things but she can't find hers.
24065	I spy Mum Brian, Janeen & Stewart, Chantal (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2010	9781921042164	K-2	The little boy searches for his mother and he spies all kinds of mums. A making mum, a baking mum and many other types of mums until he finds his own.
1399465	I survived the destruction of Pompeii, AD 79: The graphic novel Tarshis, Lauren & Shephard, David (ill)	Graphix	2024	9781761527838	5-6	No one in the bustling city of Pompeii worries when the ground trembles beneath their feet. The beast under the mountain Vesuvius, high above the city, wakes up angry sometimes -- and always goes back to sleep. But Marcus is afraid. He knows something is terribly wrong -- and his father, who trusts science more than mythical beasts, agrees. When Vesuvius explodes into a huge cloud of ash and rocks that fall from the sky like rain, will they have time to escape -- and survive the epic destruction of Pompeii? Includes a section at the back with facts and photos about the real-life event.
37000	I survived the Japanese tsunami, 2011 Tarshis, Lauren & Dawson, Scott (ill)	Scholastic US	2013	9780545459372	5-6	Ben has already suffered the loss of his Dad in a car accident, but a family trip to Japan holds even worse things for Ben, his Mum and brother - they arrive in time for the 2011 earthquake and tsunami. The devastation is immense, will Ben find his family again? Ben learns important lessons about survival and hope. He comes to understand that the Japanese will to be strong and patient in the face of disasters will get them through this terrible time and help Ben himself to move forward.
10417	I survived the shark attacks of 1916 Tarshis, Lauren & Dawson, Scott (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2010	9780545206952	5-6	Chet Roscow is ten and feeling lonely living with his Uncle Jerry in a new town. When news stories about shark attacks on the coast come out, everybody thinks it is a great joke. On the east coast of America in 1916 no one had heard of anyone being attacked by a shark before. Chet and some friends trick each other by pretending to be sharks. But when Chet is attacked by a real shark in the creek he has to find someone who believes him, before it is too late.
1019839	I survived the shark attacks of 1916: The graphic novel Tarshis, Lauren	Scholastic US	2021	9781769112845	5-6	Chet Roscow is finally feeling at home in Elm Hills, New Jersey. But Chet's summer is interrupted by shocking news. A great white shark has been attacking swimmers along the Jersey shore, not far from Elm Hills. So when Chet sees something in the creek, he's sure it's his imagination... until he comes face-to-face with a bloodthirsty shark!

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1019840	I survived the sinking of the Titanic 1912 Tarshis, Lauren & Dawson, Scott	Scholastic US	2010	9780545206945	5-6	Ten-year-old George Calder can't believe his luck -- he and his little sister, Phoebe, are on the famous Titanic, crossing the ocean with their Aunt Daisy. The ship is full of exciting places to explore, but when George ventures into the first class storage cabin, a terrible boom shakes the entire boat. Suddenly, water is everywhere, and George's life changes forever.
1019841	I survived the sinking of the Titanic 1912: The graphic novel Tarshis, Lauren	Scholastic US	2021	9781761128448	5-6	George Calder must be the luckiest kid alive - he and his little sister, Phoebe, are sailing with their aunt on the Titanic, the greatest ship ever built! George can't resist exploring every inch of the incredible boat, even if it gets him into trouble. But one night while George is off exploring, a terrible boom shakes the entire boat. Soon the impossible is happening: The Titanic is sinking. George has always gotten out of trouble before. Can he survive this nightmare?
7716	I told you so Arnold, Sarah	Child's Play International Ltd	2009	9781846432873	K-2	Sometimes, adults just won't listen. Ella tries to warn Nursey about all the odd characters that are filling up Tom's pram. But, Nursey just won't believe her.
12464	I took the moon for a walk Curtis, Carolyn & Jay, Alison (ill)	Barefoot books	2004	9781841486024	K-2	When the day has ended and everyone else has fallen asleep, a young boy embarks on an adventure with his friend, the Moon. Their unusual journey is described in a magical story celebrating the serene beauty of the world at night.
24121	I wanna be a great big dinosaur McKenzie, Heath	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781743626009	K-2	A little boy desperately wants to become a great big dinosaur. When a real-life dinosaur hears his wish and begins to show him what it takes, perhaps the dinosaur can learn a thing or two about what it takes to be a little boy.
2307	I want a pet Child, Lauren	Frances Lincoln	2000	9780711213395	3-4	I really want a pet, an octopus or even a boa constrictor. The trouble is, my family aren't keen on any of them. So I must try and find a pet that none of them will mind.
12279	I want a sister Ross, Tony	Andersen Press Ltd	2002	9781842701034	K-2	When she is told that her mother is expecting a new baby, the stroppy and determined Little Princess immediately announces that she does not want a brother because they are smelly and rough, and have all the wrong toys.

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33179	I want my hat back Klassen, Jon	Walker Books	2011	9781406336832	K-2	The bear's hat is gone and he wants it back. Patiently and politely, he asks the animals, one by one, whether they have seen it. Each animal says no, some more elaborately than others. But, just as he begins to lose hope, lying flat on his back in despair, a deer comes by and asks a rather obvious question.
4313	I want spaghetti Blake, Stephanie	Gecko Press	2015	9781927271926	K-2	Once there was a little rabbit who wanted to eat only one thing.
916654	I want to be a sports star Anastasiou, Mary & Tortop, Anil (ill)	Larrikin House	2022	9781922503596	K-2	So you want to be a Sports Star? What kind will you be? A Surfer? A Fencer? A Football Star? Maybe a Tennis Star or a Pro Skater riding rails? Anything is possible with a little fun and a whole lot of creativity. Join Taylor, Frankie (and Lucky) as they imagine their way through the thrill of sports and Olympic medal dreams.
4734	I want to be in a book Oliver, Narelle	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781743811634	K-2	For most of his life, Cecil had waited patiently on a pin board, dreaming of being in a book. In his imagination, Cecil could be anything, or anywhere. Adventure was calling, and Cecil knew what he had to do.
4821	I want to be in a scary story Taylor, Sean & Jullien, Jean (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781406363463	K-2	I want to be in a scary story. Are you sure Little Monster? Scary stories can be very scary! Yes, I'm sure. Well, okay then. Here goes...
6022	I want two birthdays Ross, Tony	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842708750	K-2	The Little Princess wants to have two birthdays, just like the Queen, which means twice as many presents every year. When she realises how much fun two birthdays are, she decides she wants three, then four. The more birthdays she has, the less special they are. But, the King has a solution up his sleeve.

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830346	I was born for this Oseman, Alice	HarperCollins Children's Books	2018	9781338830934	9plus	The Ark's fandom has given her everything she loves - her friend Juliet, her dreams, her place in the world. Her Muslim family doesn't understand the band's allure, but Angel feels there are things about her they'll never understand. Jimmy Kaga-Ricci owes everything to The Ark. He's their frontman, and playing in a band with his mates is all he ever dreamed of doing, even it only amplifies his anxiety. The fans are very accepting that he's trans, but they also keep shipping with him with his longtime friend and bandmate, Rowan. But Jimmy and Rowan are just friends, and Rowan has a secret girlfriend the fans can never know about. Dreams don't always turn out the way you think and when Jimmy and Angel are unexpectedly thrust together, they find out how strange and surprising facing up to reality can be. This book explores issues of mental health. It is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
2266	I was only nineteen Schumann, John & Smith, Craig (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743317235	7-9	The unforgettable lyrics about the Vietnam War are etched in our memories and brought to life in this picture book.
12144	I went walking Machin, Sue & Vivas, Julie (ill)	Omnibus Books	1997	9781862913202	K-2	A repetitious, rhyming text in which the author is followed by a variety of animals all of a different colour.
12473	I will not ever never eat a tomato Child, Lauren	Orchard Books	2001	9781841216027	3-4	Lola is a very fussy eater. She thinks that carrots are for rabbits and peas are too small and too green. Lola's older brother, Charlie, has a clever idea to get Lola to eat her vegetables.
487	I will plant you a lilac tree Hillman, Laura	Simon & Schuster	2005	9781416910626	9plus	The harrowing, true story of Laura Wolff, a survivor of the holocaust and one of Schindler's women, who lost all her family but found love and friendship during her terrible experience in German concentration camps. Contains adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
4860	I wish I had a dinosaur Anggabrata, Ian & Anggawan, Mingga & Sheehan, Peter (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781865046068	K-2	A little girl sits on her balcony, in a modern apartment block by the sea, dreaming of all the things she could do if she had a dinosaur.
11107	I wish I had a pirate suit Allen, Pamela	Puffin Australia	1991	9780140509885	K-2	Peter has a pirate suit and his poor little brother has to be his prisoner and his crew. Will it ever change? A book that really understands what it's like to be a little brother.

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12137	I wish that I had duck feet Seuss, Dr	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1991	9780394800400	K-2	A boy uses his imagination to experiment with what life would be like if you had different animal parts. He discovers that there is a good and a bad side to everything but being yourself is the best of all.
751149	I wish there were dinosaurs Niland, Amanda & Booth, Christina	Windy Hollow Books	2020	9781922081919	K-2	Have you ever wanted to see a dinosaur? Not just a skeleton in a museum, but a real, live huge dinosaur? It would certainly be exciting, but maybe dinosaurs are better left to our imaginations.
785438	I would dangle the moon Moffatt, Amber	MidnightSun Publishing	2019	9781925227529	3-4	Have you ever wondered what you would do if you could reach up and pluck the moon from the sky? There are so many possibilities in life. This story explores how many options are available from just one simple thought.
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?
1111999	I'll be waiting for you Turk, Mariko	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781760526603	9plus	Natalie and Imogen are inseparable, and wildly different - Imogen is infuriatingly humble and incredibly intelligent, while Natalie is brave, jumping into danger and new adventures. Still, one thing ties them together: their love of the supernatural. Every summer they vacation at the famously haunted Harlow Hotel. Then, Imogen suddenly passes away from an undiagnosed heart condition, and Natalie is left to take on the summer before senior year alone. Without Imogen, Natalie throws herself into her senior project: she plans to spend her summer back at the Harlow Hotel recording fun fake footage. And her plans would be a lot less complicated if Leander Hall, her irritatingly attractive arch rival from school, wasn't working on his senior project at the very same hotel. But when strange things start happening at the Harlow, Natalie wonders, could there really be something to these ghosts after all? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, and above.
15034	I'll see you in the morning Jolley, Mike & Moriuchi, Mique (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2005	9781920878511	K-2	An evening lullaby consisting of rhyming language and appealing illustrations.
5468	I'm a duck Bunting, Eve & Hillenbrand, Will (ill)	Candlewick Press	2018	9780763680329	K-2	Now I'm a duck who's scared to go in the pond or lake, and so I cannot swim, and that is bad. A landlocked duck is very sad. Sometimes it takes a lot to get your webbed feet wet!

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1345003	I'm a photon Vavagiakis, Eve M & Malbrough, Mike (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529526318	K-2	Meet the incredible photon -- the fundamental particle that makes up light. Thanks to the photon, we can see colours and the world around us -- and photons also make up the light we can't see, like radiowaves and X-rays. Travel faster than the speed of light as you join the photon on a fascinating journey to uncover their extraordinary secrets. Then work together with the photon to make new scientific discoveries and change the world for the better.
3841	I'm Australian too Fox, Mem & Ghosh, Ronojoy (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781760276218	K-2	From countries near and far, many have made their home in Australia, sharing it with the original inhabitants, and living in peace beneath the southern stars.
493	I'm being stalked by a moon shadow MacLeod, Doug	Penguin	2006	9780143301981	7-9	Seth Parrot lives in a dung-covered house with his brother and not so ex-hippy parents. Seth dreams of muscular girls and knows lots of quirky facts, more from reading teenage girls' magazines than from listening to his eccentric dad.
4598	I'm going to eat this ant Naylor-Ballesteros, Chris	Bloomsbury	2017	9781408869901	K-2	There are so many scrumptious ways to eat this ant....served in a sandwich or simmering in a soup. Sliced or stir-fried, sauteed or sun-dried. Mmmmm, I can't wait to snaffle it up.
2025	I'm green and I'm grumpy Lester, Alison	Penguin	1993	9780140544787	K-2	Children dress up in all sorts of fancy dress costumes, including a witch and a dinosaur. You have to guess who is wearing what by following a series of clues.
1185535	I'm not really here Lonesborough, Gary	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180767	9plus	After Mum dies, Dad packs the three boys up and moves back to where he grew up in Patience, but for 17-year-old Jonah, hypersensitive and wanting love, attracted to boys, openly gay and uncomfortable about his looks, he just has to find his own way. This title is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
43178	I'm not scared Allen, Jonathan	Koala Books	2007	9780864617286	K-2	Baby Owl is not scared of the dark and he shouldn't be, that's when owls are supposed to be about. But, all the do-gooders Baby Owl meets are starting to scare his favourite toy, Owly. Dad will have to come to the rescue.
1264	I'm number one Rosen, Michael & Graham, Bob (ill)	Walker Books	2009	9781406314656	K-2	The toy soldier takes command of the other toys, with unexpected results.
660702	I'm ready for Easter Robaard, Jedda	Puffin Australia	2020	9781760891596	K-2	Hot cross buns. Easter egg hunts. Decorating Easter hats. Just some of the fun traditions explored in this book about the lead-up to Easter in Australia. Simple text paired with gorgeous watercolour illustrations that celebrate the fun activities associated with Easter.
660701	I'm ready for the new baby Robaard, Jedda	Puffin Australia	2020	9781760891626	K-2	This board book explores the anticipation and feelings that come with welcoming a new sibling into the family.

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16532	I'm really not tired Sunshine, Lori	Flashlight Press	2008	9780979974618	K-2	Even before Dad tucks him in, Sam McKay has devised a plan to find out what really goes on in his house after bedtime. He is convinced that all the best things happen after he goes to bed. With his trusted furry accomplice, he hatches a plan to sneak downstairs and discover the fun for himself.
50714	I'm Taggarty Toad Pavey, Peter	University of Western Australia Press	2010	9781921529481	K-2	Come and listen to Taggarty, the boastful Toad, as he relates his amazing adventures of bravery, cunning and mischief to an audience of animals. A surprising story with incredible, detailed illustrations.
26235	I'm the best Cousins, Lucy	Walker Books	2010	9781406323689	K-2	Dog loves his friends, Ladybug, Mole, Goose and Donkey. He thinks they're brilliant. But, Dog also thinks that he's the best at everything and just won't stop telling them how good he is. Dog's friends decide to teach him a lesson.
1423789	I'm very busy: a (nearly forgotten) birthday book Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780008771911	K-2	Are all of Bridget's friends too busy for her birthday? It's Bridget's birthday and she thinks it would be fun to spend the day with friends. But Royal has places to go, Rodney has to see a man about a dog and Regis has to wash his hair. Bridget's friends are all too busy to hang out! Will Bridget have to spend her birthday all alone?
78956	I've lost my kisses Trewin, Trudie & Bland, Nick (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2007	9781865044217	K-2	Matilda has lost her kisses but she is determined to find them before Poppa comes to stay. She wonders what kisses look like and where they can be found. Matilda searches everywhere and it seems that everyone has kisses, except her.
1304505	Ice apprentices North, Jacob	Simon & Schuster	2025	9781398533936	5-6	Tundra is the last settlement in a world of ice. Oswin Fields is its only stray, rescued from the Endless Expanse. So, when he's summoned to the school for ice apprentices, he sets out to prove his worth. But all isn't as it seems in this enchanted place. When the beasts begin to strike, Oswin has to risk everything he holds dear. Can he look deep within himself to find the strength to prove that he belongs?

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1155280	Ice house, The Sherwood, Monica	Little Brown	2023	9780316705318	5-6	Louisa feels trapped. There's a global temperature drop, and her family's been snowed into their apartment building for months. Her parents are overwhelmed. Her little brother is driving her up the wall. She's barely seen her friends, so they're growing apart. But her neighbour and former friend, Luke has been around a lot after his dad's scary ice-related accident. The universe is out of whack and all she wants is for "normal" to return - fast. Everything changes when Louisa and Luke build an ice house as a getaway from their stressed-out families. But when they discover a mystifying window to what could lie ahead, it sets them on an impossible mission to restore the world to its rightful order.
587820	Ice monster, The Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2018	9780008297244	5-6	When Elsie, an orphan on the streets of Victorian London, hears about the mysterious Ice Monster - a woolly mammoth found at the North Pole - she's determined to discover more... A chance encounter brings Elsie face to face with the creature, and sparks the adventure of a lifetime - from London to the heart of the Arctic!
1766	Ice, wind, rock Gouldthorpe, Peter	Lothian Books	2013	9780734411556	3-4	Douglas Mawson is a true Australian hero, and one of the great Antarctic explorers. He was the first man to reach the South Magnetic Pole, and led Australia's first Antarctic expedition. This is a story of adventure and survival, as Mawson faces enormous challenges and triumphs.
777153	Iceberg Saxby, Claire & Racklyeft, Jess (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526047	5-6	In the final freeze of an Antarctic winter, green tails wave across a star-full sky, as if to farewell endless nights. If this world looks empty, look closer ... Penguins trek across the ice to their winter homes. As the temperature warms, birds fly above on their long migrations. And with the advent of summer, beneath an iceberg, the sea is teeming with life. Ocean, sky, snow and ice - minute greens and giant blues - dance a delicate dance in this evocative portrayal of the life cycle of an iceberg.

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759155	Ickabog, The Rowling, J.K. & Mantle, Ben (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2025	9781510202795	5-6	Once upon a time there was a tiny kingdom called Cornucopia, as rich in happiness as it was in gold, and famous for its food. From the delicate cream cheeses of Kurdsburg to the Hopes-of-Heaven pastries of Chouxville, each was so delicious that people wept with joy as they ate them. But even in this happy kingdom, a monster lurks. Legend tells of a fearsome creature living far to the north in the Marshlands... the Ickabog. Some say it breathes fire, spits poison, and roars through the mist as it carries off wayward sheep and children alike. Some say it's just a myth... And when that myth takes on a life of its own, casting a shadow over the kingdom, two children - best friends Bert and Daisy - embark on a great adventure to untangle the truth and find out where the real monster lies, bringing hope and happiness to Cornucopia once more.
571391	Ida Evans, Alison	Echo Publishing	2017	9781760404383	9plus	How do people decide on a path, and find the drive to pursue what they want? Ida struggles more than other young people to work this out. She can shift between parallel universes, allowing her to follow alternative paths. One day Ida sees a shadowy, see-through doppelganger of herself on the train. She starts to wonder if she's actually in control of her ability, and whether there are effects far beyond what she has considered. How can she know, anyway, whether one universe is ultimately better than another? And what if the continual shifting causes her to lose what is most important to her, just as she is discovering what that is, and she can never find her way back? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1818	Ida B Hannigan, Katherine	HarperCollins Australia	2007	9780007234202	5-6	Ida B and her parents have a great life on the orchard and homeschooling Ida B. But then, life goes to a million miles beyond wrong and Ida has to return to school.

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10905	Ida, always Levis, Caron & Santoso, Charles	Koala Books	2017	9781742761909	3-4	Gus lives in a big park in the middle of an even bigger city, and he spends his days with Ida. Ida is right there. Always. Then one sad day, Gus learns that Ida is very sick, and she isn't going to get better. The friends help each other face the difficult news with whispers, sniffles, cuddles, and even laughs. Slowly Gus realises that even after Ida is gone, she will still be with him- through the sounds of their city, and the memories that live in their favourite spots.
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.
846194	Idol gossip Young, Alexandra Leigh	Walker Books	2021	9781536225662	9plus	Every Friday after school, seventeen-year-old Alice Choy and her little sister, Olivia, head to Myeongdong to sing karaoke. Since their diplomat mom moved them to Seoul, her only musical outlet is letting loose in a private karaoke booth to an audience of one: her loyal sister. Then a scout for Top10 Entertainment, one of the biggest K-pop companies, hears her and offers her a spot at their Star Academy. Can Alice navigate the culture clashes, egos, and extreme training practices of K-pop to lead her group onstage before a stadium of 50,000 chanting fans-and just maybe strike K-pop gold? Not if a certain influential blogger and the anti-fans get their way. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
12442	If bees rode shiny bicycles Taylor, Michelle	University of Queensland Press	2003	9780702233821	3-4	A book of whimsical poems for children.
1424034	If I could eat the stars and other poems Newman, Rebecca M & Murphy, Sally & Stewart, Briony (ill)	Fremantle Press	2026	9781760996482	5-6	Pick up 'If I could eat the stars and other poems' for poems like 'Space Whales', 'Treasure', 'Wish', 'The Solitary Crow', 'Paati's Garden' and 'Breeze on the Djarlgarro Beelier' for hilarious, thoughtful, magical explorations in poetic form - free verse, found poems, Haiku, cinquain, shape, and everything in between!

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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?
669571	If I had an elephant Fairgray, Richard & Jones, Terry (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781775434764	K-2	If I had an elephant for a best friend, there're be no stopping us. We'd get matching jackets. We'd build a time machine together. We'd have an OUT OF THIS WORLD adventures... IF I had an elephant.
1019845	If I Have To Be Haunted Sun, Miranda	HarperCollins US	2023	9780008612412	7-9	Ghosts are always trouble, so Cara pretends she didn't inherit the ability to see and speak to them. She ignores their problems in favour of diligently completing homework and preparing for college. When she discovers the body of the school golden boy and her personal arch nemesis, she realises she can no longer pretend. Cara has to own up to her powers and set out on a journey that could be deadly.
13607	If I ran the circus Seuss, Dr	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2003	9780007169900	K-2	Morris McGurk dreams of staging the world's most tremendous and stupendous show.
582928	If I tell you Tuckerman, Alicia	Pantera Press	2018	9780646961255	9plus	Life and love don't wait until you're ready, but what if finding yourself means losing everything you've ever known? Seventeen-year-old Alex Summers lives with a secret and the constant fear someone will find out. But when a new family moves to town, they bring with them their teenage daughter Phoenix Stone. When Alex falls for Phoenix, there is no warning. In a small town with small minds, girls don't go out with other girls, even if they want to. In fear there is bravery - you can either cling to the edge or have the courage to jump. But what do you do when you're left spiralling through the freefall? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
8426	If I was a banana Tylee, Alexandra & Rynhart, Kieran (ill)	Gecko Press	2016	9781776570331	K-2	A boy's eye-view of the everyday brings alive all the wonder and oddity of the world inside our own heads.
1078776	If I was a horse Blackall, Sophie	Hachette Australia	2023	9780734422712	K-2	If I was a horse, I would gallop all day. I could go anywhere I want . . . If you were a horse, what would you do? Could you fit in your clothes? Would you give your little sister a ride? Would your brother even notice?

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570823	If I was Prime Minister Feiner, Robin	ABC Books	2018	9780733338953	5-6	The Prime Minister makes decisions that affect us all. Being the Prime Minister is an important job. Imagine if children made all the decisions and what would happen.
995879	If I were a lion Black, Kitty & Siuseppe, Poli (ill)	Wombat Books	2023	9781761110191	K-2	For all those children who wish that they were more like lions.
603351	If I were a zombie Inglis, Kate & Orchard, Eric (ill)	Nimbus Publishing LTD	2019	9781771083560	3-4	This hilarious picture book written by award-nominated Kate Inglis features two children trying to outdo one another in imagining what they could do if only they were a zombie, a ninja or a robot. With outrageously entertaining rhyming text and brilliant illustrations from artist Eric Orchard, this is sure to be a favourite with readers of all ages.
45327	If I were you Hamilton, Richard & Cole, Babette (ill)	Bloomsbury	2009	9780747587576	K-2	When a father and his daughter imagine what it would be like to be one another, a crazy adventure begins.
669569	If kids ran the world Dillon, Leo & Diane	Blue Sky Press	2014	9780545441964	K-2	Every day, people are doing extraordinary things, large and small, to shine a light of happiness and spread kindness around the world. If kids ran the world they would make it a better and happier place for us all.
1019639	If our world were 100 days McCann, Jackie & Cushley, Aaron (ill)	Farshore	2023	9780008599287	7-9	A thought-provoking way of looking at world history and our place within it. About 10,000 years ago marks a major turning point in the history of life on Earth for humankind as people settled down and built towns and cities. Importantly, during this period, they began to record their activities and achievements. But 10,000 years ago is difficult to imagine - what if our calendar were condensed into just 100 days, where each day equals 100 years? How many days ago were the first cities built? When did the population explosion happen? When did we decide to write things down and when did books appear? Did writing change the way we share ideas? This book asks questions big and small, leaving readers wondering if all the changes have been for the better, and what does it mean for our future.

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21199	If sharks disappeared Williams, Lily	Roaring Book Press	2017	9781626724136	K-2	A healthy ocean is home to many different kinds of animals. They can be big, like a whale, tiny, like a shrimp, and even scary, like a shark. Even though sharks can be scary, we need them to keep the oceans healthy. Unfortunately, due to overfishing, many shark species are in danger of extinction, and that can cause big problems in the oceans and even on land. What would happen if this continued and sharks disappeared completely?
18543	If the shoe fits Bell, Krista & Smith, Craig (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2006	9780734408471	3-4	Cassie loves to dance and dreams of becoming a famous dancer. Problem is, she's terrified of dancing in front of people. Open Day at her dance school looks like being the worst day ever but there are some surprises in store for Cassie.
903350	If the world were 100 animals Smith, Miranda & Cushley, Aaron (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2022	9780008524371	3-4	What if the world were 100 animals? There are more than 20 billion, billion known animals all over the world. That is far too many to imagine them all together! Instead let's imagine 100 animals at a time. If there were 100 mammals in the wild, where would they live? If their were only 100 pets in the world, what would they be? This though provoking book reveals how varied the animals on our planet are, and it also highlights the problems they face. It's clear there won't be many left if we don't act now to help them to survive. But together we can find ways that will make a difference.

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846239	If the world were 100 people McCann, Jackie & CUshley, Aaron (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780755503537	5-6	Imagine the world's population as 100 people: what would it look like? There are almost 8 billion humans living on Earth, but it's tricky to picture so many people! So instead, let's imagine the whole planet is a village where 100 people live -- each person representing around 80 million people in the real world. So what does our global village of 100 people look like? Are they all grown-ups? Are there more males or females? How many have black hair or blue eyes? What languages do they speak? Who can read and write? How many have access to the internet or have enough food to eat? Does everyone have access to electricity or clean water? Big ideas are broken into bitesize chunks through clever illustration and graphic design. If we focus on just 100 people, it's easier to see the things we have in common, and the things that make us different. So come and meet the people in our global village, and think about the big questions that affect us all!
18522	If the world were a village Smith, David J & Armstrong, Shelagh (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2006	9781741148152	5-6	Full of interesting statistical information about the world's population as if the world was a village of one hundred people. Easy to comprehend and fascinating.
1359442	If we were dogs Blackall, Sophie	Lothian Books	2025	9780734423641	K-2	If we were dogs, what would we do? Wag our tails and drink from bowls? Fetch big sticks and dig deep holes? But wait - what if you don't want to be a dog at all. Can we still play?
793350	If Winter Comes, tell it I'm not here Ciraolo, Simona	Walker Books	2020	9781529504255	K-2	Nothing is better than summertime. But a boy's sister has BIG news... winter is coming! With it, the cold... the dark... the rain. What is the boy to do?
1472330	If you make a call on a banana phone Sterer, Gideon & Hughes, Emily (ill)	Clarion Books	2025	9780063375222	K-2	If you make a call on a banana phone, who will answer? What will you talk about? Will you share secrets or ask questions? No one knows what will happen, really? This very silly story is full of the whimsy and wisdom that comes from making new friends in unexpected places. Go ahead, pick up a banana and make a call -- you'll be glad you did.

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1019857	If you tell anyone, you're next Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761292019	7-9	Jayden Jones is missing. Everyone thinks he ran away. His best friend, Zoe Gale, knows they're wrong. Zoe's search leads her to The 17 - a secret group chat, used by anonymous teens to blackmail the powerless. To join, you have to put on a mask and record yourself completing a challenge. The challenges are always illegal. Sometimes dangerous. Maybe deadly. Who are The 17? What have they done to Jayden? And what will they do to silence Zoe? A rollercoaster of suspense and twists from the author of the Liars series. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Jack Heath read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/7-9-book-list#if-you-tell-anyone-you-re-next-jack-heath
15145	If you're happy and you know it Cabrera, Jane	Gullane Children's Books Ltd	2004	9781862334113	K-2	Song title in book format with lovely illustrations and the animals as participants. A book of happiness for all ages.
6917	iF... a mind-bending new way of looking at big ideas and numbers Smith, David & Adams, Steve (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2015	9781925059267	5-6	Some things are so huge or so old that it's hard to wrap your mind around them. But, if we took these big, hard-to-imagine objects and events and compared them to things we can see, feel and touch then, instantly, we would see our world in a whole new way.
6056	Iguana boy: Saves the world with a triple cheese pizza Bishop, James & Parekh, Rikin (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9781444939347	3-4	In a world when every kid develops a super power Dylan is anxiously waiting for his. Dylan's brother and sister have really awesome superpowers and sometimes use these on him. But when Dylan's superpower finally reveals itself he can't possibly admit that he can talk to iguanas. How can that superpower make a difference in the world? And he can only imagine how his brother and sister will react when they hear about it. But the world is not only made up of super heroes but also Supervillains. The superheroes have underestimated Celina Shufflebottom who has decided to use her superpower for evil instead of good. Her master plan is to kidnap all of the superheroes in London. Can Iguana Boy, Dylan, save the day? And what has a triple cheese pizza got to do with it? There is only one way to find out!!!

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6057	Iguana boy: Vs the 30 second thief! Bishop, James & Parekh, Rikin (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9781444939408	3-4	He might have the lamest superpower ever but Dylan, AKA Iguana Boy, has proven himself worthy enough to be accepted into the superhero collective. Dylan is excited and his iguanas are hyper. Recipe for success, RIGHT? Iguana Boy and his team of iguanas eagerly await their orders to SAVE THE WORLD. But CEO of the Superhero Collective Ron Strongman doesn't have time for lowly superheroes. Dylan will have to find his own way to get to the top, or else he will be saving silly cats from trees FOREVER. When a new villain is causing chaos across London, Dylan can't believe his luck... this is his chance. Iguana Boy WILL bring Outatime Bandit to justice, in 30 seconds or less!
59415	iHarry Croasdale, Laurine	Puffin Australia	2011	9780143305750	5-6	Having a father who designs the latest mobile phone technology is awesome, except Harry's mother won't allow him to have his own phone until high school next year. When his dad shows him the latest prototype, Harry cannot resist borrowing it to test. At first, its capabilities are astounding until the phone begins take on a life and personality of its own. Even Bozo, the school bully, cannot compete.
65426	Iliad and the odyssey, The Williams, Marcia (retell)	Walker Books	2006	9781406303483	5-6	The segments cover 28 short, exciting, retold incidents from Homer's 'The Iliad', including the Greek/Trojan War, the Trojan Horse, and the characters of Helen of Troy, Paris, Achilles, and 'The Odyssey' including his battles with Cyclops, the Sirens and the Scylla.
21166	Illegal Colfer, Eoin & Donkin, Andrew & Rigano, Giovanni (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2017	9781444941982	7-9	Ebo: alone. His sister left months ago. Now his brother has disappeared too, and Ebo knows it can only be to make the hazardous journey to Europe. Ebo's epic journey takes him across the Sahara Desert to the dangerous streets of Tripoli, and finally out to the merciless sea. But with every step he holds on to his hope for a new life, and a reunion with his sister.
	Illuminae files series Kaufman, Amie & Kristoff, Jay				9plus	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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6105	Illustrated book of ballet stories, The Newman, Barbara & Tomblin, Gill (ill)	Dorling Kindersley	2010	9781405359009	5-6	Discover all the magic, excitement and beauty of famous ballets. See how ballet dancers perform, what their costumes convey and interesting snippets about each ballet.
855566	Illustrated encyclopaedia of dangerous animals, The Bayly, Sami	Hachette Australia	2020	9780734420015	5-6	With more than sixty of the most deadly and dangerous animals from across the world to explore, every page of this beautifully illustrated volume is more eye-opening than the last. You will learn interesting facts about these fascinating species, (many of which you won't have even known were deadly) such as how they have adapted to survive and whether we should be threatened by these animals or appreciate them for their incredible features. Children and adults alike will pore over the breath-taking scientific illustrations of unusual animals from the geography cone snail to the wolverine, the Irukandji jellyfish to the slow loris, debating their relative dangerous features, learning about science and nature along the way.
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.
1399475	Illustrated encyclopaedia of fast and slow animals, The Bayly, Sami	Lothian Books	2025	9780734421418	5-6	This beautifully illustrated book introduces readers to the animal kingdom through the theme of speed. From the fastest creatures on land and sea to the slowest movers in the natural world, each entry combines fascinating facts with colourful and detailed artwork. The short descriptions are easy to read and encourage curiosity, while the variety of animals included will appeal to both confident and reluctant readers. Suitable for students in Years 5 to 6, this book offers an engaging mix of learning and discovery that readers will return to again and again.
846089	Illustrated encyclopaedia of peculiar pairs in nature, The Bayly, Sami	Lothian Books	2021	9780734420046	5-6	Discover the most curious relationships in the natural world. The relationships between these peculiar pairs could be mutualistic, communalistic, parasitic or predatory. There are so many surprising partnerships from frogs and tarantulas, to sponges and crabs.

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660607	Illustrated encyclopaedia of ugly animals, The Bayly, Sami	Hachette Children's Books	2019	9780734419019	5-6	Enter the world of ugly animals in this gallery of the animal kingdom's most unusual and beauty-challenged species. Featuring sixty breathtaking scientific illustrations, and facts about the thorniest creatures the natural world has to offer. Celebrate the beauty of ugliness from the naked mole rat to the goblin shark, it's time to let ugly shine!
207	Illustrated mum, The Wilson, Jacqueline	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2000	9780440863687	5-6	The story of Dolphin, a young girl, living with her mother's depression and a sister, Star, who is on the verge of adulthood. Both cope with living in a very dysfunctional household but their eccentric mum has real difficulties.
2862	Illustrated stories from India Baer, Sam (retell) & Firth, Rachel (retell) & Klauss, Anja (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2016	9781409596714	3-4	This collection of short stories from India contains fearsome tigers, greedy elephants, stories of trickery and cunning, mighty gods and goddesses, and even a dancing goat.
14325	Ilsa's journey Wormald, Kimberley & Mortimore, Rosamund (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2006	9781921136986	3-4	Ilsa and Alyssa are inseparable. Ilsa is a small labradoodle who is destined to be a guide dog. Alyssa is a young girl who is responsible for the first stage of Ilsa's training. In the end, Ilsa becomes a successful guide dog to the blind Connor but she still retains her affection for her old friend, Alyssa.
6927	Imaginary Fred Colfer, Eoin & Jeffers, Oliver (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2015	9780008126148	K-2	Sometimes, with a little electricity or luck or even magic, an imaginary friend might appear when you need one. An imaginary friend like Fred, who floated like a feather in the wind, until a lonely little boy wished for him and found a friendship like no other.
21272	Imaginary, The Harrold, A F & Gravett, Emily (ill)	Bloomsbury	2014	9781408852460	5-6	Rudger is Amanda's best friend. He doesn't exist but nobody's perfect. Only Amanda can see her imaginary friend. That is, until the sinister Mr Bunting arrives at Amanda's door. Mr Bunting hunts imaginaries. Rumour says that he eats them. And, he's sniffed out Rudger. Soon, Rudger is alone and running for his imaginary life. A boy who isn't there will have trouble surviving without a friend to dream him up.
7344	Imagine Lester, Alison	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1992	9781761181917	K-2	Two children imagine places and picture all the animals they would meet there. Some of the imaginary places include being deep in the jungle, under the sea, in a land of ice and snow, among steaming swamps and marshes.
40322	Imagine a city Hurst, Elise	Omnibus Books	2014	9781742990095	3-4	Imagine a city where the world is your teacher and anything is possible.

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18328	Imagine a day Thomson, Sarah L & Gonsalves, Rob (ill)		2005	9780689852190	3-4	Beautiful illustrations that allow imagination to take the reader into new realms.
18342	Imagine a night Thomson, Sarah L & Gonsalves, Rob (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2003	9780689852183	3-4	Stunningly imaginative paintings inspire imaginative readers.
4962	Imagining the future Torok, Simon & Holper, Paul	CSIRO	2016	9781486302727	5-6	Get prepared for the fantastic future with this guide to the unbelievable and incredible inventions just over the horizon. Flying through time and flying in cars. Living underwater and living forever. Robot servants. 3D printed food. Wouldn't it be amazing if science fiction became science fact?
2325	Imp Baillie, Allan	Penguin	2002	9780141314167	3-4	Brian and his parents move into a spooky house, whose previous owner was obviously a witch, and, soon, strange things start to happen. After a frightening encounter in the cellar, Brian's cap manages to catch the culprit.
979459	Important message from Mr Beaky, An Leatham, Cassie & Lawson, Sue	Wild Dog Books	2022	9781742036533	3-4	Meet Mr Beaky! He has an important message about what it means to be an Aboriginal person in Australia.
86626	Important things, The Carnavas, Peter	New Frontier Publishing	2010	9781921042287	3-4	Christopher and his mother live by themselves. In a clean-up, Christopher's mother packs up his father's things and takes them to the second-hand store. Mysteriously, the things reappear in their home. A sensitive look at the different ways of coping with the loss of a parent/spouse.
855829	Impossible Walker, Stan	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9781775541882	9plus	Stan Walker is one of Aotearoa's most famous singers. But nothing ever came easy for Stan. What were the chances of success for a kid whose parents had both been in jail? Whose world had been filled with drugs and violence and things no kid should even know about? In this young readers' edition of his bestselling autobiography, follow Stan's journey of overcoming impossible odds to achieve his dreams and make peace with his past. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, and above.
660550	Impossible boy, The Brooks, Ben	Hachette Children's Books	2019	9781786540997	5-6	When Oleg and Emma invent a new classmate called Sebastian, they are amazed when he appears in their secret den. Sebastian is different. The three friends are soon chased by the Institute of Unreality, who want to capture and erase Sebastian, to restore order o the world.

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1321170	Impossible creatures: The poisoned king Rundell, Katherine	Bloomsbury	2025	9781526680976	5-6	Book two in the Impossible Creatures tales, Christopher Forrester is unexpectedly woken by a miniature dragon chewing on his face. He is about to be drawn in to a rescue mission on the back of a sphinx and an epic world full of dragons. Christopher and his new friend Anya will need strength and bravery to survive.
2581	Impossible knife of memory, The Anderson, Laurie Halse	Text Publishing Co	2014	9781922182227	9plus	For the past five years, Hayley has been home schooled on the road by her father, a veteran of the Iraq war who has Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. When they settle down for her final year at school, Hayley has to deal with her father's random behaviour and learn how to have a trusting relationship with a boy, who is hiding secrets of his own. Challenging read, some violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
643274	Impossible music Williams, Sean	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760637156	9plus	Simon's life revolves around his love of music. He listens to it, he plays it, he writes it, and performs it. When he wakes up one morning completely deaf after a ministroke, his world nearly falls apart. Angry and confused, he refuses help, refuses to learn to sign, and tries desperately to hold on to music. It is only when he meets G, a girl his own age suffering from a different form of deafness caused by severe tinnitus, that he begins to seriously consider a full life, even a life with music. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
6530	Impostors Westerfeld, Scott	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760528249	9plus	Frey was raised to take a bullet. She's the body double for her twin sister Rafia - the precious heir of the first family of Shreve - and her existence is a closely guarded secret. So while Rafi was schooled in poise and diplomacy, Frey was drilled in weapons and combat. Her purpose: to protect her sister from their tyrannical father's many enemies. When Frey is sent in Rafi's place as collateral in a precarious business deal, she becomes the perfect impostor - as elegant and charming as her sister. But Col Palafox, the son of a rival leader, is getting close enough to spot the killer inside her. As layers of deceit peel away, can Frey become her own person, and risk everything in a rebellion? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
6856	In a people house Seuss, Dr & McKie, Roy (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1973	9780001712768	K-2	Alliteration and rhyming text combine for a frolic through an ordinary house.

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6666	In Flanders Fields Jorgensen, Norman & Harrison-Lever, Brian (ill)	Fremantle Press	2002	9781863683692	3-4	In Flanders fields, a young homesick World War I soldier risks his life to cross no-man's land and rescue a robin caught in the barbed wire. He hears the soldiers on the other side singing Christmas carols.
16601	In hollow lands Masson, Sophie	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2004	9780340854426	7-9	A group of teens are abducted into the land of the Korrigans. The human world continues to search for the group, who have now been separated into the two worlds. The heroic journeys of all the characters are akin to those journeys of the literature of old.
3	In lane three, Alex Archer Duder, Tessa	Puffin NZ	1998	9780141301280	9plus	'I have always known that in another life I was-or will be-a dolphin. I am a pink human, caught in a net of ambition and years of hard work. In a few minutes I will dive into artificially turquoise water waiting at my feet. A minute later I'll either be ecstatic or a failure.'Fifteen-year-old swimming champ Alex Archer has her mind set on one goal-competing in the Olympic Games in Rome. Alex has been training hard for six years--but so has her archrival, Maggie Benton. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
2328	In my backyard Hilton, Nette	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2001	9780734401854	3-4	Inner city life can be great with all the dazzling lights, noises, shapes and sounds. Fantastic pictures of the city.
1019764	In my blood it runs Hoosan, Dujuan & Anderson, Margaret & Turner, Carol & Douglas, Blak (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2023	9781761263774	7-9	This is the story of Dujuan Hoosan, a 10-year-old Arrernte and Garawa boy. A wise, funny, cheeky boy. A healer. Out bush, his healing power (Ngangkere) is calm and straight. But in town, it's wobbly and wild, like a snake. He's in trouble at school, and with the police. He thinks there's something wrong with him. Dujuan's family knows what to do: they send him to live out bush, to learn the ways of the old people, and the history that runs straight into all Aboriginal people. So he can be proud of himself.
707930	In my dreams Gemmill, Stef & Stephani, Tanja (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2020	9781925594928	K-2	A child's dream takes him on a fantastic journey as he sleeps at night. He finds fruit flavoured rainbows, makes mischief with monkeys, floats on marshmallow clouds, flies his dragon to faraway places and chases the night shadows away.

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1019641	In my garden Mayes, Kate & Ainslie, Tamsin (ill)	ABC Books	2023	9780733340253	K-2	In our gardens are where we belong. Planting, watching, growing, dreaming. In our gardens something out of nothing comes. Join children from around the world as they share their gardens, from blossoming flowers in Japan to the waterside of Malawi, the frozen landscape of Iceland to the bush tracks of Australia. These are the places they love and the places they belong.
8384	In my heart: A book of feelings Witek, Jo & Roussey, Christine (ill)	Abrams Books	2014	9781419713101	K-2	Sometimes my heart feels like a big yellow star, shiny and bright. I smile from ear to ear and twirl around so fast, I feel as if I could take off into the sky. This is when my heart is happy. Happiness, sadness, bravery, anger, shyness, our hearts can feel so many feelings! Some make us feel as light as a balloon, others as heavy as an elephant. In My Heart explores a full range of emotions, describing how they feel physically, inside.
839063	In my mosque Yuksel, M O & Aly, Hatem (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2021	9780755502608	K-2	A welcoming and informative story of the ways in which people interact with each other and their faith inside a mosque.
12210	In Redfern Gordon, Angelica & others	Indij Readers	2003	9780975064078	K-2	Three young authors explore all their favourite places in the Sydney suburb of Redfern.
4465	In the beech forest Crew, Gary & Scheer, Den (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2012	9781921665578	7-9	Take the journey with an ordinary boy on a path leading him from the safety of his home into a dark forest. His head is full of the fearful images of his computer games, the ones that excite, yet terrify him, battles between heroes and dreadful beasts that may hunt this primal landscape.
1448	In the bin Bollard, Kellie	National Library of Australia	2008	9780646500584	K-2	In this funny and informative rhyming story, find out about bins, recycling and all things rubbish.
94273	In the bush Anderson, L & Blackmore, E (adapt) & Kennedy, R (ill)	Indij Readers	2003	9780975064030	3-4	This simple text lists common animals and birds of the Australian bush, followed by the same text presented as a play.
18343	In the bush, our holiday at Wombat Flat Harvey, Roland	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2005	9781741750843	3-4	The family is on holidays at Wombat Flat where they enjoy a range of bushland holiday activities.
78356	In the city: our scrapbook of souvenirs Harvey, Roland	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2007	9781741144130	3-4	Penny's and Henry's accounts of their holiday in the big city is crammed full of Roland Harvey's quirky artwork and some interesting facts. Lots to find and discuss as each double page spread reveals what looks like a three dimensional map.

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1423814	In the company of killers Cook, Elora	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2025	9781444979343	9plus	Inside the tony suburb of Scarsdale is New York's worst-kept secret: The mob runs everything, and the Nicastro family is at the centre. Seventeen-year-old Tasha Nicastro lives a life of glitz and glamour, but she has no idea her family harbours a dark truth. Tasha might look like your classic high school mean girl, but behind the designer clothes is a sharpshooter who knows how to bring anyone to their knees. The only person who has ever gotten under her skin is her former best friend, Leo Danesi, the youngest son of the Nicastro family's rivals. After Leo returns to New York older and more handsome, Tasha thinks he'll be the worst of her problems -- until the life she thought she knew takes a violent, shocking turn. When her father and beloved older sister are murdered before her eyes, Tasha learns the dark truth: Her family runs the most powerful Mafia branch in New York, and now she's set to inherit it all. Tasha vows vengeance on the mysterious new mob behind the hit, but she can't do it alone. She needs someone who already knows the underground world to help track them down. And that person is none other than Leo, the heir to his own family's dangerous empire. But Tasha is a Nicastro. She's been raised in the company of killers, and there's absolutely nothing she won't do to avenge her family. That is, if the enemy doesn't put her in gold chains first. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
21095	In the dark spaces Black, Cally	Hardie Grant Egmont	2017	9781760128647	7-9	Tamara has been living on a freighter in deep space, and her kidnappers are terrifying Crowpeople - the only aliens humanity has ever encountered. No-one has ever survived a Crowpeople attack, until now - and Tamara must use everything she has just to stay alive. But survival always comes at a price, and there's no handbook for this hostage crisis. As Tamara comes to know the Crowpeople's way of life, and the threats they face from humanity's exploration into deep space, she realises she has an impossible choice to make. Should she stay as the only human among the Crows, knowing she'll never see her family again - or inevitably betray her new community if she wants to escape?

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90749	In the deep blue sea Lionetto-Civa, Angie & Booth, Christina (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2008	9781921136115	K-2	Find out who lives in the deep, blue ocean. A celebration of ocean life with a few surprises along the way.
1405	In the deep green jungle Lionetto-Civa, Angie & Booth, Christine (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2007	9781921136085	K-2	A toucan lives in the deep, green jungle where there are all kinds of animals. At the end of the book, there is a little surprise for us all.
16262	In the deep red desert Lionetto-Civa, Angie & Booth, Christina (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2010	9781921136467	K-2	Explore the Australian desert through the eyes of a dingo.
4937	In the evening Wyatt, Edwina & Chapman, Gaye (ill)	Little Hare Books	2015	9781742975283	K-2	Oscar is shy. Charlie is bold. Oscar stays in while Charlie swings outside. It's hard to become friends this way.
5839	In the lamplight Wolfer, Dianne & Simmonds, Brian (ill)	Fremantle Press	2018	9781925591224	5-6	If you enjoyed the award-winning Light Horse Boy and Lighthouse Girl, you will also enjoy In the Lamplight. This book draws on Australian war history with the protagonist being Rose, a young English girl turned nurse who cares for and falls in love with Jim - the Light Horse Boy. On the long journey back to Australia they experience the appalling loss of life due to the Spanish flu epidemic. But that is not the only challenge they face together.
18505	In the monkey forest Meehan, Kierin	Puffin Australia	2005	9780143302162	7-9	Miki is entrusted to return a piece of embroidered fabric and a silk ribbon to Aiko and inherits a bossy little pixie called Nameless. Miki must unravel clues from the past to save the day.
1019843	In the secret place Crew, Gary		2023	9780645714937	7-9	What does a teenage boy do when he has no friends? When everyone who knows him sneers? When he is laughed at to his face? The answer is simple. That boy chooses his own path. That boy makes his own way in life. That boy grows stronger. He finds his secret place and there- alone, in the dark- he grows even stronger. Ben Gardner is such a boy. Ben Gardner could be you...
641372	In the shadow of an elephant Donaghey, Georgie & Severgnini, Sandra (ill)	Little Pink Dog Books	2019	9780648256311	3-4	One terrible night the ground rumbled and dark shapes appeared in the distance. A cracking sound tore through the air. Lualani's life was changed forever. 'Don't be afraid. I will look after you.' Jabari reached out his hand. A life-long friendship set on the edge of the African Savanna.
973	In the wings Edgar, Elsbeth	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9781922077325	7-9	Ella has been a regular member of the backstage crew for plays, she dreams of acting, but suffers from stage fright. She soon learns that some of her friends have much more serious problems to overcome.

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15350	In the woods Wormell, Chris	Red Fox	2004	9780099417675	K-2	One day, three teddy bears set off for a picnic in the woods. But, before too long, they are utterly lost and all their food has been eaten. At least there are no wolves in the wood or so they think.
1019631	In times of bushfires and billy buttons Herrick, Steven	Ford Street Publishing	2023	9781922696366	7-9	Ethan's parents are in jail, his aunt works too hard, the new kid, Joshua, has a scar on his arm, a firestorm threatens the suburb, while wildflowers bloom along the school fence. For Ethan, Audrey and their friends, it's time to choose what's important and what to leave behind.
1371152	In utero Gooch, Chris	Top Shelf Productions	2024	9781603095341	7-9	Twelve years after a disastrous explosion, young Hailey is dropped off by her mum at a holiday camp in a dilapidated shopping mall. Alienated from the other kids, she connects with an eerie older teen named Jen -- but soon dark horrors awaken, and the two new friends are caught up in a cataclysmic battle between two terrifying creatures who have been lying dormant for years.
1424054	In want of a suspect Price, Tirzah	HarperTeen	2025	9780063278035	7-9	It is a truth universally acknowledged, that London's first female solicitor in possession of the details of a deadly crime, must be in want of a suspect. The tenacious Lizzie Bennet has earned her place at Longbourn, her father's law firm. Her work keeps her busy, but luckily it gives her plenty of reasons to consult (and steal occasional kisses) with Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy, a stern but secretly softhearted solicitor at Pemberley. Lizzie is hired to investigate a deadly warehouse fire and to find the mysterious woman who was spotted at the scene moments before the flames took hold. But when the case leads to the sitting room of a woman Darcy once proposed marriage to, the delicate balance between personal and professional in their relationship is threatened. Questions of the future are cast aside when the prime suspect is murdered and Lizzie's own life is threatened. As the body count rises and their suspicions about what was really going on in the warehouse grow, the pressure is on for Lizzie and Darcy to uncover the truth.
9525	In your dreams Morgan, Sally & Bancroft, Bronwyn (ill)	Fremantle Press	2003	9781863682015	3-4	Susie is searching for the meanings behind her dreams and Gran, in her wisdom, gently guides her in the right direction, emphasising the importance of Aboriginal kinship.

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574267	In your light Grainger, Annalie	Simon & Schuster	2018	9781471122941	7-9	Lil and her sister Mella have always been close. But one day, after a fight, Mella goes missing. Four months later, and no sign of Mella, a mysterious girl named Alice turns up in Lil's life. In the midst of the worst storm in Welsh history, Alice and Lil work together to bring Mella home.
22955	In-between things Tey, Priscilla	Candlewick Press	2018	9780763689834	K-2	Between inside and outside, between upstairs and down, a world of in-between things can be found!
9292	In-line skating Herran, Joe & Thomas, Ron	Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd	2004	9780732979089	5-6	A book for in-line skating enthusiasts.
18689	Inconvenient truth, An Gore, Al	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2006	9780747590965	7-9	Exposes global warming and the effects and dangers we face from climate changes. Photographs depicting victims of natural disasters may be distressing to some.
1338014	Incorruptibles, The Magaziner, Lauren	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761722561	7-9	Fiora Barrowling lives in a world where sorcerers have taken over. After her parents are murdered by sorcerers when she was little she is sent to live and work with her Uncle who is a tailor. One day, two sorcerers go to steal from her Uncle's shop and Fiora impulsively decides to stand up to them. This sparks her journey in joining the underground resistance - The Incorruptibles.
34297	Incredibilia Hathorn, Libby & Chapman, Gaye (ill)	Little Hare Books	2016	9781760125257	K-2	Little Georgie is the youngest and, sometimes, this means that Max and Harriet forget about her. But, Georgie is unfazed. She's armed with a big imagination and soon gets the attention of her neglectful siblings.
14397	Incredible adventures of cinnamon girl, The Keil, Melissa	Hardie Grant Egmont	2014	9781742978307	9plus	Year 12 is finished. Some students can't wait to escape their small town, others don't want to leave. Alba is unsure whether to pursue her drawing talents or stay working in the bakery. When Doomsday enthusiasts flock to the town to survive an apocalypse, Alba's childhood heartthrob, Daniel, arrives. Compared to figuring out her heart, Armageddon might be the least of her problems. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
9397	Incredible body (Stephen Biesty's) Biesty, Stephen & Platt, Richard (ill)	Dorling Kindersley	1998	9780751358414	7-9	An exciting and adventurous way to find out how the body works by following two tiny explorers through arteries, veins, bones and organs.
6043	Incredible book eating boy, The Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Australia	2007	9780007182275	K-2	Henry loved books but not like you and I love books. He loved to eat them, all sorts. It made him incredibly clever until he discovered that libraries were being decimated.
208	Incredible cross-sections (Stephen Biesty's) Biesty, Stephen & Platt, Richard (ill)	Dorling Kindersley	1993	9780863188077	5-6	These cutaway drawings contain minute details and explanations of technological marvels.

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3783	Incredible freedom machines, The Saunders, Kirli and Ottley, Matt (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781760275228	3-4	Ever since she heard about them, a young girl has dreamt of having her very own incredible freedom machine - a machine that will allow her to break boundaries, explore the world and learn more about herself than she could have dreamed possible. It seems, however, the machines are not so easy to come by. Will she have the patience and perseverance to find her very own freedom machine?
2348	Incredible here and now, The Castagna, Felicity	Giramondo	2013	9781459670839	7-9	Michael turns fifteen and his brother dies. He copes with mourning in his hometown of Western Sydney, a region subject to harsh and suspicious perceptions, and filled with cultural and ethnic diversity. Through a powerful poetic experience, Michael grows by seeing deeply into the values that surround him and he rises above the distress of poverty and families under stress.
1897	Incredible powers of Montague Towers, The Sunderland, Alan	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781760153649	5-6	Ageing superhero, the Cape of Justice, asks Montague's help to deal with his pursuers who are using cryptic messages. Over six days, Montague is endowed with a new super power each day - superpower, hypnotic power, invisibility, laser vision, flight and, finally, super speed. When Monty's nose twitches and he sneezes, the next superpower arrives. But, Monty doesn't time his sleuthing well, sometimes with disastrous results, as he searches for the evil Lord Bentwordle, who is trying to commit the crime of the century.
18381	Incredible science University of Auckland (pub)	Penguin NZ	2005	9780413519993	7-9	A friendly science book depicting simple experiments for all sorts of scientific facts and figures.
833167	Incredibly busy mind of Bowen Bartholomew Crisp, The Russell, Paul & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	EK Books	2021	9781925820881	K-2	Bowen has a lot of thoughts about a lot of things. Sometimes, people don't understand how many questions he has. But his mum does, and she even has some of her own!
593318	Incurable imagination, The Russell, Paul & Aska (ill)	EK Books	2019	9781925335972	K-2	Audrey has the worst case of imagination her teachers have ever seen. While other children paint their families, Audrey paints the ogre who lives under bed drinking tea. What's worse, her condition is contagious and soon the other kids in her class start showing symptoms that appear equally incurable. As the dreaded imagination spreads, the teachers are horrified and the parents begin to protest too. But perhaps it isn't such a bad disease to have after all?

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	India - land, life and culture series Sachdev, Rosemary & Marwaha, Jatinder (phot)				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.
2720	India dark Murray, Kirsty	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9781741758580	7-9	In 1910, thirteen year old Poesy Swift has the opportunity to join a travelling performance troupe, she's excited about seeing the world and leaving her drab life in Melbourne. But, the trip heads to India instead of America and, as India simmers with the tension of a crumbling Empire, the troupe is gradually torn apart by ill fortune, sickness and tension. Based on the true story of the Lilliputian Opera Company.
18530	India the showstopper Argent, Kerry	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2005	9781865085968	3-4	India is the star of the circus until Oswaldo the Magnificent comes in to change the style of the show. She falls from grace and becomes very naughty but learns the value of friends.
9303	Indigenous language book Various				K-2	Students and parents may substitute reading or listening to a book in an indigenous language for a similar book on the Premier's Reading Challenge Kindergarten to Year 2 booklist. Older students may read an Indigenous language book as a personal choice.
9307	Indigo blue Watson, Jessica	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9780734418135	5-6	Alex feels like a fish out of water in her new hometown - the sleepy little lakeside village of Boreen Point where she is reluctantly sent to live with her slightly eccentric aunt for her final year of high school. None of Alex's classmates could care less about the new girl, so Alex couldn't care less about them...or so she tries to tell herself. As a distraction from what is quickly shaping up to be a very lonely year, Alex spends her savings on a rundown little yacht and throws herself into restoring it. A curious discovery leads to the beginnings of a friendship, but it's Sam - the sailmaker's apprentice - and his mysterious ways that capture Alex's attention and force her to question what is real and what matters most.
820793	Indigo Owl Archbold, Charlie	Wakefield Press	2020	9781743057322	7-9	As Scarlet Bergen leaves her home to be trained in her psychic Solitaire abilities at the Arcadia Institute she can't forsee how much her life will change. As she delves into the mystery surrounding her mother, more truths and conspiracies will be uncovered.

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120133	Indij sports report: XVIII Commonwealth Games, Melbourne Leon, Emily & others & Quilliam, Wayne (ill)	Indij Readers	2007	9780975686188	5-6	A scrapbook-style presentation of fascinating Commonwealth Games facts and photos, gathered by Aboriginal students.
88037	Indonesia book, The: A people, a place, a culture Kerta, Sadriani Wayan	Black Dog Books	2010	9781742030937	5-6	Indonesia is our closest neighbour, made up of over seventeen thousand islands, with a population of over 230 million people. Explore this country of many languages, peoples, cultures and customs. Large glossy photographs provide additional understandings in this easy to read book. Find out which city is known as the Big Durian or on what the Garuda is.
13215	Infamous D'Ath, Justin	Holy Angels	1999	9781875930036	5-6	Tim Chambers has a secret. It all begins when there is a report of a sighting of a Tasmanian tiger and Tim has a plan that could make him famous. He has the best of intentions but things don't go at all according to his plan.
22306	Inferior, The O Guilin, Peadar	Corgi Books	2008	9780552555272	7-9	There is but one law, eat or be eaten. Stopmouth and his family know of no other life than the daily battle to survive. For Stopmouth, considered slow-witted hunt-fodder by his tribe, the future looks especially bleak. Then, on the day he is callously betrayed by his brother, a strange and beautiful woman falls from the sky.
	Infernal devices series Clare, Cassandra				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
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.

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751107	Infinite noise, The Shippen, Lauren	Tor Books	2019	9781250297518	9plus	Caleb is an Atypical, an individual with enhanced abilities. Which sounds pretty cool except Caleb's ability is extreme empathy-he feels the emotions of everyone around him. Being an empath in high school would be hard enough, but Caleb's life becomes even more complicated when he keeps getting pulled into the emotional orbit of one of his classmates, Adam. Adam's feelings are big and all-consuming, but they fit together with Caleb's feelings in a way that he can't quite understand. Caleb's therapist, Dr. Bright, encourages Caleb to explore this connection by befriending Adam. As he and Adam grow closer, Caleb learns more about his ability, himself, his therapist-who seems to know a lot more than she lets on-and just how dangerous being an Atypical can be. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
10356	Infinity Drake: The sons of Scarlatti McNally, John	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2014	9780007521593	5-6	Infinity Drake, also known as Finn, is on holiday with his mad scientist uncle when they are summoned. Scarlatti, a lethal bio-weapon, has been released, with terrible consequences for mankind. Uncle Al must shrink a military team to track down and kill the beast. When Finn gets shrunk, he and three soldiers begin a desperate race to destroy the beast that's very angry and many times their size.
581428	Inheritance Wilkinson, Carole	Walker Books	2018	9781760650360	7-9	Forced to live with her grandfather at the remote family property that has been in her family for generations, Nic wonders how she will survive without mobile reception or Wi-Fi. She begins to explore the family home, finding cryptic clues that she hopes will lead to information about her mother who died on the day she was born. Nic finds something even better, a way to travel back in time, a way to find out about her ancestors. What she discovers though is a dark secret that still haunts the land and the people who live there. Can she change the terrible events of the past, is there some way to undo the atrocities of her ancestors?

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	Inheritance Cycle series Paolini, Christopher				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.
846238	Inheritance, The Greder, Armin	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526788	7-9	All this will soon be yours, respect what I have built and make it prosper.' These are the last words of the old industrialist before dying. While the three brothers discuss how to fulfil their father's wishes, the sister lists for them the disastrous consequences that would follow: disease; marine pollution; deforestation; the destruction of the landscape; pollution of skies and rivers... The Inheritance tells of the greed of those who hold economic power, and reminds us that silence and inaction amount to complicity. With minimal text, this powerful story is told primarily through Armin Greder's distinctive illustrations that challenge the reader to question the status quo and fight for the future.
1019912	Inheritance: A visual poem Acevedo, Elizabeth & Pippins, Andrea (ill)	Quill Tree Books	2022	9780062931948	7-9	A beautiful adaptation of Elizabeth Acevedo's famous spoken-word poem with captivating illustrations.
1019775	Ink girls Nijkamp, Marieke & Bi, Sylvia (ill)	HarperCollins US	2023	9780063027107	7-9	A beautiful illustrated graphic novel that follows Cinzia - a printer's apprentice - as she tries to prove her mentor, Mestra Aronne, has been wrongfully imprisoned. She crosses paths with Elena, the daughter of nobles who force her to remain hidden away, and the two become unexpected allies. This is a powerful story of friendship and explores the power of individuals making a change to make the world a better place.

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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	Inspired by a true story. 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. 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. 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. But that's all about to change ... And so is she. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
	Inkheart series Funke, Cornelia & Bell, Anthea (trans)				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you 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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660774	Inkling Oppel, Kenneth	Walker Books	2018	9781406380583	5-6	The Rylance family is stuck. Dad's got writer's block. Ethan promised to illustrate a group project at school, even though he can't draw. Sarah's still pining for a puppy. And they all miss Mom so much more than they can say. Enter Inkling. Inkling begins life in Mr. Rylance's sketchbook. Then one night the ink of his drawings runs together - and leaps off the page! This small burst of creativity is about to change everything. Ethan finds him first. Inkling has absorbed a couple of chapters of his math book - not good! - and the story he's supposed to be illustrating for school - also not good. But Inkling's also started drawing the pictures to go with Ethan's story, which is amazing! It's just the help Ethan was looking for! Inkling helps the rest of the family too. For Sarah he's a puppy. And for Dad he's a spark of ideas for a new graphic novel. It's exactly what they all wanted.
5770	Inky the octopus Guendelsberger, Erin & Leonard, David (ill)	Sourcebooks Inc	2018	9781492654148	K-2	Out of this tank, I must be free. I must explore the open sea! Inky the octopus is bored with aquarium life and wants to escape to the ocean! But just how can an octopus in a tank get to the open seas?
12948	Inline skating: extreme sports Glidewell, Steve	Raintree	2003	9781844430895	5-6	One of a series of books about extreme sports. With action photographs, diagrams and a glossary of terms, this book tells you how to get started with inline skating, the equipment required and tricks that can be done.
12774	Insects Claybourne, Anna	Raintree	2003	9781410900777	3-4	Find out how the great diving beetle does it, the biggest insect in the world, where the louse loves to live and why African termites need a lot of spit. The reader can find all this information and more from this book.
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?
14984	Inside Mary Elizabeth's house Allen, Pamela	Puffin Australia	2001	9780140567113	K-2	Mary Elizabeth boasts to the boys that there is a monster in her house. The boys don't believe her so she invites them to dinner to convince them.
210	Inside the Australian Ballet Lawrenson, Diana	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2001	9781864489583	5-6	All facets of creating a performance of a ballet, from the costumes to the scenery, are described in this book.

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578986	Inside the tiger Lawrence, Hayley	Penguin	2018	9780143788959	9plus	When she is asked to get involved in a social issue of her own choice, as part of a school project, Bel chooses to write to an Australian boy who is a prisoner on death row in Thailand. When he writes back, she learns more about the controversial issue of capital punishment but her involvement puts her at odds with her politician father and everyone else who loves her. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
8104	Instant tan, The Harlen, Jonathan & Jellet, Tom	Lothian Books	2007	9780734409553	3-4	Blake is jealous of his friend's tan. He decides to tan himself with a liquid he finds in Dad's garage. At first, Blake is happy with the result.
4869	Instructions for a second-hand heart Murray, Tamsyn	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2016	9781474906500	7-9	Jonny has a faulty heart and his time is running out. Niamh has just lost her twin brother in a tragic accident. As their fates collide, soon Jonny is on the mend, but desperate to know more about his donor. When he tracks down Niamh, he only intends to find out about her brother, the first owner of his heart; but he doesn't plan on falling in love...A stunning, tear-jerking novel about grief, guilt, and the unpredictability of love.
846059	Instructions for a teenage Armageddon Day, Rosie	Hachette Children's Books	2021	9781526364319	9plus	Teenage years can sometimes feel like a battleground. There are so many confronting issues from fears of failure, confidence, self-worth or identity to the inevitable friendship challenges. This survival guide from 32 influential and witty women will include advice you will need to survive the battle. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1019713	Interdimensional explorers Gregory, Lorraine & Lindley, Jo (ill)	Farshore	2023	9780008508234	3-4	Nothing exciting ever happens on eleven-year-old Danny's estate. That is until he falls through a locker in his grandad's workshop and finds himself in an Interdimensional Lost Property Office. Now Danny, best mate Modge and annoying cousin Inaaya find themselves whizzing around space returning lost treasures to inhabitants of far flung dimensions. But when they uncover a plot to destroy the entire multiverse, it looks like they may never make it back home.

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18601	Intern, The Tozer, Gabrielle	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2014	9780732297053	9plus	Josie Browning dreams of having it all. A stellar academic record, an amazing journalism career, and for her current crush to realise she actually exists. The only problem? Josie can't get through twenty-four hours without embarrassing her sister Kat or her best friend Angel, let alone herself. Josie's luck changes though when she lands an internship at the glossy fashion magazine Sash. A coveted columnist job is up for grabs, but Josie's got some tough competition in the form of two other interns. Battle lines are drawn and Josie quickly learns that the magazine industry is far from easy, especially under the reign of powerful editor, Rae Swanson. From the lows of coffee-fetching and working 10-hour days, to the highs of mingling with celebrities, scoring endless free beauty products (plus falling for her cousin's seriously gorgeous flatmate James) this is one year Josie will never forget. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
855799	Interned Rushby, Pamela	Walker Books	2022	9781760653019	5-6	It's 1914. Gretta lives a privileged life in Singapore, the daughter of a businessman; Tilly lives a modest life in Brisbane, the daughter of a baker. When war breaks out and both countries turn on their families for being German, the two girls find themselves taken from their homes, interned at a camp in rural New South Wales. Far away from everything they have ever known, Gretta and Tilly are forced to face prejudice, overcome adversity and to make their own community.
1209972	Internment Ahmed, Samira	Atom Publishing	2019	9780349003344	7-9	Set in a horrifying 'fifteen minutes in the future' United States, seventeen-year-old Layla Amin is forced into an internment camp for Muslim-Americans along with her parents. With the help of newly-made friends also trapped within the camp, her boyfriend on the outside, and an unexpected alliance, Layla begins a journey to fight for freedom, leading a revolution against the internment camp's Director and his guards. Heart-racing and emotional, Internment questions the imaginary boundaries that separate us and challenges readers to fight the complicit silence that exists in our society today.

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32244	Interrupting chicken Stein, David Ezra	Candlewick Press	2012	9780763641689	K-2	It's time for the little red chicken's bedtime story and a reminder from Papa to try not to interrupt. But, the little chicken can't help herself and no matter what the story, she jumps in to save its hapless characters from doing some dangerous or silly thing. Now, it's the little red chicken's turn to tell a story to Papa.
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? LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Cristy Burne read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/3-4-book-list#into-the-blue-cristy-burne
660635	Into the crooked place Christo, Alexandra	Bonnier Publishing Australia	2019	9781471408441	7-9	The Crooked place is Creije, a city built on the black market trade of magic, where buskers sell their charms and potions to customers yearning for the true magic that no longer exists because of the murder of Crafters. Tavia is one such busker, and along with Wesley, second only to the Kingpin, they must save their city from a sinister magic that has hit the streets. They team up with two other crooks, Karam and Saxony, and together they must defeat the Kingpin who will plunge their city into chaos and darkness. And perhaps new magic exists after all, perhaps Crafters are closer than they think.
59973	Into the deep: life through the depths of the ocean Norman, Mark & Paul, David	Black Dog Books	2010	9781742031514	5-6	From the surface to the deepest depth, meet the amazing, bizarre and, sometimes, creepy creatures that live in the ocean.
55089	Into the fire Panckridge, Michael & Harvey, Pam	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2008	9780207200618	5-6	The story centres around a group of five friends, each of whom has their own ordeal in the face of an oncoming fire, and their attempts to protect family and possessions. As the fire approaches, a valuable brooch is stolen. The friends come together, using ingenuity and skill, to outsmart the thieves.

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1209759	Into the ice: Reflections on Antarctica Lester, Alison & Tulloch, Coral	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781760526061	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.
588216	Into the jungle: Stories for Mowgli Rundell, Katherine & Williams, Kristjana S (ill)	MacMillan	2018	9781509822317	5-6	This wise and witty companion to Rudyard Kipling's 1894 classic is likewise a series of connected stories about the man-cub Mowgli and his adventures among the animals in the Indian jungle. It includes all the original favourites like Baloo and Bagheera and gives female characters, like Mother Wolf, a more prominent role in Mowgli's upbringing. The timely theme of the possibility of understanding and empathy across species, cultures, and genders will resonate with contemporary readers.
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... LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Erin Gough read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/7-9-book-list#into-the-mouth-of-the-wolf-erin-gough
8009	Into the volcano O'Meara, Donna	Kids can press	2005	9781553376934	7-9	Volcano researcher and photographer Donna O'Meara describes what it is like to be right there when a volcano erupts and hot lava, scalding steam and acidic ash are falling all around you.

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4706	Into the white: Scott's Antarctic odyssey Grochowicz, Joanna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760293659	7-9	This is the story of Robert Falcon Scott's Terra Nova expedition to Antarctica and the memorable characters, who with a band of shaggy ponies and savage dogs, follow a man they trust into the unknown. Battling storms at sea, impenetrable pack ice, man-eating whales, crevasses, blizzards, bad food, extreme temperatures, and equal measures of hunger, agony and snow blindness, the team pushes on against all odds. But will the weather hold? Will their rations be adequate? How will they know when they get there? And who invited the Norwegians?
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.
751156	Into the wild Vescio, Robert & Armstrong, Mel	New Frontier Publishing	2020	9781921928789	K-2	Roman loves to wander and explore. All on his own the Wild is his to explore, have amazing adventures and make fascinating discoveries. But despite all of this, there is something missing. Roman keeps wandering and searching for something that is always just beyond his grasp. Journey with Roman and discover the missing piece to his wonderful adventures.
46876	Into white silence Eaton, Anthony	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9781741663259	7-9	During the winter of 1922, the Exploration Vessel, Raven, became trapped in the Antarctic icepack, entombing the twenty-eight men aboard. The book tells their story of living on the ice, their ambition, courage, madness and, ultimately, their hope. It captures the terrible, fascinating beauty of Antarctica, both as it was then and as it is today.

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2905	Introducing Teddy Walton, Jessica & MacPherson, Dougal (ill)	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408877623	K-2	Errol and his teddy, Thomas, are best friends who do everything together. One sunny morning, Thomas is sad and not even the swing can cheer him up. Errol can't figure out why until Thomas finally tells Errol what has been bothering him. Thomas wishes his name was Tilly.
4305	Intruder Bongers, Christine	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2014	9780857983763	7-9	Fourteen year old Kat Jones' life has been on hold since the death of her mother. When Kat is woken by an intruder looming over her bed, she is saved by her neighbour, Edwina, whom she believes betrayed her dying mother. And Kat certainly doesn't want Hercules, the world's ugliest guard dog, in her life. But, to stop the prowler, Kat will need to accept Edwina's help, develop friendships and learn to trust again.
40871	Invention of Hugo Cabret, The Selznick, Brian	Scholastic US	2007	9780439813785	7-9	Hugo is an orphan, clock keeper and thief, living in a Parisian railway station at the turn of the nineteenth century. The story, in words and pictures, includes the invention of the earliest moving pictures and automatons. A hidden message from a dead father is the key to this spellbinding mystery.
18468	Invisible friend, The Arnold, Louise	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2005	9780340892978	5-6	Tom's family has moved and he now goes to a new school. Tom is finding school very difficult because Big Ben and his group take great delight in harassing him. Tom's saviour is Grey Arthur, a ghost, who is just as miserable.
20526	Invisible hero, The Fensham, Elizabeth	University of Queensland Press	2011	9780702238901	7-9	Philip has spent his whole life feeling invisible. Macca is a good all rounder, a sportsman and scholar who strives to be like his father. When their class is asked to keep diaries about heroes and villains, his class learn they are close to home and come in many disguises.
660610	Invisible in a bright light Gardner, Sally	Head of Zeus	2019	9781789544848	5-6	The stage is set. Take your seats. It's 1870 : in the Royal Opera House in a freezing city by the sea. Above is a chandelier, shaped like a galleon. It sparkles with the bright light of seven hundred and fifty candles. These lights are in memory of a vessel and its passengers who vanished without a trace. Oh no. It is falling. It splinters into a thousand tiny pieces. Celeste finds herself in the gutter of Time where she must play a terrifying game called the Reckoning to save those she loves.

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1401634	Invisible parade, The Bardugo, Leigh & Picacio, John (ill)	Orion Children's Books	2025	9781510112988	3-4	Everyone in the neighbourhood was getting ready for the party. Everyone knew somebody on the guest list. This was the day the dead returned. There's a party tonight, but Cala doesn't want to go. While her family prepares for the celebration, Cala grieves her grandfather and tries to pretend she's not afraid. But when she is separated from her family at the cemetery, Cala encounters four mysterious riders who will show her she is actually quite brave after all. Set on the night of Día de Muertos, Cala's story is one of love, loss, and the courage that can be found in unexpected places.
3923	Invisible war, the Wild, Ailsa & Hutchings, Ben (ill)	Scale free network	2016	9780992587253	7-9	While treating a patient with dysentery, Sister Annie Barnaby encounters a strain of lethal bacteria. As the invaders journey deep into her gut, the resident microbes must fight to survive and Annie's life hangs in the balance. Enter the phage, a deadly viral predator, ready to wage war to protect their host. Created by an expert team of scientists, artists, educators, writers and historians, The Invisible war is a story like no other.
1446838	Iris & Luna: A school full of magic Quiron, Aurora & Escalante, Isabel (ill) & Eyre, Rosie (ill)	Farshore	2025	9780008793760	3-4	Iris and Luna might be as different as night and day, but they have one thing in common: their love of animals! That's why they've been offered a place at the magical Abracadabra School, to study Care of Incredible Creatures. But then they realise that something strange is going on with the baby unicorns that live in the school forest...
14962	Iris and the tiger Hall, Leanne	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781925240795	5-6	Twelve year old Iris is sent to Spain to ensure that her elderly and unusual aunt leaves her fortune and sprawling estate to Iris's scheming parents. From the moment she arrives, Iris knows something isn't right and that her aunt is hiding something. There's an odd feeling around the house, where time moves slowly and Iris's eyes play tricks on her. In the wild, untamed forest, a mysterious animal moves in the shadows. When Iris discovers a painting, she sets out to uncover the animal's real identity, putting her life in terrible danger.
9319	Iron in the blood: convicts and commandants in colonial Australia Tucker, Alan	Omnibus Books	2002	9781862914247	7-9	Australia's colourful, violent convict past vividly recreated to show that prison settlements were some of the most brutal places in the world. The darker side of our history raises many questions about crime, punishment, use and abuse of power.

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211	Iron man, The Hughes, Ted	Faber & Faber	1989	9780571141494	5-6	A strange metal-eating, iron man is befriended by a young boy and taken to a scrap yard to eat the metal there. When an alien beast threatens the community, the iron man defends everyone.
774372	Iron raven, The Kagawa, Julie	Harlequin	2021	9781867208327	7-9	Robin Goodfellow. Puck. Prankster, joker, raven, fool, King Oberon's right-hand jester from A Midsummer Night's Dream. The legends are many, but the truth will now be known as never before, as Puck finally tells his own story and faces a threat to the lands of Faery and the human world unlike any before. With the Iron Queen Meghan Chase and her prince consort, Puck's longtime rival Ash, and allies old and new by his side, Puck begins a fantastical and dangerous adventure not to be missed or forgotten. Filled with myths and faery lore, romance and unfathomable dangers,
648	Iron soldiers: a story of arms and armour Luckett, Dave & Bond, Joseph	Omnibus Books	2005	9781862914292	5-6	In medieval times, it was the job of the blacksmith and, later, the armourer to make more and more sophisticated armour until a revolutionary development reduced it to just so much scrap metal.
25101	Ironbark Jonsberg, Barry	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2008	9781741149555	9plus	A sixteen year old boy struggles with a serious condition, his sudden and violent temper triggered by situations of conflict or frustration in every day life. To avoid gaol, he must engage in strategies for anger management, including going to stay with his grandfather in an isolated Tasmanian forest. The road is hard and not always successful but the bond between them grows. Contains coarse language that may offend some readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
15401	Irving the magician Riddle, Tohby	Penguin	2005	9780670896493	3-4	Irving finds a book in his aunt's apartment and wants to become a magician. He ends up creating a lot of magic. Illustrations move from dusty, sad tones to more vibrant, magical colours.
21204	Is it a mermaid? Gourlay, Candy & Chessa, Francesca (ill)	Otter-Barry books	2018	9781910959121	K-2	When Benjie and Bel find a strange creature on a tropical beach they know it's a dugong. But the dugong insists she is a beautiful mermaid and to prove it, she shows them her mermaid's tail and sings them a mermaid song. The children aren't convinced but they play with their new friend all the same. When it's time for her to go back to sea, there is one surprise left - could she be a mermaid after all?

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1367138	Is it asleep? Tallec, Olivier	Gecko Press	2025	9798765670521	K-2	Pock and I love to sit on the old stump and watch the birds flash by. When we're tierd of that, we follow the path to the yellow meadow so we can listen to the bird we like best. But today the blackbird isn't there.
14995	Is it bedtime Wibbly Pig Inkpen, Mick	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2005	9780340878644	K-2	Wibbly Pig finds many ways to delay bedtime. Even in his dreams, he is not going to stay in bed for long.
653194	Is it Halloween yet? Chambers, Susannah & Ainslie, Tamsin (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760297404	K-2	Emily loves Halloween with its spooky dress-ups, fun games and yummy things to eat. Her busy family is not so sure. Luckily, Emily has a few tricks (and treats) to get everyone in the mood.
21177	Is it the way you giggle? Connelly, Nicola & White, Annie (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2018	9781925594102	K-2	Everyone is special in some way. It might be how we giggle or how we wiggle or tell jokes.
212	Is it true, Grandfather Lohse, Wendy & Sands, Jenny (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1996	9780333666814	5-6	Grandfather tells the story to the villagers of his first adventures in the cave when he was eight years old.
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.
871574	Is there anyone better than Henrietta? Murray, Martine	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781761067181	3-4	Henrietta has a baby brother, two white mice, a chocolate coloured dog, a woolly mammoth, two long green socks with toes, one pickle eating best friend, a bathtub for sailing in and definitely a huge amount of discoveries to discover. If anyone tells you she make things up, you better believe them.
4961	Is this a poem? Stevens, Roger	Bloomsbury	2016	9781472920010	5-6	This book is full of many different types of poetry. There are advertising jingles, football chants and even raps. There are also some brilliant tips to help you write poetry of your own.
25741	Is your grandmother a goanna? Allen, Pamela	Penguin	2007	9780670071128	K-2	A little boy goes on a train to meet his grandmother. At each stop, he meets plenty of unusual characters. Join the fun and make plenty of noise.
8246	Isaac and his amazing Asperger superpowers Walsh, Melanie	Walker Books	2016	9781406344455	K-2	Isaac looks like everyone else but he actually has superpowers that make him different from his brother and his classmates. Some kids don't understand that and call him names. But, Isaac's superhero brain sees and remembers loads of things. He tends to say whatever comes into his head which he doesn't realise might be hurtful. Isaac is not really a superhero, he has Asperger syndrome, which means his brain works a little differently from yours.

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9924	Isabella's bed Lester, Alison	Hachette Children's Books	2008	9780733622717	K-2	At Grandma's house, Anna and Luis always sleep in Isabella's bed. It has interesting, silver pieces on the bed-head but the middle piece has disappeared. One night, Anna and Luis go on a magical journey and discover what the pieces mean and why the middle one is missing.
8587	Isabella's Garden Millard, Glenda & Cool, Rebecca (ill)	Walker Books	2009	9781921150333	3-4	From little things big things grow - look what happens to Isabella's garden with just the planting of one seed.
13663	Isador Brown's strangest adventure of all Dubosarsky, Ursula	Penguin	2003	9780141309279	3-4	Isador Brown's friend, Julie, is trying to find her lost parents and has many adventures along the way.
29065	Ish Reynolds, Peter H	Candlewick Press	2004	9780763623449	3-4	Drawing is what Ramon does. It's what makes him happy. But, in one split second, all that is changed. A single, reckless remark by his older brother, Leon, turns Ramon's once carefree expressions into joyless struggles. Luckily for Ramon, his younger sister, Marisol, sees the world differently. She opens his eyes to something far more valuable than getting things just right.
	Ishmael series Bauer, Michael Gerard				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1170	Isla Lu, where are you Hoy, Catriona & White, Annie (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2013	9781922081063	K-2	Mum is looking for Isla Lu. She isn't upstairs, she isn't downstairs, she isn't in the smelly bin. Mum is looking all over the house for Isla Lu, coming across all the family members as she goes, and they all join in the fun, but they know that Isla Lu is closer than Mum thinks.
660766	Isla's family tree McKelvey, Katrina & Pittock, Prue (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2020	9781925820379	K-2	Isla's family is changing and she's not happy! It's time for Isla to explore her family tree so that she can see how all families change and grow over time. The perfect book for anyone looking to find a way to introduce new family members or show children how they belong in their own family.

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8096	Island of beyond, The Atkinson, Elizabeth	Lerner Publishing Group	2016	9781467781169	5-6	Martin is eleven years old and thinks these summer holidays could not get any worse. His father drives him to the island where he spent this own summer holidays with his brother and in the care of an aunt. While Aunt Lenore and her brother Ned are not your average elderly and dotting relative. Everything about the Island of Beyond is not what you would expect. This includes tree climbing and canoeing new friend Martin makes named Solo. Martin learns about friendship and family and secrets this summer.
11573	Island of Dr Libris, The Grabenstein, Chris	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9780857988256	5-6	Billy is spending the summer in a lakeside cabin, belonging to the mysterious Dr Libris. But, something strange is going on. Whenever he opens the books in Dr Libris' private bookcase, Billy can hear sounds coming from the island in the middle of the lake. The clash of swords, the twang of arrows and, sometimes, the ground shakes. It's almost as if the stories he's reading are coming to life. But, that's impossible.
6089	Island of lost horses, The Gregg, Stacy	HarperCollins Australia	2015	9780007580279	5-6	When twelve year old Beatriz stumbles across a wild mare with strange markings, she can't believe it's real. Yet, from that moment on, the strongest connection grows between them, and Beatriz begins to uncover an incredible history. Centuries ago, Felipa and her horse, Cara Blanca, were running for their lives. As the fates of Beatriz, Felipa and their horses become entwined, Beatriz realises that the future of the world's rarest horses depends on her.
213	Island of the blue dolphins O'Dell, Scott	Puffin Australia	1966	9780140302684	7-9	Set in the 1800s, this is a story of a girl's survival on a deserted island.
571055	Island, The Bennett, M. A.	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781471407536	9plus	Link has experienced three years of bullying at the exclusive Osney School in London before he decides enough is enough. However, he agrees to stay on for one more team building activity on a desert island at the request of his parents before being allowed to leave. Things go from bad to worse however, when the plane goes down and Link is alone with his worst tormentors and no adults to modify their predatory behaviour. With no practical experience, Link must rely on nothing but the knowledge of how to survive, gleaned from novels and pop culture, to try to turn everything around and rescue himself from the bottom of a brutal teenage hierarchy. Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 and above.

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95507	Island, The Greder, Armin	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2007	9781741752663	7-9	One morning, a man is found on the beach by the people of an island. Although the islanders fear the outsider and want to send him back into the ocean, the fisherman convinces them that they have a responsibility to save him from death. A powerful look at how people cope with differences and the notion of a group mentality in dealing with a situation.
18562	Island, The Heffernan, John & Sheehan, Peter, (ill)	Five Senses Publications	2014	9781865048130	3-4	No-one in the tribe on an island of hard-working folk can see the beauty around them, until a blind boy makes them see.
774007	Island, The Taylor, C L	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2021	9780008240592	9plus	Welcome to the Island. Where your worst fears are about to come true. A week-long trip for six teenage friends on a remote tropical island is supposed to be the perfect holiday. When their guide dies of a stroke leaving them stranded, this trip turns into a nightmare because someone on the island knows each of the group's worst fears. One by one they are becoming a reality. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
2350	Islands in my garden Howes, Jim & Harvey, Roland (ill)	Penguin	2002	9780143500520	3-4	Come look in our backyard and meet the strange creatures. If you are careful you will see a place full of surprises.
2353	Islands of Chaldea, The Jones, Diana Wynne	HarperCollins Children's Books	2014	9780007549207	7-9	Aileen is convinced she'll never become as magical as her Aunt Beck. But when her wise woman aunt is set a seemingly impossible rescue mission, Aileen soon realises she might be more special than she thought.
660786	Isle of the Lost, The De La Cruz, Melissa	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742995830	5-6	Many years ago, all the evil villains were banished from the kingdom of Auradon to the Isle of the Lost. The Isle is a dark and dreary place protected by a force field that makes it impossible for them to leave. Stripped of their magical powers, the villains and their children now live in total isolation, forgotten by the world. The only hope of escape is to find the Dragon's Eye which is hidden. Legend says that only the cleverest, evillest and nastiest villain can find it. So, Mal (Malificent's daughter) and Evie (the Evil Queen's daughter) join forces with Carlos (De Vil) and Jay (Jafar's son) in their quest to find the Dragon's Eye. They find out that being good ain't so bad and sometimes it even helps!

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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 faintheartedd. 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.
944682	Isles of the Gods, The Kaufman, Amie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180064	9plus	Selly has saltwater in her veins. So when her father leaves her high and dry in the port of Kirkpool, she has no intention of riding out the winter at home while he sails to adventure in the north seas. But any plans to follow him are dashed when a handsome stranger with tell-tale magician's marks on his arms commandeers her ship under cover of darkness: He is Prince Leander of Alinor, and he needs to cross the Crescent Sea without detection so he can complete a ritual on the sacred Isles of the Gods. Selly has no desire to escort a spoiled prince anywhere, and no time for his entitled demands or his good looks. But what starts as a leisure cruise will lead to acts of treason and sheer terror on the high seas, bringing two countries to the brink of war, two strangers closer than they ever thought possible and two dangerous gods stirring from centuries of slumber... Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
41501	It all starts with a seed: how food grows Bone, Emily & Elford, Sally (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2017	9781474922456	3-4	Did you know that some food needs the wind to grow? And some food grows in the dark? What food grows in water? And which nut isn't a nut at all, but a type of bean that grows underground? Find out the answers to these quirky questions and lots more about how all kinds of food grows in this awesome book!
864751	It fell from the sky Fan, Terry and Eric	Murdoch Books Australia	2022	9780711270657	3-4	A beautiful orb drops from the sky and sets all the insects in the garden to wonder. They begin to come up with ideas on what the object is and from where it came. When the crafty spider thinks he can use this wonderful object to his own benefit, he learns a valuable lesson.
25952	It goes without saying Schulz, Charles M	Ravette Publishing	2007	9781841612720	5-6	A tour through fifty years of the cartoon strips, Peanuts, revealing the philosophy of Charles M Schulz at its silent best. Actions speak louder than words in this feast of visual annecdotes and comments on life. Everyone can identify with, or knows someone just like, Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Schroeder, Snoopy or Woodstock.

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5682	It might be an apple Yoshitake, Shinsuke	Thames and Hudson (Australia) Pty Ltd	2015	9780500650486	3-4	Follow a child's hilarious, wildly inventive train of thought through all the things an apple might be if it is not, in fact, an apple. Distrusting the apple's convincing appearance, the child's imagination spirals upwards and outwards into a magical, fantasy world.
676551	It sounded better in my head Kenwood, Nina	Text Publishing Co	2019	9781925773910	7-9	When her parents announce their impending separation, Natalie can't understand why no one is fighting or at least mildly upset. And now that Zach and Lucy, her two best friends, have fallen in love, she's feeling slightly miffed and decidedly awkward. Where does she fit in now? And what has happened to the version of her life that played out like a TV show - with just the right amount of banter, pining and meaningful looks? Nothing is going according to plan. But then an unexpected romance comes along and shakes things up even further. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
15504	It wasn't me Bond, Michael & Stewart, Joel (ill)	Corgi Books	2016	9780552573139	3-4	Imagine swallowing a computer chip and becoming a living computer. Imagine almost burning down your school. Imagine being Harry Manners. He is a very unusual boy. His family don't understand him and his teachers wish he would stop daydreaming. But, Harry thinks he's doing just fine, as long as he has a stash of Max Masters comics to read and his imaginary pet pig, Monty, to take for a walk.
18146	It's a book Smith, Lane	Walker Books	2010	9781921720147	3-4	Monkey is reading a book but his friend wants to know what the book can do. It doesn't have a mouse or make loud noises like his computer. He wonders how you make the characters fight.
4929	It's a jungle in here Wide, Steve & Mackintosh, Michelle (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2009	9781921136429	3-4	Only at Jimmy's house will you find a hippo in the bath and a monkey in the lounge room.
6183	It's a miroocool Harris, Christine & James, Ann (ill)	Little Hare Books	2012	9781921541018	K-2	Audrey lives in the outback and, when she loses her first tooth, she's worried that the tooth fairy will never find her. She decides to make it as easy as possible by leaving a map and various trails for the tooth fairy.

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6334	It's a secret Burningham, John	Walker Books	2009	9781406314472	K-2	Marie Elaine wants to know where cats go when they are let out at night. One night, when Marie Elaine discovers Malcolm, her cat, all dressed up in fancy clothes and a hat for a party, she wants to go too. When Marie Elaine promises to keep it a secret, puts on her party dress and gets small enough to fit through the cat-flap, Malcolm agrees that she can come.
6285	It's a story, Rory! Watts, Frances & Legge, David (ill)	ABC Books	2018	9780733335938	5-6	Rory has never been in a story before and he's not even sure how one works. Luckily, he and his friend Milly have a helpful voice on the page (that's me, the narrator) to guide them on an amazing adventure as they encounter an exciting plot, spectacular settings and some very funny characters. So, open the cover and discover how stories are made.
6514	It's about love Camden, Steven	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2015	9780007511242	9plus	He's Luke. She's Leia. Just like in Star Wars. Just like they're made for each other. Only this isn't a film, this is real life. This is where monsters from the past come back to take revenge. This is where you are sometimes the monster. And, where, the things we build to protect us can end up doing the most harm. Mature read. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
33547	It's bedtime, William Niland, Deborah	Penguin	2010	9780670073825	K-2	It's time for bed but William has other ideas. A very special friend helps make this his most memorable night ever.
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, Aunty Cha, is the only adult Pearl can confide in about her artsy hobby - her family is tech-obsessed and has no time to care. Pearl finds out that Boba Time is in financial trouble and she bravely starts a business selling her crochet dolls to raise the money needed to save Aunty Cha's shop. Trouble is, it's harder than she thought it would be, and it means fights with family, friends and more issues along the way...
5896	It's elementary: putting the crackle into chemistry Winston, Robert	Dorling Kindersley	2007	9781405318570	7-9	Everything you see and touch is made of one or more of the over ninety discovered elements like oxygen, platinum and ytterbium. This book is packed with things to learn and explore and the extraordinary ways in which the elements affect our lives.

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29842	It's hard to love a tiger Pignataro, Anna	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781743817582	K-2	I wish I had a tiger, a tiger from the zoo. A tiger of my own to love - a tiger just like you. A funny rhyming story about a little girl and a troublesome (but lovable) tiger.
12118	It's my birthday Hutchins, Pat	Bodley Head	1999	9780370326429	K-2	Billy is reluctant to share his birthday presents with the other little monsters but, then, something happens to make him change his mind.
846177	It's not you, it's me Williams, Gabrielle	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526078	7-9	Holly Fitzgerald has inexplicably woken up inside the body of an LA teenager called trinity Byrne in 1980 - trapping Trinity in Holly's forty year old body back in Melbourne 2020. Mind. Officially. Blown. Holly finds herself navigating a brand new body, family and cute boy next door - not to mention rock band that might just make it, and potential kidnapper. Meanwhile, lies intersect with truth, hurtling both Holly and Trinity towards a dangerous fate as the connections between them grow deeper and stranger than either of them could have ever imagined. "
649018	It's OK to feel the way you do Langley, Josh	Big Sky Publishing	2017	9781925520965	K-2	Everyone has feelings....happy,sad,lonely, angry, anxious, proud, scared and they are all OK! But sometimes we don't know what to do with them, until now that is! This fun book will help kids make friends with their feelings so that they can enjoy life a lot more.
871599	It's our business to make a better world Hui, Rebeca & Bray, Anneli (ill)	Magic Cat Publishing	2022	9781913520434	5-6	Young people can make a difference. Meet 12 children from around the world who are already actively campaigning for change. Learn about the projects they are involved in and discover how you can make the world a better place.
7073	It's raining, it's pouring, we're exploring Peters, Polly & Stockham, Jess (ill)	Child's Play International Ltd	2007	9781846431173	K-2	Bad weather stops the three children from playing outside. But, with a few home-made props and a bit of imagination, they have a wonderful time.
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.
18603	It's true: animals are electrifying Wilkinson, Rick & Looby, Ric (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2005	9781741143430	5-6	A book full of wonders, from snakes that can fly to eggs that can talk, from eels discharging 500 volts to lizards spurting blood from their eyes. Lots of interesting facts and fascinating information about how animals adapt to their environment in bizarre and unexpected ways.
18586	It's true: Burke & Wills forgot the frying pan Gregg, David & Harvey, Roland (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2005	9781741144727	5-6	Quirky facts and incidents about the expeditions of early Australian explorers.

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18322	It's true: hauntings happen and ghosts get grumpy Costain, Meredith & Smith, Craig (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2006	9781741146080	5-6	Fascinating collection of stories about ghosts, aliens, psychics and other unusual things.
503	It's true: space turns you into spaghetti Catchpole, Heather & Woods, Vanessa & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2006	9781741146257	5-6	Appealing, illustrated fact book on space exploration. Focuses on astronauts, habitable planets, gas giants and physics of space. Suggests simple experiments and activities.
18107	It's true: you eat poison every day Macinnis, Peter & Guthridge, Bettina (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2006	9781741146264	5-6	Facts and accounts about poisons used for cures but often killing people by accident.
18110	It's true: your cat could be a spy Bursztynski, Sue & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2006	9781741146066	5-6	A fetching book about spies. It links good storytelling and factual information with humorous pictures.
2739	It's true: your hair grows 15 kilometres a year Lawrenson, Diana & Hobbs, Leigh (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2004	9781741142723	5-6	This book is full of hair-raising facts about follicles, frizzy hair, hairy heads and baldness. Imagine sleeping on a horse hair mattress or dyeing your hair with leeches soaked in vinegar. Find out how a single strand of hair can show if you've been poisoned.
587897	Ivanhoe Swift left home at six Godwin, Jane & Yi, A. (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760631864	K-2	Ivanhoe Swift left home when he was six. He had heard many songs about the world, and it was time to see it for himself.
20823	Ivory rose, The Murrell, Belinda	Random House Children's Books	2011	9781742750712	5-6	Jemma lands a babysitting job in Rosethorne, one of the famous witches' houses near her home. The house is supposedly haunted by a sad little girl. When Jemma discovers a beautiful ivory rose locket, she sees a terrifying flashback and wakes up in 1895, where she becomes an apprentice maidservant. But. all is not well in the grand house. Young heiress Georgiana is constantly sick and Jemma suspects she's being poisoned.
132126	Ivy Hearn, Julie	Simon & Schuster	2008	9780192754318	9plus	Ivy, a common, laudanum addict living with thieves and scoundrels, is a stunner, a term for an artist's model and beauty. After embarking on a life of crime in London, she is sold out by her adopted family and falls victim to a pre-Raphaelite painter's jealous mother. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
35550	Ivy and the lonely raincloud Harnett, Katie	Flying Eye Books	2017	9781911171157	K-2	Life is lonely for this little rain cloud. If only he could find someone who liked rain! Then one day, he stumbles across a young florist who looks rather sad... Could they both be looking for the same thing?

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751214	Ivy bird McCartney, Tania & Racklyeft, Jess (ill)	NewSouth Publishing	2019	9781922081797	K-2	Ivy wakes with the birds. She flutters, she flits...then takes flight into the endless blue of imaginative play - foraging for nectar, pecking in the sunshine, splashing the day away. Introducing an aviary of beautiful birds to little ones, Ivy Bird is a celebration of nature, friendship, and the love and comfort found in feathering the nest.
	Izzy Folau series Harding, David & Folau, Izzy & Fosdike, James (ill)				5-6	Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen.
1424058	J vs. K Alexander, Kwame & Craft, Jerry	Little Brown	2025	9780316597104	5-6	J and K are the most creative fifth graders at Dean Ashley Public School (DAPS). J loves to draw and his wordless stories are J-ENIUS! K loves to write and his stories are K-LASSIC!! Both J and K are determined to win the DAPS annual creative storytelling contest or at least get in the top five. And when they find out that they are both entering The Contest, it's the beginning of one of the most intense rivalries the world has ever seen.
23027	J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan: Graphic novel Stref (adapted and drawn) & Cramb, Fin (coloured)	Birlinn Ltd	2015	9781780272900	5-6	A retelling that captures all of the magic and excitement of the original in a dreamily illustrated graphic novel that the whole family can enjoy. New readers of J.M. Barrie's classic tale won't be missing out on anything from the original novel in this faithful full colour rendition while returning readers will adore the new full colour illustrations that bring the tale to life as never before.
22965	Jabber-Walking Herrera, Juan Felipe	Candlewick Press	2018	9780763692643	5-6	Can you walk and talk at the same time? How about Jabberwalk? Can you write and draw and walk and journal all at the same time? If not, you're in luck: exuberant, blue-cheesy cilantro man Juan Felipe Herrera, Poet Laureate of the United States, is here to teach you everything he knows about being a real-life, bonified, Jabberwalking poet! Jabberwalkers write and speak for themselves and others no matter where their feet may take them - to Jabberwalk is to be a poet on the move. And there's no stopping once you're a Jabberwalker, writing fast, fast, fast, scribble-poem-burbles-on-the-run. Scribble what you see! Scribble what you hear! It's all out there - vamonos!

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574283	Jacaranda magic Patterson, Dannika & Forward, Megan (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2018	9781925804010	K-2	Five friends are feeling bored on a hot sticky day. Just when they think they'll never find anything fun to play, a simple gust of wind changes everything.
6196	Jacaranda snow Greer, Catherine & Magisson, Helene (ill)	Wombat Books	2018	9781925563283	K-2	Jess and Gran have always made the best of everything. When there's not much for dinner, they cook oodles of noodles. When there's no cake for birthdays, they toast marshmallows on the stove.When it snows in the mountains, Jess longs to go. But there's no extra money for a holiday this year. So Jess finds a way to see the most amazing snow of all.
5904	Jack and Mia Vescio, Robert & Richards, Claire (ill)	Wombat Books	2016	9781925139730	K-2	Jack and Mia are best friends. They are like two sides of a coin. They stick together like paper and glue. Then, the unthinkable happens. Mia's family has to move away, a long way away.
15359	Jack and the beanstalk Walker, Richard & Sharkey, Niamh	Barefoot books	2002	9781901223378	K-2	Find out what happens to Jack when he visits the giant's castle in this gleeful version of the classic children's story.
	Jack and the geniuses series Nye, Bill & Mone, Gregory				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.
23340	Jack Fortune and the search for the hidden valley Purkiss, Sue	Alma Books Ltd	2018	9781846884283	5-6	An orphan child full of mischief, Jack lives with his crotchety widow aunt in eighteenth-century England. His naughtiness knows no limits, and when one day he goes a step too far, Aunt Constance decides that she's had enough: from now on, his bachelor uncle can take care of him. Uncle Edmund is in no way prepared for a boy with boundless energy and an impish streak - and anyway, he's off to the Himalayas to search for rare plants! But Aunt Constance is absolutely determined, and Jack's uncle has no choice - he will have to take the boy with him.
15051	Jack in a box Jarman, Julia & Pottie,Marjolein (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2004	9780007104109	K-2	Jack uses his imagination to visualise and play with the boxes left over from Tom's birthday presents.

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	Jack Mason adventure series Pitt, Darrell				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.
864867	Jack of spades Masson, Sophie	Eagle Books	2017	9780994528001	7-9	It's May 1910 and 16 year old Linda Duke has just received a strange message: a playing card, the Jack of Spades, in an envelope that was sent from Paris, where her widowed father, Professor Charles Duke, a noted but impractical Shakespearean scholar, has gone on a research trip. In the code devised by her late French mother Madeleine, who was a dedicated card-player, 'Jack of Spades' means treachery and danger. Her father knows that. But it is not his handwriting on the envelope. Linda is convinced he is in great danger, and being both brave and determined, decides to set out immediately to Paris to look for him.
	Jack Russell, dog detective series Odgers, Darrel & Sally & Dawson, Janine (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.
	Jack Stalwart, secret agent series Singer Hunt, Elizabeth & Wiliamson, Brian (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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2064	Jack's bugle Bell, Krista & Elliott, Belinda (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2014	9781922081292	5-6	Aidan leaves the farm to join the war, along with his bugle. He is excited by the promise of travel, adventure and new friends, using his bugle to inspire his battalion.
121391	Jack's island Jorgensen, Norman	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760992958	5-6	Living on an Island during WWII, Jack and his best friend Banjo have the run of the island and a remarkable knack for getting into trouble. Dafty, a simple but loveable young boy, is their constant companion. But when Dafty seeks revenge against the local schoolmaster for a punishment inflicted on Banjo, life becomes suddenly more serious.
877891	Jack's jumper Acton, Sara	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2022	9781760654054	K-2	Jack's jumper is no ordinary jumper. It is a warm woolly hug, a reminder of those you hold dear and a source of adventure. It is no wonder that someone else likes Jack's jumper too.
16767	Jack's little party Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2007	9781406306644	3-4	Jack's Mum isn't like other Mums and sometimes he feels embarrassed. But, when Jack brings his friend, Sam, home, Jack realises that being different can be fun.
2955	Jack's worry Zuppardi, Sam	Walker Books	2016	9781406367799	K-2	Jack is looking forward to playing in his first ever concert. But, on the big day, Jack finds he has a Worry. His Worry follows him, and it grows bigger and bigger.
617340	Jacket, The Pashley, Sue-Ellen & Baker, Thea (ill)	Walker Books	2019	9781925381788	K-2	The jacket was no ordinary jacket. Amelia wore it everywhere... until one day...
640254	Jaclyn Hyde Bondor-Stone, Annabeth & White, Connor	HarperCollins Children's Books	2019	9780062954626	3-4	Jaclyn Hyde is always juggling a million different things.She always insists that everything is 100% absolutely perfect. But on one fateful Tuesday, all of her perfectly laid plans fall apart when she finds some 'Perfection Potion' in a dark and dusty laboratory and drinks it. The funny events that follow are similar to the classic story of 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. Being 'perfect' will never be the same again.
214	Jacob have I loved Paterson, Katherine	HarperTrophy	2003	9780064403689	9plus	Louise is overshadowed by her talented twin, Caroline, and she has to struggle with her own identity throughout her life. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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18514	Jacob's ladder Keaney, Brian	Orchard Books	2006	9781843627210	9plus	Jacob wakes up in a field unable to remember anything but his name. Why is he there, how can he get home? An intriguing story, raising issues about life after death, hopes and dreams. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
846119	Jacqueline: A soldier's daughter Ober, Pierre-Jacques & Ober, Jules	Ford Street Publishing	2021	9781925804911	7-9	When Jacqueline was a little girl living in France, World War 2 began. Her father is sent to fight while her mother becomes brave and fierce. She protects her little girl and tries to keep the family together and strong.
40633	Jaguar warrior Fussell, Sandy	Walker Books	2010	9781921529290	7-9	Atl has been a Temple slave for six years but now he is imprisoned in a box, waiting to be sacrificed to the Serpent-Sun god. When the Spanish lords attack the temple, Ichtaca releases Atl to run to the next town to ask for help. Now he is free, Atl must decide whether to deliver the message or save himself.
11438	Jake and Lily Spinelli, Jerry	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2012	9780060281359	7-9	A story told from two points of view: Jake, then Lily, telling two sides to similar events. They know that together they are a powerful force, but that they have to learn how to stand alone as well.
	Jake and Pete series Rubinstein, Gillian				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.
5462	Jake Atlas and the hunt for the feathered god Jones, Rob Lloyd & Antonsson, Petur (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781406377712	7-9	Jake Atlas and his family are on the run. They're on a mission to stop the mysterious People of the Snake from hiding the secret of humankind. But the international police are chasing Jake and his family through one of the jungles of Honduras - one of the most dangerous places in the world. Can they make it out alive and discover the hidden mystery of human kind?

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660776	Jake Atlas and the tomb of the emerald snake Jones, Rob Lloyd	Walker Books	2017	9781406361445	5-6	Indiana Jones meets Mission Impossible (meets a squabbling family from the suburbs). Jake Atlas, Tomb Robber, Treasure Hunter and Trouble-Maker is a schoolboy with terrible grades and even worse behaviour. He has a way of causing trouble that drives people nuts especially his sister Pan. Now he and Pan are members of a super high-tech treasure hunting team searching for a lost tomb in the deserts of Egypt so they can save their parents from being turned into mummies by an evil cult.
	Jake series Spillman, Ken & Nixon, Chris (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.
9323	Jake's orphan Brooke, Peggy	Simon & Schuster	2001	9780743427036	7-9	Young orphan, Tree, fervently wishes to set up a home for himself and his brother away from the orphanage in this story about identity, belonging and the transfiguring power of love.
2373	Jaleesa the emu Kerr, Nola & Brindle, Susannah & Charles, Craig (ill)	Penguin	2001	9780141306315	3-4	Jaleesa thinks something is waiting for her in the mysterious land at the back of her great-grandmother's house. This story within a story involves the spirits of the animals, and in particular, the emu.
53291	Jameela Khan, Rukhsana	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9781742372594	7-9	Jameela lives with her family in a war-torn village in Afghanistan. Life is hard but when her mother dies and her father remarries, Jameela has to face a greater horror. To survive she draws on the strong sense of self that her mother gave her. Based on the story of an actual devout Muslim girl and life in post-Taliban Afghanistan.
2374	James and the giant peach Dahl, Roald	Puffin UK	2001	9780141311357	3-4	James's aunts, Spiker and Sponge, are always calling him names. They beat him and starve him and make his life a misery. If only his parents hadn't been eaten by an angry rhinoceros. Then, one day, he begins the adventure of his dreams.
23258	Jamie and Angus together Fine, Anne & Dale, Penny (ill)	Walker Books	2007	9781406313321	3-4	Once best friends, always best friends. That's the way it is with Jamie and his toy Highland bull, Angus. In this collection of six stories, the pair tackles a lively playmate, get muddled by a pretend game and discover that playing isn't fun unless they are doing it together.

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7319	Jamie Spy and the great cookie mystery Miesen, Christina	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780143305149	3-4	Mrs Spy's freshly baked cookies have gone and only crumbs are left behind. Secret agent, Jamie, is on a mission to see who has eaten them all.
947309	Jamie: A joyful story of friendship, bravery and acceptance Lapinski, L. D.	Orion	2023	9781510110922	5-6	Jamie Rambeau is a happy 11-year-old non-binary kid who likes nothing better than hanging out with their two best friends Daisy and Ash. But when the trio find out that in Year Seven they will be separated into one school for boys and another for girls, their friendship suddenly seems at risk. And when Jamie realises no one has thought about where they are going to go, they decide to take matters into their own hands, and sort it all out once and for all. As the friends' efforts to raise awareness eventually become a rooftop protest against the binary rules for the local schools, Jamie realises that if they don't figure out a way forwards, they might be at risk of losing both their friends forever...
2377	Jamil's shadow Harris, Christine	Puffin Australia	2001	9780141312101	5-6	A young, orphaned boy keeps to himself, tending his herd of cattle and remaining apart from others in his small Turkish village. When a stray dog follows him home, Jamil finds that he can't get rid of it. A challenging read.
903242	Jammer, The Weetman, Nova	University of Queensland Press	2022	9780702265426	5-6	Fred has moved around her whole life, one small town after another, and never minded starting over. She's always had her mum, her dad, and her love of roller derby. On the track she's Fred or Dead, the star jammer, a gun at smashing through a line of bodies and scoring for her team. But Fred's life has fallen apart, and now she can't imagine ever putting her skates on again. On a road trip to Melbourne with her dad, Fred meets a bunch of people who think they know what's best for her. And although Fred tries to avoid it, roller derby has a way of barging back into her life. A true jammer could push through anything, but Fred doesn't know who she is anymore. What do you do when the thing that could save you is the thing that hurts the most?

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793	Jandamarra Greenwood, Mark & Denton, Terry (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781742375700	5-6	Set in the Kimberley region in north-west Australia, this is the story of a young warrior born to lead. To the settlers, he was an outlaw to be hunted. To the Bunuba, he was a courageous defender of his country. This story of conflict and divided loyalties gives a unique insight into an extraordinary man and a tragic but important part of Australia's history.
45508	Jane and the magician Baynton, Martin	Walker Books	2006	9781406305289	3-4	The king has foolishly banished his magician for not making a rain spell. The magician proves him wrong but, of course, he doesn't know when to stop. Jane and her dragon must sort out the problem but those rain clouds can be persistent.
1304854	Jane Austen's Pride and prejudice: Abridged for young readers Landman, Tanya & Austen, Jane	Walker Books	2025	9781529501322	7-9	When two wealthy young men move to the neighbourhood, Mrs Bennet -- mother to five unmarried daughters -- is thrilled. Surely it is only a matter of time before one of her girls is snapped up! But the course of love does not always run smooth. While Jane and Mr Bingley seem destined for one another, there are those who would wish it otherwise; while Elizabeth and Mr Darcy do not seem destined for one another, somehow their paths must always cross. Then there are Lydia and Kitty, the silliest and vainest of the Bennet sisters, keen to attract the wickedly attractive Mr Wickham and his military comrades. Love is in the air - but where will it all end??
592795	Jane Doe and the cradle of all worlds Lachlan, Jeremy	Hardie Grant Egmont	2018	9781760501815	7-9	When a fierce quake strikes the remote island of Bluehaven, and her father disappears, Jane Doe is thrown headfirst into an epic quest to bring him home. But this ain't no ordinary rescue mission. Her father is lost in a place between worlds; a dangerous labyrinth of shifting rooms, infernal booby traps and secret gateways. And Jane has to find him fast, because someone else is searching for him, too. A man who knows her father's secrets. A man who has an army. With a pyromaniac named Violet and the enigmatic Hickory by her side, Jane is about to discover that this adventure is even bigger on the inside than it looks ..

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1395160	Jane Doe and the god of all hours Lachlan, Jeremy	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2025	9781760501846	7-9	Jane Doe is being hunted by the villainous God-King who seeks her as his one true vessel. Only Jane can weild the power of the Manor, only she can give him absolute control. And only she can stop him. But Jane is not herself. Lost in the Manor with no memory of her past, Jane is outnumbered and outmatched. With a mythical relic in hand and an old ally by her side, Jane has one last chance to find her friends and save the Otherworlds. Jane's final adventure calls.
215	Jane Eyre Bronte, Charlotte	Penguin	2002	9780140439304	7-9	Only nine when she is orphaned and sent to live with an unloving aunt, Jane spends miserable, lonely years at boarding school before becoming a governess in the home of a mysterious man. A classic story.
4002	Jane, the fox and me Britt, Fanny & Arsenault, Isabelle (ill) & Morelli, Christelle (trans) & Ouriou, Susan (trans)	Walker Books	2014	9781406353044	7-9	Helene has been inextricably ostracised by the girls who were once her friends. Her school life is full of whispers and lies. Her loving mother is too tired to help. Helene has one consolation, Charlotte Bronte's Jayne Eyre, where she can identify with Jane's tribulations and ignore her tormentors. On school camp, an encounter with a fox brings hope for Helene, and then comes Geraldine.
669447	January stars, The Constable, Kate	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760525026	7-9	When twelve-year-old Clancy and her fourteen-year-old sister, Tash, kidnap their grandfather from his aged-care home, it's almost by accident. But they soon set out on an intrepid adventure, in search of a better place for Pa to live. Along the way they face many challenges, and Clancy becomes increasingly sure that their journey is being guided. Is the ghost of their grandmother accompanying them on their quest?
7048	Japarrika Tiwi College Alalinguwi Jarrakarlinga & Lawrence, David & Ware, Shelley	Indigenous Literacy Foundation	2017	9780143790280	5-6	Kay-Bell loves to play footy. All she wants to do on the field is make her family and the Tiwi people proud. But when Aunty B gets in the way of her dream of kicking goals for the Tiwi Warriors, Kay-Bell must enlist the help of her friends and brother on a wild journey ...Will she survive the water buffaloes, dugongs, crocodiles and stormy weather to make it to the big game?
15984	Jar of happiness, The Burrows, Ailsa	Child's Play International Ltd	2015	9781846437281	K-2	Meg thinks she has found the recipe for happiness. She collects all the necessary ingredients in a jar, which she uses to cheer up her friends and family when they're feeling low. But her jar has mysteriously disappeared and she is feeling sad. Her friends and family think they know what can make her happy again.

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58097	Jarvis 24 Metzenthen, David	Penguin Books Australia	2009	9780143010043	7-9	We first meet Marc Jarvis and his best mate, Travis, as stereotypical sports-playing, girl-ogling sixteen year olds. As the book unfolds, we see beyond the exterior as Marc makes sense of his feelings and attitudes. His views about people, loyalty, friendship, love and its loss are challenged.
15050	Jason and the golden fleece Riordan, James & Cockcroft, Jason (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2005	9781845070618	5-6	The epic story of Jason's quest for the golden fleece is retold for junior readers. Each short chapter adds another part to this riveting tale.
32246	Jasper & Abby and the great Australia Day kerfuffle Rudd, Kevin & Muldoon, Rhys & Zapel, Carla (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9781742373294	3-4	It was a special day at the Prime Minister's Lodge. There was going to be a big party with people and yummy food from around Australia. Abby the dog and Jasper the cat were there. And, so was a scruffy, little dog, who promised to be on his best behaviour.
28006	Jasper juggles jellyfish Long, Ben & Cornish, David	Ford Street Publishing	2018	9781925736038	K-2	An octopus called Jasper gives up on learning the basics at school to pursue something he thinks will be more fun. He soon finds that even fun things can be difficult to learn. But luckily, a smack of jolly jellyfish are there to help him every step of the way. How many jellyfish do you think Jasper will be able to juggle by the end? Count along! Maybe he will end up learning the basics without even knowing it.
	Jasper Zammit series Abela, Deborah & Warren, Johnny				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.
8623	Jatta Hale, Jenny	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781741693126	7-9	Jatta is a princess in the kingdom of Alteeda but her life is no fairytale. When Jatta was three, her mother was slain by werewolves and, now, at furteen, she has discovered that the werewolves left their curse on her and she will transform into a wolf on the full moon. With her brother, she bravely resists a dark lord and grows in confidence, resourcefulness and bravery to overcome the evil.

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992542	Jawsome Timmis, R.J.	Albert Street Books	2023	9781761068591	3-4	By day, Finley and his bandmates are ordinary shark kids. But by night, they are secretly the super-famous rock band JAWSOME! But not everything is cruisy. Can JAWSOME get to the bottom of an ocean of shady shark-nanigans while keeping their secret identities watertight? With fabulous illustrations on every page, non-stop adventure and lots of laughs, Jawsome is perfect for emerging readers (and shark enthusiasts of all ages).
1023608	Jawsome: Licence to rock Timmis, R.J	Albert Street Books	2024	9781761068607	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.
	Jedi Academy series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
35607	Jehan and the quest of the lost dog Hawke, Rosanne & Stewart, Briony (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2017	9780702259609	5-6	Jehan has lost his home and family in a devastating flood in Pakistan. Lost and stuck in a tree he hears a dog barking. Jehan rescues the dog, Lali, and he's no longer alone, but she keeps paddling away from him, swimming further into the floodwaters. So Jehan is forced to follow her, but will the dog's quest lead them to safety, and to their families? Or to more danger?
660661	Jelly-boy Godwin, Nicole & Nielsen, Christopher (ill)	Walker Books	2020	9781760651237	3-4	Jellyfish has fallen for a different sort of boy. Her Jelly-Boy might seem big and strong and a good listener, but everyone else knows it's a plastic bag and that plastic bags do not belong in the sea. Jellyfish must learn the dangerous truth of her new friend.

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2843	Jellybean goes to school Roc, Margaret & Hughes, Laura (ill)	Tamarind Books	2013	9781848530751	K-2	Jellybean is longing to learn about the world and make friends. So, she is very excited when it's time to start school. At first, Jellybean is nervous but her new teacher brings magic into the classroom. And Jellybean's imagination brings her new surroundings to life in many wild and wonderful ways.
7761	Jennie Gallico, Paul	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2016	9780007395194	5-6	Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a cat? Peter is about to find out. Waking from a serious accident, he finds himself transformed into a snow white cat and is forced out onto the streets of London. But the life of a street cat is tough and Peter is struggling to survive. Then he meets Jennie - kind and streetwise, she befriends Peter and together they embark on an epic adventure. Will Peter have what it takes to survive this new world?
2388	Jenny Angel Wild, Margaret & Spudvilas, Anne	Penguin	2002	9780140545258	5-6	Jenny's little brother, Davy, is very ill and her mother says that no one will be able to keep him alive. But, Jenny thinks that as long as she watches over Davy, nothing can happen. An emotionally charged story about a young girl's courageous stand, and the uncertainty and beauty of life.
15119	Jeremiah in the dark woods Ahlberg, Janet & Allan	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	1999	9780141304960	3-4	An adventure in the dark woods leads Jeremiah to meet many familiar characters from popular fairy tales.
818	Jeremy Faille, Chris & Snell, Danny (ill)	Working Title Press	2013	9781921504402	K-2	When tiny Jeremy falls out of his nest and is brought home by the family cat, he is only a few days old. Luckily, Jeremy is a fighter. As the weeks go by, he grows stronger and stronger, until the time comes to say goodbye.
2390	Jeremy Jeremiah Barron, Antonia	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1996	9781863738606	5-6	This is a time-slip story of friendship and of Australia's early gold-mining days. Jeremy makes contact with a boy who lived in Jeremy's house a hundred years before.
9882	Jeremy's tail Ball, Duncan & Rawlins, Donna (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2001	9780868965888	K-2	Jeremy, blindfolded and on his way to pin the tail on the donkey, takes a circuitous route that carries him far away, over the ocean and into space.
32613	Jerome's gift Denham, Trent	Trent Denham	2017	9780648018506	K-2	Over mountain and valley and stream he must go, across perilous sea, to a place where they know of a kindly old uncle who might lend some aid. The council agreed that a plan must be made. This most dangerous duty was all up to him, to provide precious food for his withering kin.

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66990	Jerry Dubosarsky, Ursula & Mullins, Patricia (ill)	Puffin Australia	2008	9780143303022	3-4	Jerry, the big white horse that lives in a field near Martha's school, is old and cranky, and doesn't like being patted. But, in her dreams, Martha sees him quite differently.
3151	Jesse the elephant Allen, Scott & Nadin, Judy (ill)	Standard Publishing House	2009	9781921638138	3-4	Jesse, the elephant, must move from her temporary home in Moore Park to her permanent residence, an Indian palace, at the new Taronga Park Zoo. It is not easy moving an elephant, particularly with beautiful Sydney harbour in the way and especially before the Sydney Harbour Bridge was built. Perhaps, Ernest, the little tugboat, and his friend, Lindsay the punt ferry, can help.
9406	Jessica Joan Orr, Wendy & James, Ann (ill)	Egmont Childrens	1999	9781863303675	K-2	Jessica Joan goes shopping and her quiet life will never be the same.
109050	Jessica's box Carnavas, Peter	New Frontier Publishing	2008	9781921042911	K-2	Jessica is sure she will make lots of friends on her first day at school. But, despite, her best efforts, no one stays to talk with her. Then, unexpectedly, a friend appears.
1423824	Jet set pets: Hop on board! Mara, Maddy & May, Kyla (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9781460761816	3-4	Violet Voom has three pets, one jet and an itch to travel. Wherever Violet goes in her fabulous purple jet, her fabulous (but not purple) pets go too. The pets - a sleek cat, a goofy poodle and a parrot with a terrible case of beak leak - are called the Jet Set Pets. And the jet? It's called the Pet Jet. Of course. Fly stunt planes in Japan! Find the egg thief in France! Sail the seas with your besties on a friend-SHIP!
1292388	Jet set pets: Ready, set, go! Mara, Maddy & May, Kyla (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460761809	3-4	Violet Voom has three pets, one jet and an itch to travel. Wherever Violet goes in her fabulous purple jet, her fabulous (but not purple) pets go too. The pets, a sleek cat, a goofy poodle and a parrot with a terrible case of beak leak are called the Jet Set Pets. And the jet? It's called the Pet Jet. Of course. From Hawaii to the Swiss Alps via a movie set, Violet and the Jet Set Pets jet all around the world. The Jet Set Pets are good at many things, but the thing they are best at is finding stuff.
12214	Jethro Byrde, fairy child Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2002	9780744588637	K-2	Annabelle's mother doesn't believe in fairies but Anabelle does. One day, she meets an entire tiny fairy family who have crash landed in her urban backyard of cement and weeds. Her play area becomes a very special place.
798584	Jetty jumping Rowe, Andrea & Sommerville, Hannah (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2021	9781760500658	K-2	While Milla's friends take big, brave jumps off the jetty, Milla stays on the blistering wood, scared of what lurks below. But when Milla accidentally falls off the edge, she discovers the beauty of the deep, dark sea - and her summer changes forever.

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79876	Jewel fish of Karnak, The Base, Graeme	Penguin	2011	9780670074679	5-6	In ancient Egypt, Jackal and Ibis are given a task by Cat Pharaoh, to travel along the Nile to retrieve the previous jewel fish from Crocodile Prince. Contains hieroglyphics and a jewel puzzle.
699176	Jibbernocky Thomas, Ben & Kershaw, D (ed)	Black Hare Press	2020	9781925809572	5-6	Monsters, snarks, Alice in Wonderland retellings, Jabberwocky-inspired poems, fairies, dancing elephants and talking mice... thrilling, creepy, funky and spooky! Stories and poems inspired by the greatest storyteller of our time.
	Jigsaw Jones 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.
877888	Jigsaw: a puzzle in the post Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2022	9781529503319	K-2	A mysterious parcel with a puzzle inside arrives at the Kelly's house - sender unknown. Will the family be able to piece it all together? A warmhearted story of perseverance, determination and hope.
12252	Jillian Jiggs Gilman, Phoebe	Scholastic US	1985	9780590748759	K-2	Jillian Jiggs is a little girl who hates to clean her room. She always promises her mum that she will clean it, but then forgets when her friends come over.
12254	Jillian Jiggs to the rescue Gilman, Phoebe	Scholastic US	1994	9780590746168	K-2	Jillian's sister, Rebecca, has a scary dream about a monster and Jillian decides to do something about it.
14877	Jim and the beanstalk Briggs, Raymond	Penguin Putnam	1997	9780698115774	3-4	Jim is now climbing the beanstalk, not Jack. He befriends the giant who is too old and sad to eat him.
2441	Jim's lion Hoban, Russell & Deacon, Alexis (ill)	Walker Books	2014	9781406346022	5-6	Jim is ill in hospital and his dreams are fearful and wild. His nurse gives him a mission, to find in his dreams his animal finder, who can guide him home wherever his illness takes him.

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578994	Jinxed McCulloch, Amy	Simon & Schuster	2018	9781471169960	9plus	Lacey Chu dreams of working for the company behind the revolutionary 'baku' a customisable smart pet that replaces the mobile phone but functions as a pet. To fulfil her dream she must be accepted into the Profectus Academy but her financial situation and family background seem to be standing in her way. That is, until she comes across Jinx; an incredibly advanced cat baku who goes beyond the functions of normal baku to forge an extraordinary bond with Lacey and paves the way to the possibility of her dreams coming true. Until Jinx misbehaves that is...Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
8456	Jinxed McDougall, Jill	Walker Books	2008	9781921150593	5-6	When Jinx accidentally smashes her next door neighbour's python tank with a misplaced totem tennis ball and is expected to replace it, she needs to make some cash fast. No slow and steady job for Jinx, but all her get rich quick schemes are going awry.
639330	Jinxed!: The curious curse of Cora Bell McRitchie, Rebecca & O'Connor, Sharon (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2019	9781460757642	3-4	Cora is eleven years old and missing one eye. She lives with an elderly lady named Dot in a room hidden behind a wall. In a crowded, industrial city, where everyone looks out for themselves, Cora and Dot hunt and sell rare and exotic things - apple seeds, silver forks, shoe polish. Until one day, Cora finds a few words scribbled on a piece of paper. She takes it home and says the words aloud. Then two plump, hairy fairies named Tick and Tock crash land in her path to warn her that she is in terrible danger. Cora has unknowingly summoned a sinister creature known as a Jinx. Jinxes eat magical beings and once they have a scent, they never forget it. But Cora isn't a magical being... is she? Quickly, Cora is thrown headfirst into a world filled with magic, necromancers, shape-shifters, enchantresses, fairies, nightwalkers, witches and giants.
15146	Jirrbal: rainforest Dreamtime stories Barlow, Maisie (Yarrcali) & Anning, Michael (Boiyool) (ill)	Magabala Books	2001	9781875641062	5-6	Aboriginal dreaming stories of the Jirrbal people. Contains factual narratives about the author's life and the rainforests of North Queensland. Traditional language words of the Jirrbal people are included.

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1424136	Jo Weston's netball besties: Double or nothing Western, Jo & Black, Jess & Loman, Sam (ill)	Penguin	2025	9781761348556	5-6	Hooray for school holidays! Jo and Ava are leaving Talma Valley for an adventure in the city. They have been selected to play in a special team at half-time in a professional netball game - and they can't wait. Their trip gets off to a dramatic start when Jo opens her suitcase - only to see that there has been a mix-up and she has someone else's bag! What's inside is even more intriguing. The girls set off on a quest to find the owner of the suitcase and to retrieve Jo's belongings. Can they solve the mystery in time to play in the big game?
1495606	Jo Weston's netball besties: Foul play Western, Jo & Black, Jess & Loman, Sam (ill)	Penguin	2025	9781761348532	3-4	It's all hands on deck as the Weston nut farm prepares for the biggest market of the year. When the most important machine on the farm breaks down, Jo and Ava suspect sabotage. But who would want to ruin the harvest? Jo and Ava must come up with a list of suspects and get to the bottom of the mystery, as well as train for their big netball match against the mighty Ogres. Can they do it all?
1495599	Jo Weston's netball besties: The disappearing trophy Western, Jo & Black, Jess & Loman, Sam (ill)	Penguin	2026	9781761348563	3-4	When the prized school netball championship trophy goes missing just days before the grand final, Jo and her best friend Ava are thrown into another adventure. With the clock ticking and pressure mounting, Jo and Ava - along with some surprise new sleuths - must search the school, question teachers and follow leads to solve the mystery before the big game. Will they find the trophy in time, or will the thief outsmart them and ruin everything?
815434	Jo: An adaptation of Little Women (sort of) Gros, Kathleen	HarperCollins US	2021	9780062875969	5-6	With the start of eighth grade, Jo March decides it's time to get serious about her writing and joins the school newspaper. But even with her new friend Freddie cheering her on, becoming a hard-hitting journalist is a lot harder than Jo imagined. That's not all that's tough. Jo and her sisters - Meg, Beth, and Amy - are getting used to a new normal at home, with their dad deployed overseas and their mom, a nurse, working overtime. And while it helps to hang out with Laurie, the boy who just moved next door, things get complicated when he tells Jo he has feelings for her. Feelings that Jo doesn't have for him...or for any boy. Feelings she's never shared with anyone before. Feelings that Jo might have for Freddie. What does it take to figure out who you are? Jo March is about to find out.

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18803	Joan of Arc: the story of Jehanne Darc Wilkinson, Lili	Black Dog Books	2006	9781921167003	7-9	Through a mixture of narrative and historical sources, the extraordinary life of Joan of Arc is detailed from her childhood in the small village of Doremy to her eventual burning at the stake, at the tender age of 18. The story follows Joan's quest to have the Dauphin crowned as the true King of France and the English invaders defeated.
1590	Jodie: this is the book of you Abdel-Fattah, Randa	Omnibus Books	2013	9781742990101	5-6	Best friends Jodie, Rania and Deyana can't believe what they have found in the school library. A mysterious book that writes itself, just for them. Jodie's life is difficult enough. Her father is in a new relationship and Jodie is trying to get used to having a stepsister. The advice the book is giving Jodie is so confusing. She is perplexed about the ghostly writer and what it wants.
38880	Joe's boat Caisley, Raewyn & Spudvilas, Anne (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780143304500	3-4	Joe loves everything about the old house by the sea. But, most of all, he loves the little yellow boat that used to belong to Great-Uncle Alan. Joe can't wait to go fishing.
	Joel Billings series Hawke, Rosanne				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.
9574	John Brown, Rose and the midnight cat Wagner, Jenny & Brooks, Ron (ill)	Penguin	1988	9780140503067	3-4	John Brown is a big shaggy dog who loves Rose very much. Can John Brown cope with Rose's care for the outsider cat? A story about the possessiveness of love and letting go.
9434	John Eales: rugby facts and fun for kids Eales, John & Batchelor, Lindy	ABC Books	2003	9780733312496	3-4	Rugby activity book for young rugby fans is jam-packed with rugby facts galore, heaps of quizzes, games and word puzzles and engrossing information about the 2003 Rugby World Cup.
12934	John Lennon: voice of a generation Gogerly, Liz	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780750239486	5-6	John Lennon found fame as the Beatles' lead singer, the most popular band in history. They dominated the record charts between 1963 and 1970. He promoted world peace and freedom, and challenged people to hope for a better world.
2383	Joke machine. The McCall Smith, Alexander	Bloomsbury	2006	9780747580508	3-4	Jeffrey works in a junk shop on Saturdays. He finds a mysterious machine which, when he figures out how to make it work, turns out to be an hilarious joke-producing machine.

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13645	Joke trap, The Glover, Richard & Gordon, Gus (ill)	ABC Books	2007	9780733320552	5-6	Jesse's dad makes terrible jokes. Ben's dad sings all the wrong lyrics to songs. The embarrassment is ruining their social life. The kids hope to cure their dads with a taste of their own medicine but they're not sure dads will ever stop doing THAT joke.
2411	Jolly postman or other peoples' letters, The Ahlberg, Janet & Allan	Viking Children's	1999	9780670886241	K-2	The Jolly Postman delivers cards and letters to various fairy-tale characters. He has a letter of apology for the three bears from Goldilocks, a postcard from Jack for the giant, and a letter for the wolf, written for Little Red Riding Hood, and more.
17492	Jolly Roger and the pirates of Captain Abdul McNaughton, Colin	Walker Books	2005	9781844286010	3-4	Roger is kidnapped by pirates and is very happy about it. The pirates leave the boat to pay Roger's mum an unfriendly visit and when they don't return, it's up to Roger to rescue the pirates from his mum.
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...
2106	Jonathan Carnavas, Peter & Francey, Amanda (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2014	9781921928611	K-2	Jonathan loves to dress up and scare his family, but they insist that he is just not scary. What happens when he gets too scary.
2055	Jonathan Swift's Gulliver Jenkins, Martin & Riddell, Chris (ill)	Walker Books	2006	9781406301748	9plus	A retelling of Gulliver's imaginative and wickedly funny voyages to unusual lands. This edition of the classic has detailed, historical information and beautiful illustrations. Occasional distasteful themes are true to the original text. Also see Gulliver's travels by Jonathan Swift, PRC ID 36630. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
903078	Jorn's magnificent imagination Vass, Coral & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2022	9781922539144	K-2	Jorn has an amazing imagination. He builds things with his orange peels from breakfast, with cardboard boxes and sheets and blankets. He used his ideas to create amazing things. Then one day he would use his ideas and imagination to design something truly magnificent.
2415	Joseph Fienberg, Anna & Gamble, Kim (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2001	9781864481709	5-6	An attractive version of the old testament story about Joseph.
1030	Josephine wants to dance French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2007	9780207200755	K-2	Josephine loves to dance with her toes pointed, soaring into the air. She dreams of being part of a real ballet company and dancing in front of her friends.
12153	Josh McLean, Janet	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1997	9781864483628	K-2	Josh is a lovable, excited spaniel pup who wants to be companion, friend, helper and playmate from wake-up time in the morning to bath and bedtime in the evening.
216	Josh Southall, Ivan	University of Queensland Press	2006	9780702235634	7-9	Josh, a poet, visits his great aunt for a week in a rural town and has to endure some strange treatment.

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12277	Josh and the monster McLean, Andrew & Janet	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2000	9781864484922	K-2	Josh is a loveable cocker spaniel, always ready for adventure. He and his friend are on a quest to find the Monster of Mud, facing battles along the way like true knights. Josh must find where the monster is hiding and try to catch it.
742	Josie and the Michael Street kids Russon, Penni	Puffin Australia	2007	9780143303442	5-6	When Josie moves house with her Mum, she is a million miles away from her best friend, the beach and everything. But, when Josie finds a secret treasure map, her world in Michael Street becomes exciting.
18563	Josie under fire Turnbull, Ann	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2004	9780746060322	5-6	Josie's stays in London during the terrible bombing attacks of 1941, while her mother nurses her ailing grandmother. Josie struggles with her own feelings of inadequacy and her brother's very unpopular decision not to go to war.
20433	Journey Becker, Aaron	Walker Books	2013	9781406342307	K-2	In this wordless picture book, a lonely girl, whose family members are all too occupied with some form of technology to pay her any attention, discovers a red crayon, draws a door on her bedroom wall and walks into a world where she controls a fantastic journey.
14818	Journey from the centre of the earth Carmody, Isobelle & McBride, Marc (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734403766	5-6	The story of a duck that was left behind at the centre of the earth and his friendship with a strange mushroom creature. A deeply philosophical book that deals with the eternal question, why.
5541	Journey home, The Lester, Alison	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2005	9780340605424	K-2	One day, Wild and Woolly dig such a big hole in their sandpit that they fall through to the North Pole. They set out on their journey home, visiting interesting houses and characters along the way.
6262	Journey of the sea turtle Wilson, Mark	Lothian Books	2009	9780734411099	K-2	Follow the journey of a loggerhead turtle from her birth to the great migration and the dangers of life at sea. She watches for the shadow birds which are a sign of danger but also hope.
46385	Journey to Eureka, A Greenwood, Kerry	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2005	9780733617676	7-9	Llewelyn Jones is a twelve year old boy who journeys to Australia to find his convict mother and uncle. He ends up on the goldfields at the time of The Eureka Stockade. Some strong language used in context.
8000	Journey to the centre of the earth Verne, Jules	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2008	9780141321042	7-9	An ancient book is opened by the eccentric Professor Lidenbrock and his life, and that of his nephew, Axel, is changed for ever. An old piece of paper has tumbled from the book, a priceless parchment that will lead them on a terrifying journey to find what lies at the centre of the Earth.

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2421	Journey to the River Sea Ibbotson, Eva	Pan MacMillan	2001	9780330397155	7-9	Miss Minton and Maia are sailing to the city of Manaus, a thousand miles up the mighty Amazon river. Maia, a lonely orphan, is excited to be starting a new life with relatives she's never met. Mysterious Miss Minton has secret reasons of her own for making the journey. But years of living in the jungle have sent Maia's uncle and aunt slightly mad and their twin daughters are definitely not like normal children.
9470	Journey to the stars Clark, Stuart	Oxford University Press	2000	9780199105762	3-4	An eye-catching presentation of currently accepted understandings about the various entities which make up the universe.
950244	Journey under the sea, A Foster, Craig & Frylinck, Ross	HarperCollins Children's Books	2022	9780358677864	K-2	An ode to the mysteries of the ocean, the animals who share our planet, and the healing power of nature from the co-founders of Sea Change Project, and makers of the Oscar-winning Netflix documentary My Octopus Teacher. Follow along with the meditation exploring the treasures to be found in the Great African Seaforest.
2930	Journey, The Sanna, Francesca	Flying Eye Books	2016	9781909263994	5-6	To escape the turmoil and tragedy brought by war, a family leaves their home and everything they know to embark on a very long journey.
1183	Joyous and Moonbeam Yaxley, Richard	Omnibus Books	2013	9781862919877	7-9	Ashleigh is fifteen and her life makes her angry. Through a school project she meets Joyous, whose positive take on life helps to teach her to 'work things round a little'.
657280	JT: The making of a total legend: YA edition Thurston, Jonathan & Phelps, James	HarperCollins Australia	2019	9781460758618	7-9	As a young Brisbane kid, Johnathan Thurston was written off as too skinny, too slow and too wild to play rugby league professionally. But he defied the odds to become one of the game's greatest players. In this young readers' edition of his bestselling autobiography, follow his journey from his debut with the Canterbury Bulldogs in 2003, to State of Origin star, and to total legend of the game.
15100	Jubela Kessler, Cristina & McAllister Stammen, JoEllen (ill)	Aladdin Publishing	2004	9780689818950	3-4	Based on a true story from Swaziland. After its mother is shot by poachers, a baby rhino must face the world on its own. The baby survives when it is adopted by an older female rhinoceros.
14433	Judas donkey, The Broome, Errol & Thompson, Sharon (ill)	Fremantle Press	2003	9781920731182	5-6	Francesca desperately wants a horse of her own. When her grandpa brings home the Judas donkey, Francesca is less than impressed. But, Judy is not an ordinary donkey.

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1733	Judy Moody & Stink: the holly joliday McDonald, Megan & Reynolds, Peter H. (Ill)		2008	9780763641139	3-4	Judy Moody is making a list and checking it twice, but all her brother, Stink, wants this year is snow. It has not snowed on Christmas in Virginia in more than a hundred years, however, so what are the chances that that will change? Enter the new mailman, Mr. Jack Frost, who not only looks like a jolly old elf but also seems to know a lot about weather patterns, has a fondness for the cold, and works looooooong hours during the holiday season. Plus it is the best time of the year, when strange packages and lots of surprises are swirling around, so it might be possible that Stink might get his wish?
	Judy Moody series Various				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.
846201	Julia and the shark Millwood Hargrave, Kiran & de Freston, Tom (ill)	Hachette Australia	2021	9781510107779	5-6	My name is Julia. This is the story of the summer I spent living in a lighthouse. The summer I almost lost my mum, and found a shark older than trees. Don't worry though, that doesn't spoil the ending ... Julia has followed her mum and dad to live on a remote island for the summer - her dad, for work; her mother, on a determined mission to find the elusive Greenland shark. But when her mother's obsession threatens to submerge them all, Julia finds herself on an adventure with dark depths and a lighthouse full of hope...
751216	Julian at the wedding Love, Jessica	Candlewick Press	2020	9781536212389	3-4	Julian and his abuela are going to a wedding. Better yet, Julian is in the wedding. Weddings have flowers and kissing and dancing and cake. And this wedding also has a new friend named Marisol. It's not long before Julian and Marisol set off for some magic and mischief of their own, and when things take an unexpected turn, the pair learns that everything is easier with a good friend by your side.

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21203	Julian is a mermaid Love, Jessica	Walker Books	2018	9781406380637	3-4	While riding the subway home with his Nana one day, Julian notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train carriage. When Julian gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies and making his own fabulous mermaid costume. But what will Nana think about the mess he makes - and even more importantly - what will she think about how Julian sees himself?
217	Julie of the wolves George, Jean Craighead	HarperCollins US	2003	9780060540951	5-6	An Inuit girl runs away to regain her traditional Eskimo culture and becomes lost on the frozen Arctic tundra. Only the wolves can help her. Julie's survival depends on the leader of the pack.
	Juliet nearly a vet series Johnson, Rebecca & May, Kyla (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.
579230	Juliet nearly a vet: Collection 1 Johnson, Rebecca	Penguin	2013	9780143786917	5-6	Juliet is 10, and she's nearly a Vet. She and her best friend Chelsea just LOVE animals. Juliet has a dog and two guinea pigs already, but if she's going to be the World's Best Vet, she needs a lot more animals to learn from. Juliet and Chelsea get involved in a series of exciting adventures where they, among other things, organise a pet sleepover, take part in a pony show, help baby farm animals to be born, and care for injured wildlife after bushfires. does it all go smoothly? Come on in and find out!
579225	Juliet nearly a vet: Collection 2 Johnson, Rebecca	Penguin	2014	9780143786924	5-6	Juliet and her best friend Chelsea love helping all kinds of animals, because Juliet is going to be a vet and Chelsea the world-famous animal trainer. Join them on their exciting adventures in this wonderful story collection as they rescue animals in trouble at the beach, become junior Zookeepers for the day, search for lost dogs after a storm, and care for classroom pets - and their teacher.

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21518	Julius & the soul-catcher Hehir, Tim	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781925240177	7-9	It's 1838 and London is gripped by orchid fever. Charles Darwin's diary turns up in Higgins's bookshop, closely followed by two ex-body snatchers and a peculiar fellow with small teeth. Julius wonders what's in the diary and whether it has something to do with the terrifying painting of an orchid it contains. Before he knows it, Julius is spinning through time and parallel realms in a race to rid London of the soul-catcher and a future too horrible to imagine.
2364	Julius & the watchmaker Hehir, Tim	Text Publishing Co	2013	9781922079732	7-9	When Julius Higgins isn't running from Crimper McCready and his gang of bullies, he's working in his grandfather's bookshop in Ironmonger Lane. That is, until Jack Springheel, a mysterious clock collector, appears looking for the fabled diary of John Harrison, the greatest watchmaker of all time. Julius becomes a thief and a runaway, and makes a deal with Springheel that he will live to regret. And, all before he finds out that Harrison's diary is really an instruction manual for making a time machine.
	Julius Zebra series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
660814	Jump Plant, Andrew	Ford Street Publishing	2020	9781925804461	K-2	High above the city, the Quigs leap and bound about the towers, jumping fearlessly. Day by day they become bolder and more daring. But what if you were a Quig and were afraid of the great empty spaces? What if you were afraid ..... to JUMP?
32277	Jump and Shout Dumbleton, Mike & Carnavas, Peter (ill)	Little Book Press	2017	9780648086819	K-2	Jump and shout, clap and cheer on this rollicking adventure with a lively family. Join them as they swing, skip and tumble through the neighbourhood on a joyful day out.
12148	Jump baby Matthews, Penny	Scholastic Australia	2002	9781862914278	K-2	Baby possum must learn to jump or be separated from mother and big sister who have jumped into a peach tree, leaving him stranded in the walnut tree. They entreat baby possum to try to jump.

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12415	Jump in Whybrow, Ian & Melling, David (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	1999	9780340739907	K-2	Miss Lollipop is lonely so she buys a little truck. When she drives down to the river, in jump a lot of things you wouldn't expect. Find out who jumps in, in this funny animal farce with lots of counting.
	Jumpman series Valentine, James				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.
55300	Jumpy Jack & Googily Rosoff, Meg & Blackall, Sophie (ill)	Puffin Australia	2008	9780141502410	K-2	Googily is the brave, best friend of Jumpy Jack, a very nervous snail who is afraid of monsters and thinks they are everywhere. Googily checks high and low to make sure Jumpy Jack is always safe because Googily is never scared of monsters, especially as they are imaginary. But, then again.
218	Jungle book, The Kipling, Rudyard	Wordsworth Editions Ltd	2002	9781853261190	7-9	In this classic story, Mowgli, the human child lost in the jungle, escapes the vicious jaws of the growling tiger, Shere Khan, and is adopted by Father Wolf and the pack. Lovable old Baloo the Bear and Bagheera the Panther teach Mowgli the law of the jungle and his extraordinary adventures begin.
15315	Jungle drums Base, Graeme	Penguin	2004	9780670041084	K-2	Little Ngiri is the smallest warthog in Africa and tired of being teased by his bigger brothers and sisters. Then, the old wildebeest gives Ngiri a set of magic drums.

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1209884	Jungle escape Luff, Nathan	Walker Books	2025	9781760659257	3-4	When Branson's parents announce a ski trip to Aspen, he's thrilled - until he learns he won't be going with them. Instead, Branson is being sent to an exclusive retreat in the Daintree Rainforest that promises poolside luxury, cuisine classes, and lessons in interior decoration. Not his idea of a holiday. But, when they arrive at the resort, Branson and the other kids learn they've been duped! The building is in ruins, the bathroom's covered in slime, and the pool is empty. It turns out the owners have lured the kids to Jungle Escape to work as free labour and restore the resort. Branson and his new friends need to find a way out of this hell hole and the Daintree Rainforest. Will they be able to escape this jungle, or will they end up as cassowary - or crocodile - lunch? LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Nathan Luff read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/3-4-book-list#jungle-escape-nathan-luff
1337879	Junie B. Jones and the silly smelly bus Park, Barbara	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761721229	3-4	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?!

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1019748	Juniper's Christmas Colfer, Eoin	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2023	9780008475543	5-6	Embark on a Christmas escapade with eleven-year-old Juniper Lane. In her quest for help, she turns to a mysterious woodsman in her local park, suspecting he might be none other than Santa himself. In an unexpected turn, Juniper finds herself exposed to the enchantment of the North Pole. Accompanied by a neighbor who has always believed in Santa, a young reindeer in training, and a cunning crime boss determined to steal Santa's magic, Juniper's journey unfolds with Eoin Colfer's characteristic enthusiasm and cheerfulness. With vibrant, festive illustrations, this enchanting tale is beautifully wrapped, promising to ignite the Christmas spirit within the entire family. Celebrate the holiday season with a narrative filled with hope, magic, and the quest to rescue Santa Claus.
1423355	Juniper's painting Bauer, Catherine & Horn, Jennifer (ill)	Wombat Books	2025	9781761112409	K-2	It's a grubby grey, hazy sky day. All Juniper wants is to play on the sand, but it's too wet and Mamma's busy with work. Mamma suggests she paint a picture, but what can Juniper paint? How about a beach the way she wants it to be?
1209722	Junkyard fairies: Dig deep Wyatt, Edwina & O'Hara, Lauren (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760657048	3-4	Fur, Tup and Nug are not your average fairies: they live at the bottom of the junkyard, and are messy, bossy, and not at all fond of vegetables. Join them on their adventures as they make magic and transform trash into treasure.
660555	Juno Jones, Word Ninja Gordon, Kate & Flett, Sandy (ill)	Yellow Brick Books	2019	9780994557094	3-4	Juno Jones loves her school, but the men in suits want to close it down. There is only one way to save it READ! But Juno hates reading, to save her school Juno Jones will need to become a word ninja!
	Juno of Taris series Beale, Fleur				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
22763	Just a dog Bauer, Michael Gerard	Omnibus Books	2010	9781862918870	5-6	Mr Mosely isn't a purebred dog but he's just the dog that Corey and his family want. He is loyal, protective and loving. And, he is much more than that. He might well be the one thing that holds them all together.

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587817	Just a girl French, Jackie	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9781460753095	7-9	Set in Judea in 71 AD, this is the story of 14 year old Judith who lives a simple life in her rural village. But one night the Roman army invades, stealing food, killing and enslaving the villagers and destroying her home. Saved by the foresight of her great grandmother, Rabba, the pair escape along with her younger sister and a stubborn goat. They hide in a cave and Judith must use all her skills to provide for her remaining family during the long, icy winter to come. Rabba has much wisdom and many stories to share, but the one Judith and her surprise guest, Caius, want to learn more about is the story of Maryiam, Rabba's extraordinary friend and mother of Jesus. Like Judith, Maryiam of Nazareth was never 'just a girl'.
	Just a girl series series Caro, Jane				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.
2446	Just a little brown dog Morgan, Sally & Bancroft, Bronwyn (ill)	Fremantle Press	2005	9781863681735	K-2	Puppy finds a home with a young boy who has lost his mother. About a pup's playful antics as he responds to a new situation and yearns for love and acceptance.

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1209885	Just a pinch of magic Dow, Alechia	Feiwel and Friends	2024	9781250829122	5-6	Wini's family of enchanters runs a little bakery, but with the prices of magical ingredients skyrocketing, they're going under. Desperate to save her family's business, Wini takes a risk by casting a (sort of illegal) spell that would allow them to gather their own supply of their most needed magical ingredient: love. But the spell doesn't work and Wini soon discovers that it didn't just not work; it backfired. Badly. It's just been Kal and her dad for as long as she can remember. They've weathered everything together, including Kal's mental-health struggles. But just as they're about to move to a new town for a fresh start, Kal's grandfather - who mysteriously vanished years ago - has suddenly re-entered their lives with a desire to make amends. He joins them in opening their bookstore in the new town, but Kal can't help but wonder if he has anything to do with the whispers around her new home about wicked magic. When Wini and Kal cross paths - both hoping for the chance to finally make a friend without worrying about their family histories following them - the girls bond over being fellow outcasts. Together, they search for the solution to fixing the magic gone awry in their beloved town- and just maybe get their dads to go out on a date.
2448	Just another ordinary day Clement, Rod	HarperCollins Australia	1997	9780207188398	3-4	On an ordinary day for Amanda, but far from ordinary for the reader, the dinner table is on fire because the curry is too hot, the steps to her room are up a cliff, her pet cat is a lion and a tentacled, three-eyed girl is telling her news at school.
1209772	Just another story: Graphic migration account, A Saade, Ernesto	Graphic Universe	2024	9798765623367	9plus	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. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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4233	Just call me Spaghetti-Hoop Boy Williamson, Lara	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2017	9781474921305	5-6	Adam Butters discovers that before he was adopted his name was Ace, and that is a great name for a superhero. This amusing, heart-warming and heart-breaking story tells how Adam tries to find his birth mother and show her how she could love a him as a superhero. Things never go as planned and Adam has his work cut out for him.
9572	Just dragon Stafford, Liliana & Power, Margaret	University of Western Australia Press	2000	9781876268022	3-4	The special relationship between a grandfather and granddaughter that includes kite flying, fishing, tales of a wooden boat with a dragon prow and a love of the sea.
2456	Just Henry Magorian, Michelle	Egmont Childrens	2008	9781405227575	7-9	Set in post-war Britain in 1949, fourteen year old Henry has no friends and misses his war-hero father. He resents his stepfather and stepsister, and escapes by going to the cinema, his passion. When Henry develops an old camera film, he uncovers a mystery and events spiral until Henry's life resembles the drama of the big screen.
43457	Just like daddy Freegard, Lucy	Pavilion	2017	9781843653370	K-2	Daddy deals with the scariest of monsters, keeps his eyes open on the rollercoaster, and puts on all the voices when he reads a bedtime story. Daddy is strong and silly, kind and practical. But he also knows how to have fun, and even if he messes up, it is never a big deal. Who wouldn't want to be just like daddy?
992258	Just like everyone else Hagger-Holt, Sarah	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781801315784	7-9	Thirteen-year-old Aidan can't breathe in his crowded family home. Running is his only respite from four loud sisters and involved, touchy-feely parents. Then his mum makes an announcement: she's having another baby. Only, this time it's not for her; she will be a surrogate for gay couple Justin and Atif. Aidan is incensed. As if his family wasn't embarrassing - or big - enough already. But he's also scared. Aidan thinks he might be gay, and he's really struggling to accept this possibility. He's definitely not ready to come out, but what if being around Justin and Atif exposes him as gay? If only he was just like everyone else.
4722	Just like tonight Stewart, Amber & Marlow, Layn (ill)	Oxford University Press	2009	9780192728494	K-2	Button has had a wonderful day and is ready for sleep. But, he needs help to keep the bad dreams away and Dad has just the solution.
12154	Just like you and me Miller, David	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2000	9780733612459	K-2	A picture book highlighting the similarities between animal behaviour and the behaviour of children.

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873255	Just one bee Lamond, Margrete & Bertini, Anthony & Nielsen, Christopher (ill)	Dirt Lane Press	2021	9780648899655	3-4	All it takes is the will to make dreams come true. JUST ONE BEE is a story of hope, determination and never giving up: the story of One-bee and her dream to revert desolate wastes back to fields of flowers. But to change a desert to meadowland she needs to go it alone because when she comes across another bee, she discovers not only is he hoarding a single precious flower and a queen bee, but he refuses to believe positive change is possible. Other-bee does all he can to quash One-bee's dream. But One-bee's persistence, patience and optimism eventually prove Other-bee wrong, and she shows him how dreams can come true.
36493	Just one more Cowley, Joy & Bishop, Gavin (ill)	Gecko Press	2011	9781877467868	3-4	If you've ever wanted to know how to make a grumpysaurus happy or whether an ex-pirate can still drive the bus without his lucky feather, then you'll be able to answer these questions. Begin to read this book and one imaginative story just won't be enough. You'll want to read just one more.
2562	Just one wish Rippin, Sally	Puffin Australia	2009	9780143304463	5-6	Penny has moved to Australia from China and her English is very limited. She misses her friends and her cousin is determined to make her life miserable at their school. When Penny's grandmother gives her a magic Chinese pouch, Penny has just one wish to make things right.
5386	Just right Black, Birdie & Beardshaw, Rosalind (ill)	Nosy Crow Ltd	2011	9780857630308	K-2	The king finds the perfect soft, red cloth to make the princess a cloak for Christmas. Once the cloak is made, the leftover cloth is put outside where, in turn, it's found by someone and made into a different present. As the leftover cloth diminishes, each gift gets smaller and smaller but each piece is just right.
	Just series Griffiths, Andy & Denton, Terry (ill)				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.
219	Just so stories Kipling, Rudyard	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2001	9780141183626	5-6	Distant lands, the beautiful gardens of splendid palaces, the sea, the jungle and its beasts, even the desert, are the exotic settings for classic stories that deal with the origins of things in the animal world, such as how the elephant got his trunk.

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6308	Just so stories for little children: Rudyard Kipling's stories retold Various & Joven, John (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2018	9781474938051	K-2	Just so stories for little children is a wonderful adaptation of six of Kipling's classic stories. This beautifully illustrated book will answer those burning questions like how elephants got their trunks, why camels have humps and what made kangaroos so jumpy.
129366	Just soldiers Kelly, Darryl	ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee QLD Incorporated	2004	9780958162548	7-9	Stories of ordinary Australians doing extraordinary things during the Great War, 1914-1918. In 1914, Australia had a population of fewer than 5 million, yet 300,000 from all walks of life volunteered to fight. Through these stories, based on fact, the author has endeavoured to capture the essence of those who served Australia. As in life, not all were heroes.
1048	Just the right size: why big animals are big and little animals are little Davies, Nicola & Layton, Neal (ill)	Walker Books	2009	9781406304930	3-4	Find out why there are no high-flying, wall-climbing, tall-building-leaping superheroes in real life. Find out what keeps big animals from engaging in astonishing feats of strength and agility, and yet why being tiny and all-powerful might have a downside. Discover the amazing true rules that control what bodies can and can't do.
12321	Just the right stripes Gray, Nigel & Brown, Deborah (ill)	Koala Books	2002	9780864613967	K-2	Little Zebra tries to count how many stripes he has. He wonders if he has too many and he wants to find out. All the animals have something to say and he worries until he gets home to his dad, who has just the right explanation.
23611	Just the way we are Shirvington, Jessica & Robertson, Claire (ill)	ABC Books	2015	9780733331626	K-2	Meet Anna, Chiara, Henry, Izzy and Jack. Their families might not look like your family but, that's okay, they are perfect just the way they are.
5621	Just you wait De Kantzow, Megan & Smith, Craig (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781962915236	3-4	Prince Roderick pulls a ribbon from Eleanor's hair on the first day of school and informs her that she has to do as he says. A fairytale with a difference and a humorous resolution to bullying.
47521	Kaito's cloth Millard, Glenda & Chapman, Gaye (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2006	9781865048451	K-2	Kaito visits the Lord of Flight and weeps when she finds that the beautiful summer butterflies have all died. To honour them and commemorate the magic of flight, Kaito weaves a special wing sewn with spider's silk.
16200	Kakadu calling Christophersen, Jane Garlil	Magabala Books	2007	9781921248009	5-6	An elder of the Bunitz clan living in Kakadu National Park tells stories of children living in the far north. There is the story of Burrki, a ten year old boy living on his own in the wilderness, of two brothers who have a misadventure at sea and of Maidje and her cousins learning how to gather and cook food, even snakes.

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23500	Kakieland katastrophe: Hotel Transylvania graphic novel Petrucha, Stefan & Gladfelter, Allen (ill)	Papercutz	2017	9781629918082	3-4	Greedy theme-park owner and neighbour, Stephen Cling is spreading rumors about monsters and destroying the reputation of Hotel Transylvania. Winning the trust of guests and saving the Hotel is a challenge these monsters will have to tackle. A story featuring the characters from Hotel Transylvania.
	Kalika magic series Hughes, Karen				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
833	Kampung boy Lat	Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd	2009	9780980607000	5-6	Illustrated story of a Muslim boy's adventures and mischief-making, fishing trips, religious education and work on his family's rubber plantation in Malaysia. However, the traditional way of life in his village (kampung) is steadily disappearing.
58391	Kangaroo and crocodile: my big book of Australian animals Bancroft, Bronwyn	Little Hare Books	2011	9781921714252	K-2	Striking, lusciously-coloured, Indigenous illustrations celebrate our unique Australian animals and birds, from the lesser known fence skink to the mighty great white shark, from eagles to echidnas.
8745	Kangaroo and the porpoise Lofts, Pamela (comp) & Lippo, Agnes (teller)	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781865046297	K-2	From the Larrakia and Waigite language groups. One of a series of Aboriginal stories about animals and birds. The kangaroo asks the porpoise to mind her baby. When the porpoise won't give the baby back, a fight ensues with interesting results.
13758	Kangaroo at the zoo Sims, Lesley & Semple, David (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2016	9781409580447	K-2	What a hullabaloo, someone is new at the zoo. It's a kangaroo.
12895	Kangaroo who couldn't stop, The Cox, Robert & Robins, Jim (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2004	9780734406583	3-4	Poor little Keith has a problem. Ever since he found his hop, he just can't stop. Keith's mother takes him to see Dr Leapyear who decides to try hop-nosis. Keith may never be able to stop his hopping.
18329	Kangaroo's Cancan Cafe Jarman, Julia & Chapman, Lynne (ill)	Orchard Books	2005	9781843626008	K-2	A Kangaroo discovers a wonderful dance called the Cancan and wants to open his own Cancan Cafe.
4559	Kangaroos hop Moriarty, Ros & Balarinji (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781742379159	K-2	If you are very quiet, you'll see the kangaroos hop, the birds fly and the echidnas shuffle across the land and down to the water's edge, where a crocodile lies sleeping. Be very quiet now.

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2354	Karana Kirk, Uncle Joe & Casey, Greer & Harrold, Sandi (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2014	9781743623138	K-2	These are my chicks, I love them a lot. I will stay with them, no matter what.
2465	Karate star Caisley, Raewyn & Curtis, Neil (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1999	9780091838966	3-4	This book is a mixture of karate, Hollywood and sorting out sibling differences.
4113	Karlson flies again Lindgren, Astrid & Ross, Tony (ill)	Oxford University Press	2009	9780192727749	5-6	Smidge lives with his family in an ordinary house in Stockholm. His extraordinary friend, Karlson, lives on the roof of his house. The roof is a good place to live when you have a propeller on your back and can fly. Karlson believes he is the world's greatest at everything. Enjoy reading about these unlikely friends who have fun gobbling buns and haunting the babysitter.
659	Kaspar prince of cats Morpurgo, Michael & Foreman, Michael (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2008	9780007266999	5-6	At the beginning of the twentieth century, Johnny Trott, a bell-boy at London's prestigious Savoy Hotel, befriends a guest, the Russian aristocrat, Countess Kandinsky. She trusts him to look after her special cat, Prince Kaspar, and a series of events are set in motion that take Johnny and Kaspar all around the world, and change his life forever.
656010	Kat Wolfe investigates St John, Lauren & Guo, Beidi (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2018	9781509871223	7-9	After a break-in at their London home, Kat Wolfe and her veterinary-surgeon mum decide it's time to move to the country. Dr Wolfe's new job in idyllic Bluebell Bay comes with a condition: they have to adopt Tiny, a huge, near-wild Savannah, who resists Kat's best attempts at cat whispering. When she starts a pet-sitting agency to make pocket money, her troubles escalate. The owner of her first client, an Amazon parrot, vanishes from his fortified, gadget-filled mansion, leaving a half-packed suitcase and a mysterious parcel. The only person who shares Kat's conviction that he's the victim of foul play is Harper Lamb, the American daughter of a palaeontology professor. A language and coding whizz, Harper is laid up with two broken legs thanks to her racehorse. What starts out as mystery-solving holiday fun quickly turns deadly for Wolfe and Lamb. When all clues point to an army base, can they count on their unruly animal friends to save the day - and their lives?

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617008	Kat Wolfe takes the case St John, Lauren & Deamo, Daniel (ill)	MacMillan	2019	9781509874217	7-9	When a landslide on the Jurassic Coast reveals a rare 'dragon' dinosaur, best friends Kat Wolfe and Harper Lamb are thrilled, especially when stars and scientists come flocking to sleepy Bluebell Bay. But after they begin investigating a suspicious death, events spiral quickly out of control for detectives Wolfe and Lamb. Worse still, Kat's wild cat is in trouble. Can they solve the mystery - and save the cat's life - before it's too late?
15033	Kate, the cat and the moon Almond, David & Lambert, Stephen (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2004	9780340773864	3-4	Kate wakes in the night to the sound of miaowing. Rising from her bed, she finds herself gradually and magically transformed into a cat. She joins other cats to go out into the night.
774462	Katha chest, The Chowdhury, Radhiah & Naidu, Lavanya (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760524326	3-4	Six-year-old Asiya loves to go to Nanu's house. Best among all of Nanu's treasures is the big old chest filled with quilts that tell the stories of the women in Asyia's family. With gorgeous, fresh and beautifully colourful illustrations inspired by Bangladeshi katha quilts and traditional West Bengali pattachitra panel illustrations, The Katha Chest is a beautifully woven tale about the bonds of love, culture and memory.
1124926	Katie goes to KL Tan, Su-May	Penguin Books Australia	2023	9789815127812	9plus	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. 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? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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22982	Kaya's heart song Sanders, Diwa Tharan, & Canzi, Nerina (ill)	Lantana Publishing	2018	9781911373223	K-2	Kaya is looking for her heart song - the song that happy hearts sing. Her search takes her on a journey deep into the jungle where a broken down carousel waits for a very special song to make it turn again.
1423803	Keep your friends close Murphy, Cynthia	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2025	9780241712788	9plus	Chloe Roberts is on top of the world at Morton Academy. She's a shoo-in for Head Girl and the lead spot in the school's secret society: Jewel and Bone. But then her best friend, Nikhita Patel, betrays her, and life comes crashing down. Things take a darker turn when Chloe stumbles upon the Book of Crime and Punishment - a record of every misdeed committed by Morton students and the fitting penalty. And it's not long before entries in the book start to match up with murders of Jewel and Bone members. Anyone could be a suspect. Can Chloe get to the bottom of this twisted game before she's next on the killer's hit list? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
48010	Keep your hair on Vercoe, Elizabeth	Black Dog Books	2003	9781876372187	7-9	Drawn from the author's life experiences, this is the story of sixteen year old Vess who is returning to school after her cancer treatment. She is trying to stay positive under very difficult circumstances.
483	Keeper Peet, Mal	Walker Books	2006	9781406304107	9plus	El Gato, one of the world's greatest football players, tells the story of his life growing up in the forest in South America and of the ghostly keeper who taught him how to play soccer. Some adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
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?
	Keeper of the crystals series Black, Jess & Hulme, Celeste (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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9277	Keeper of the Isis light, The Hughes, Monica	Aladdin Publishing	2000	9780689833908	7-9	A contemporary love story between an Earthling and a resident of the planet Isis.
	Keeper of the Lost Cities series (NEW series 2026) Messenger, Shannon				7-9	Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to 10 more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
64569	Keepers' daughter, The Arbuthnott, Gill	Chicken House	2009	9781905294947	7-9	Ten years ago, the leader of the Shadowmen killed many of the Keepers, the teachers and bearers of ancient knowledge threatening his barbaric rule. Rebellion is flaring again and Nyssa and her uncle, descendants of the Keepers, must flee in search of the other half of a strange tattoo on Nyssa's skull.
2490	Keeping up with grandma Winch, John	Scholastic Australia	2000	9781865041629	K-2	Grandma decides that she and Grandpa should do things together such as sailing, horse riding, tobogganing and dancing. Grandpa has trouble keeping up so perhaps they are better off with their individual hobbies, painting and making cakes.
916669	Keeping up with the Dachshunds Fitzgerald, Carla & Challenger, Rebel (ill)	Larrikin House	2022	9781922503756	K-2	This funny story is about a dog who just can't keep up is about the difficulties in trying to fit in with the cool crowd.
2488	Keepinitreal Henderson, Don	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781862917705	7-9	When Kid Kabula decides to ride his bike at top speed through the centre of the local mall, he doesn't realise how dangerous that's going to be. Fats Charvetto, leader of the meanest bikie gang in town, wants to know exactly who knocked him flying. Stevie, the local refundable collector, dobs in the Kid and a turf war starts.

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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? LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Deb Fitzpatrick read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/3-4-book-list#kelpie-chaos-deb-fitzpatrick
2196	Kelsey and the quest of the porcelain doll Hawke, Rosanne	University of Queensland Press	2014	9780702253317	3-4	Kelsey is in Pakistan and wants to go home. Mum and dad are busy helping flood victims and she misses her friends and her Nanna Rose. They talk via Skype but it's not the same. It makes Kelsey feel better when Nanna agrees to create a story just for her about a porcelain doll. Meanwhile, Kelsey is experiencing some unexpected adventures of her own in flooded Pakistan.
5340	Kensuke's kingdom Morpurgo, Michael	Egmont Childrens	2000	9780749736392	5-6	An adaptation of the Robinson Crusoe story, a family's sailing adventure turns into a story of survival following a storm.
	Kensy and Max series Various				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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14534	Kerenza, a new Australian Hawke, Rosanne	Omnibus Books	2015	9781742990606	5-6	In 1911, Kerenza's da (father) can no longer get work as a miner in Cornwall. She doesn't want to leave her village and take a ship to Australia but Kerenza can be brave for her dad's sake. Where he sees a farm, Kerenza and her Mam see endless mallee scrub, flies and hard work. It's almost too much to bear but the Mallee has its own beauty, and family and new-found friends might just make it her home.
1423914	Kerfuffle, The Perrin, Clotilde	Gecko Press	2025	9798765688656	K-2	This is the story of Kitty and Pup, who get along like cat and dog. It's the story of a kerfuffle. And a wall that goes up, up, up until... Lift the flaps and peek through the gaps!
129372	Kestrel Svendsen, Mark & Woolman, Steven & Peterson, Laura (ill)	Lothian Books	2006	9780734404909	3-4	A boy gains some of his grandfather's wisdom as they work together to fulfil a dream. A poetic story of boat-building with intriguing illustrations that use interesting elements of design.
16716	Kev and Borax Orman, Lorraine & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Puffin Australia	2005	9780143301431	3-4	David is being bullied and he has had enough. When he wishes for a fairy godfather to help him, he gets Kev and Borax, who are not quite what he was expecting. David ends up solving his problems himself after surviving some dubious help.
1124702	Kevin the sheep Harvey, Jacqueline & Scott, Kate Isobel (ill)	Puffin Australia	2024	9781761048951	K-2	Kev is a sheep, not like all the rest. While he spends all his time trying to 'find himself' he learns so many wonderful new talents. Luckily for the herd, one of these new talents comes in handy one night. If Kevin becomes a hero, does this mean he is now accepted as part of the herd? A hilarious picture book for young and old with a powerful message about how being unusual or different is not always a bad thing.
15741	Kevin the troll MacLeod, Doug	Puffin Australia	2007	9780143302698	7-9	Kevin, the troll, is crafty and cranky, mysterious and moody and he wants children pie for his seven-hundredth birthday. When trolls and humans make contact, amazing events occur.

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751117	Key to fear, The Cast, Kristin	Head of Zeus	2020	9781838933999	9plus	After a pandemic wiped out most of the human race, The Key took power. Under their rules, touching is forbidden, and books are banned. Break the laws, and face execution. Elodie, a young nurse, has been brought up to believe that The Key govern to keep people safe. Elodie obeys the rules she trusts the system. At least, Elodie used to - Aiden, a constant rebel, knows there is another side to The Key, a truth beneath the surface. Aiden wants to be free but freedom means questioning their motives. Aiden is on his last chance - When Elodie and Aiden's lives collide, the fallout will be devastating. Especially when they realise that rather than playing protector, The Key are playing God. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
719888	Key to finding Jack, The Jozefkowicz, Ewa	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9781800240421	5-6	Flick adores her big brother and often sits with him in the evenings solving riddles he shares with her. She knows she will miss him when he goes on holiday to South America. Then, something happens, an earthquake! Right where her brother is meant to be. Flick is desperate to find him, when she uncovers a clue in his bedroom, she begins to unfold new mysteries about her brother that could possibly lead to his whereabouts. Will she find him in time? A compelling story that shares the special relationships between siblings and friends.
1332955	Key to Rome, The Masson, Sophie	Eagle Books	2023	9780645378856	7-9	Ancient Roman province of Britannia, AD 84. Twelve-year-old orphan Livia has to keep a promise made to her late father: to take a mysterious key to her estranged uncle Marcus. She sets out with the key, her old horse Pegasus and her father's doctoring kit, only to learn that her uncle has left for a town further north. By the time she reaches it, her uncle has gone, and she can't find out where-until a boy named Mato informs her that he knows. But he refuses to tell her unless she takes him with her. As the two young people journey on the trail of Livia's uncle, they start to suspect that the key holds a very dangerous secret. And now Livia and Mato must keep their wits about them, in a deadly game of cat and mouse. But figuring out who is friend, and who is foe, is the greatest challenge of all...

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	Keys to the kingdom series Nix, Garth				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.
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?
18440	Kick in the head, A Janeczko, Paul B. & Raschka, Chris (ill)	Candlewick Press	2005	9780763306625	5-6	A vibrant collection of poetry designed to introduce readers to a wide variety of poetic forms.
8130	Kick it to me McMullin, Neridah & Hudson, Peter (ill)	One Day Hill Pty Ltd	2012	9780980794861	K-2	This is an illustrated, historical account of Tom Wills who was the principal founder of Australian Rules Football. Tom was inspired by the game of Marn-grook, a game played by the people of the Djab Wurrung tribe of the Gariwerd Grampions in Victoria, near the town of Moyston, where Tom spent his boyhood in the early 1840s.
5248	Kick with my left foot Seden, Paul & Briggs, Karen (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743313442	K-2	I pull the sock on my left foot. I pull the sock on my right foot. I lace up the boot on my left foot. I lace up the boot on my right foot. It's time for footy.
32306	Kicking goals with Goodesy and Magic Heiss, Anita & Goodes, Adam & O'Loughlin, Michael	Black Ink Press	2016	9781863958530	3-4	Australian Football League (AFL) legends, Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin, are blood brothers and great mates. They are also two of the best footballers ever to play for the Sydney Swans. Between them, they played over six hundred and fifty games, and kicked over nine hundred goals. Find out what Goodesy and Magic were like when they were kids, what kind of scrapes they got into at school, and what it was like to go from being normal teenagers to AFL superstars.

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	Kid normal series James, Greg & Smith, Chris & Salcedo, Erica (ill)				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.
660668	Kid who came from space, The Welford, Ross	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2020	9780008333782	5-6	In a small village where everyone knows everyone, a girl goes missing on Christmas Eve. While the rest of the town is in a frenzy looking for the girl, her brother, Ethan secretly knows she is safe, but needs help getting home. With the help of his new friend, Iggy, and an oddly hairy and peculiar stranger, Ethan will go on an incredible journey to ger his sister home.
4958	KidGlovz Hunt, Julie & Newman, Dale (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781742378527	5-6	KidGlovz is a musical genius. His gift is so precious that he's kept under lock and key. But, when a young thief helps him escape, Kid must embark on a perilous journey through which he will discover the terrifying nature of his talent.
751119	Kidnap on the California Comet Leonard, M.G. & Sedgman, Sam	Pan MacMillan	2020	9781529013085	5-6	Harrison Beck (Hal) joins his uncle aboard the California Comet for a grand train adventure across America. But when the daughter of a billionaire train-enthusiast goes missing he finds himself with a mystery to solve. With the help of his new friends can Hal find the girl before the trip's end?
37663	Kidnapped Stevenson, Robert Louis	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2009	9780141326023	7-9	When young David Balfour's father dies and leaves him in poverty, he tracks down his Uncle Ebenezer to seek his inheritance. But, his uncle is a mean, nasty man with a dark family secret. David finds himself in terrible danger when he is kidnapped and taken prisoner on board a ship bound for slavery.
803724	Kids fight climate change Dorey, Martin & Wesson, Tim (ill)	Walker Books	2021	9781406393262	5-6	Will you act now to save our planet? The world is in trouble and it needs superheroes like YOU to help save it. Two minutes is all the time it takes to fight climate change and make a difference. Find out how you can become a #2minutesuperhero. Take on these simple two minute challenges and help make difference to save the planet and protect the environment.

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5344	Kids like us Reyl, Hilary	Text Publishing Co	2017	9781925498912	9plus	Kids Like Us is the delightful, heartwarming story of Martin, a teenager on the autism spectrum, who falls for Gilberte-Alice, a 'normal' French girl. While spending summer in the French countryside with his mother, Martin mistakes Gilberte for a character in a novel he is obsessed with - Marcel Proust's masterpiece In Search of Lost Time. He gradually realises she is not Gilberte, the fantasy girl, but a real person named Alice. Falling in love, in all its unpredictability, teaches Martin that he can in fact connect, and can get out of his bubble. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
596749	Kids who did: Real kids who ruled, rebelled, survived and thrived Murray, Kirsty	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760524470	5-6	When the future looks dark, courageous kids bring light and hope into the world. Forty true stories celebrate kids who have protested, prayed, rebelled, saved lives, earned a fortune, lost everything, become world famous, or fought to survive war or oppression. Fearless kids, feral kids, Olympic champions, human-rights crusaders, climate-change warriors, princes and prisoners, workers and whiz-kids - they all show the true courage of kids. From the distant past to the present moment, kids have made their mark on history, and now they're set to change the world.
15460	Kill the possum Moloney, James	Penguin Books Australia	2008	9780143004202	9plus	Dylan Kane has never met his father. But, he has met Kirsty Beale's step-father, a brute of a man, a bully, a living-room thug. KIrsty's family is tormented by his cruelty and she is desperate to live a normal life. Dylan and Kirsty's brother hatch a plan to make him stop. A gripping and powerfully moving story of a family stretched to breaking point and a portrait of a killer. A confronting, controversial topic with inherent violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
9469	Killer plants and how to grow them Cheers, Gordon	Penguin	1996	9780140548013	3-4	A fun approach to an unusual type of gardening. With attention to accuracy and detail, the book tells how plants trap their prey and how to grow carnivorous plants at home.

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581516	Killer T Muchamore, Robert	Hot Key Books	2018	9781471407505	7-9	Harry and Charlie are teenagers whose lives are shaped by a society that's shifting around them. He is a lonely Brit in his first term at a Las Vegas high school. She is an unlikely friend, who gets accused of mixing a batch of explosives that blew up a football player. The two of them are drawn together at a time when gene editing technology is starting to explode. With a lab in the garage anyone can beat cancer, enhance their brain to pass exams, or tweak a few genes for that year-round tan and perfect beach body. But in the wrong hands, cheap gene editing is the most deadly weapon in history. Killer T is a synthetic virus with a ninety per-cent mortality rate, and the terrorists who created it want a billion dollars before they'll release a vaccine.
1359349	Killing at the box office, A Westmoreland, Paul	Penguin	2025	9780241732793	7-9	Solve the puzzle. Save the world. Simple, right? Step into the shoes of Arlo Banks, and return to a world of secrets and spies. This time, he's on the trail of a shadowy group determined to stop the young sleuth in his tracks. From the bright lights of Hollywood to the snowy alps, from prison breaks to car chases, Arlo must use all his skill and cunning to solve murders, catch killers and - just maybe - stop the end of the world. You choose what path you take, what puzzles you solve, and what answers you choose in this interactive high-stakes mystery.

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903246	Killing code, The Marney, Ellie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526535	9plus	1943. World War II is raging across Europe and on the Pacific front. Kit Sutherland is hiding a huge secret when she is unexpectedly recruited to work as a young codebreaker at Arlington Hall, a US Signals Intelligence facility. When Kit's roommate doesn't return home from a dance, it sparks a search that ends in a gruesome discovery. And soon it turns into a horrifying pattern: Government girls are being murdered in Washington, DC. Kit joins forces with three other girl codebreakers, Dottie, Moya and Violet, and as they work to crack the killer's code, two things become terrifyingly clear: the murderer they're hunting is getting closer every moment... and Kit's own secret could put her in more jeopardy than she ever imagined. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
2342	Killing woods, The Christopher, Lucy	Chicken House	2013	9781906427726	9plus	Emily's dad is accused of killing a teenage girl in the woods. He has admitted to manslaughter, believing he was in a flashback from his army days. Emily is convinced of his innocence as she tries to untangle the events of that night. Things become even more uncertain when she comes into contact with Damon, the boyfriend of the dead girl. What really had been happening in the woods at night, what dangerous games had they been playing? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
750732	Killings at Kingfisher Hill, The Hannah, Sophie	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2020	9780008264536	7-9	Renowned detective Hercule Poirot has been secretly summoned to an exclusive estate to solve the mystery of who killed Frank Devonport. With 2 confessions and an unexpected second body, Poirot will have to piece together a tangled web of clues before the real killer can be identified.
220	Kim Kipling, Rudyard	Penguin	2000	9780141183633	7-9	Kim is an eleven year old Irish boy who is orphaned and lives amongst the poor on the streets in India.
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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1366482	Kimberley kickers: Krstel kicks to win Merrison, Carl & Hustler, Hakea & Patrecski, Krstel & Campbell, Samantha (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460765081	3-4	I'm Krstel Petrevski and the dream I had to play professional Aussie Rules footy since I was a kid in outback Halls Creek has finally come true. Let me tell you the story of how I got here, about my mates, my family, growing up in the Kimberley on a huge station with motorbikes, horses, swimming holes, playing footy and going to boarding school far away from home.
221	Kimberley warrior: the story of Jandamurra Nicholson, John	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1997	9781863738613	7-9	The story of Jandamurra and the struggle for justice by the Bunuba peoples in the late 19th century.
1019731	Kimmi: Queen of the dingoes Parrett, Favel & Hicks, Astred (ill)	Hachette Australia	2023	9780734422057	3-4	Kimmi is part of an amazing dingo family, who care for one another. This family life becomes endangered when a farmer threatens them, and the family is torn apart. Kimmi's mother runs for days to find Kimmi again and share her knowledge that will one day make Kimmi queen of the dingoes. This is Kimmi's story.
1019783	Kind of spark, A McNicoll, Elle & Wilson, Kay (ill)	Walker Books	2023	9781913311056	5-6	A Kind of Spark is a story about courage, friendship and what it means to be different. Bullied by her teacher and abandoned by her best friend, Addie lives every day knowing what it is like to be different. When she learns about the witch trials that happened in her hometown, she knows there is more to the story of these 'witches', just as there is more to her. Can she make the town see that being different is not something to be feared; can she challenge the way they see her?
24757	Kindness club, The: Chloe on the bright side Sheinmel, Courtney	Bloomsbury	2017	9781681195315	5-6	Chloe Silver is good at looking at the bright side. But staying positive has been difficult since her parents divorced and she had to start at a new school. When Chloe is given the chance to try out for the exclusive It Girls Club, things are finally looking up again. Then Chloe is assigned a science project with offbeat Lucy Tanaka and brainy Theo Barnes. Together they create an experiment that tests how people react to different acts of kindness, officially forming the Kindness Club. Lucy and Theo are fun to be around, and their new club means a lot to Chloe. But the It Girls don't want to share Chloe with anyone else. Can she find a way to be kind to all of her friends, and still stay true to herself?

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1078775	Kindness project, The Abela, Deborah	Penguin	2024	9781761340185	5-6	Ms Skye thinks kids can change the world with a Kindness Project. Nicolette wants to but how can she when Layla treats her like she's invisible and DJ picks on everything she says? Leaf thinks Nicolette can be a superhero. So maybe if they work together they just might do it.
815756	Kindred Saunders, Kirli	Magabala Books	2019	9781925768893	9plus	This is the breaking, the shattering, the smattering of every limit ever accepted or imposed... Kindred, Kirli Saunders debut poetry collection, is a pleasure to lose yourself in. Kirli has a keen eye for observation, humour and big themes that surround Love/Connection/Loss in an engaging style, complemented by evocative and poignant imagery. It talks to identity, culture, community and the role of Earth as healer. Kindred has the ability to grab hold of the personal in the universal and reflect this back to the reader. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
628030	Kindred: 12 queer #loveozya stories Earp, Michael (ed)	Walker Books	2019	9781760651039	9plus	What does it mean to be queer? What does it mean to be human? In this powerful #LoveOzYA collection, twelve of Australia's finest writers from the LGBTQ+ community explore the stories of family, friends, lovers and strangers, and the connections that form us. This inclusive and intersectional #OwnVoices anthology for teen readers features work from writers of diverse genders, sexualities and identities, including writers who identify as First Nations, people of colour or disabled. With short stories by bestsellers, award winners and newcomers to young adult fiction including Jax Jacki Brown, Claire G Coleman, Michael Earp, Alison Evans, Erin Gough, Benjamin Law, Omar Sakr, Christos Tsiolkas, Ellen van Neerven, Marlee Jane Ward, Jen Wilde and Nevo Zisin. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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4242	King and the sea, The Janisch, Heinz & Erlbruch, Wolf (ill)	Gecko Press	2015	9781927271803	3-4	A collection of very short but profound stories about a little king in a big world. His endeavours meet with varying degrees of success. The little king has much to learn and nature has much to teach him. Some lessons are droll, funny and ironic but all are profound.
16682	King and the seed, The Maddern, Eric & Hess, Paul (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2011	9781847802071	3-4	King Karnak is worried. He's getting old and has no heir to the throne. So, he decides to hold a rather unusual competition to find the next king. Knights and nobles flock to the palace, expecting to fight, but the king gives each of them a tiny seed to grow. Jack, the farmer's son, has come to watch and he takes a seed too.
45678	King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table Green, Roger Lancelyn	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2008	9780141321011	7-9	When Arthur releases the sword in the stone, he and his brave knights undertake many quests, including the search for the Holy Grail. Lots of adventures involving damsels in distress, fierce jousts, sword fights, battles, tournaments and miracles.
9260	King Arthur and the knights of the round table Williams, Marcia	Walker Books	1997	9780744547924	7-9	The segments cover the classic tales of King Arthur and his origin; Excalibur and the Lady of the Lake; Morgan le Fay; Guinevere and the round table; Sir Lancelot of the Lake; Sir Lancelot's First Quest thwarting a dragon; Princess Elaine; Sir Galahad, the son of Sir Lancelot; 'Camelot; and the Grail Quests of Sir Lancelot, Sir Percival and Sir Galahad.
17026	King Arthur and the mighty contest (Crazy Camelot capers) Mitton, Tony & Robins, Arthur (ill)	Orchard Books	2004	9781841217147	3-4	A rhyming language book which portrays, in simple terms, the story of King Arthur.
13711	King Lear Shakespeare, William & Hinds, Gareth (adapt & ill)	Candlewick Press	2009	9780763643447	9plus	An exciting graphic novel version of William Shakespeare's great tragedy that faithfully follows the original play. The use of Shakespeare's original language, some violence and adult concepts require mature readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
647148	King Leonard's teddy Swan, Phoebe	Child's Play International Ltd	2019	9781786281838	3-4	King Leonard is so rich that he can by whatever he wants. Anything old or broken is thrown onto the growing pile of rubbish outside his castle. But one day something breaks that can't be replaced. And what's worse, King Leonard can't find anyone who knows how to fix it.
15105	King o' the cats Shepard, Aaron & Sorra, Kristin (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2004	9781689820820	3-4	No-one believes Peter's wild stories about the odd cats in town. He is determined to find out what is going on.

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21162	King of birds, The: Gamayun tales Utkin, Alexander	Nobrow	2018	9781910620380	5-6	This Tale from Slavic mythology, skilfully retold in graphic novel format, will have readers of all ages anticipating the tales concluding chapters. Vividly illustrated in a style reminiscent of the Russian folk illustration from whence the tale originates, this is a story of courage, love and wisdom for fans of folk tales, fairy tales and mythology.
1154375	King of nothing Lessore, Nathanael	Hot Key Books	2024	9781471413247	9plus	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. 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. 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? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
4541	King of Quizzical Island digs through the world Snell, Gordon & McKee, David (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781406312140	K-2	The King is to prove that the world is round, so he makes a spade with a diamond blade and starts digging.
222	King of shadows Cooper, Susan	Penguin	2000	9780141307992	7-9	Nat joins a Shakespearean theatre troupe and is transported back in time to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.

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1075166	King of the world, The Clanton, Ben	Farshore	2024	9780008646578	3-4	Rot is ready for another adventure and this time he's going "Spudlunking!" But while Rot is excited to dig through the muck for treasure, all his friends seem to be more interested in their own plans. When Rot uncovers a shiny old crown, he's sure it'll change their minds. And it does... in a most unexpected way. When Rot wears it he feels powerful... He feels invincible... He feels like... the King of the World! And everyone has to do what the king says. But when Rot realizes he's the only one having fun in his kingdom, suddenly he wonders whether he might have let the crown go to his head...
1085	King pig Bland, Nick	Scholastic Australia	2013	9781742834955	K-2	King Pig had everything he could wish for except for one thing - being liked by his subjects and he just couldn't understand why not, no matter how hard he tried. The facial expressions and extra detail in the illustrations all provide added meaning.
22992	King with dirty feet, The Clayton, Sally Pomme, & Sanderson, Rhiannon	Otter-Barry books	2018	9781910959237	K-2	The king hasn't had a bath for a whole year. He is starting to smell! When he finally bathes in the river, he can't get his feet clean. Who can solve the problem of the king's dirty feet?
12482	King with horse's ears, The Maddern, Eric & Hess, Paul (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2003	9780711219571	K-2	No-one knows about King Mark's ears except his barber who is sworn to secrecy. Keeping the secret drives the barber to the doctor who advises him to whisper the secret to the ground. But sooner or later, truth will come out.
846171	King's birthday suit, The Bently, Peter & Powell, Claire (ill)	Bloomsbury	2021	9781408860144	K-2	The king has clothes for every occasion, but he never seems to have enough. When his birthday is around the corner the king decides he must have something special. Something stunning. Two tricky tailors promise the king something amazing and something which no one will forget.
2114	King's fool, The Holohan, Amanda	ABC Books	2006	9780733318863	7-9	Perry Brightfield discovers her true heritage as the saviour of a threatened fantasy realm, and is groomed for her role by becoming a court jester.
17499	King's shopping, The Crebbin, June & Johnson Cadwell, Warwick (ill)	Walker Books	2005	9781844280902	3-4	The King was at his counting house, counting his money. The Queen and the maid were going about their business too. Three stories based around the nursery rhyme, 'Sing a Song of Sixpence'.

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2508	Kingdom by the sea, The Westall, Robert	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2009	9780007301416	7-9	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.
12898	Kingdom for a hat, A Heimann, Rolf & Spooner, John	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734405494	5-6	King Gregorius thinks he's the best king in the world, a great poet and very wise judge. But, his people are not as silly as he thinks they are. They bring about his downfall simply by following his orders. It all starts with a crazy-looking hat.
	Kingdom of silk series Millard, Glenda & King, Stephen Michael (ill)				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.
9498	Kingdom of the sun: a book of the planets Mitton, Jacqueline & Balit, Christina	Koala Books	2001	9780864613639	3-4	A colourful picture book that introduces the world of the planets with a useful facts section at the end of the book.
1162611	Kingdom over the sea, The Nabi, Zohra	Simon & Schuster	2023	9781398517707	5-6	When twelve-year-old Yara's mother passes away, she leaves behind a letter and a strange set of instructions. Yara must travel from the home she has always known to a place that is not on any map - Zehaira, a world of sorcerers, alchemists, and simmering magic. But Zehaira is not the land it used to be. The practice of magic has been outlawed, the Sultan's alchemists are plotting a sinister scheme - and the answers Yara is searching for seem to be out of reach. Yara must summon all her courage to discover the truth about her mother's past and her own identity, and to find her place in this magical new world.
	Kingdoms and Empires series Moriarty, Jaclyn & Canby, Kelly (ill)				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.
9385	Kingfisher book of fairy tales, The French, Vivian	Walker Books	2001	9780744568974	3-4	The classic fairytales retold using modern, colloquial language that is descriptive and interesting.

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	Kingfisher young knowledge 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.
5615	Kintaro's Adventures and other Japanese children's favourite stories Sakade, Florence & Hayashi, Yoshio (ill)	Tuttle Publishing	2008	9780804850568	3-4	Welcome to a fantastic world populated by singing turtles, boys who wrestle wolves, and a host of other beloved characters who have lived on for centuries in the traditional tales of Japan. Drawn from Japanese folklore passed down from generation to generation, the six enchanting stories collected in this volume have been lovingly retold for today's readers. Vibrantly illustrated and full of thrilling adventures, funny discoveries, and important lessons, they're sure to become story time favourites.
4068	Kip Booth, Christina	Windy Hollow Books	2009	9781921136405	K-2	Mrs Bea knows that Kip is special but, when he starts to crow, the neighbours certainly don't think so.
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. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Emma Gourlay read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#kip-of-the-karoo-emma-gourlay

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1019689	Kip of the mountain Gourlay, Emma	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9781922033093	5-6	Kip is desperate for a best friend. She has difficulty at school with bullies and the teacher is not too nice either. She gets 'gifted' a kitten like creature and names his Buffel. She loves him and will do anything for him. Buffel listens to Kip, which isn't something she gets a lot of. So, when Buffel gets kidnapped, Kip will do anything to get him back. Kip will have to use all her ingenuity and bravery to get Buffel home. Luckily she has made a new class friend, who helps her on the rescue mission. This story is an action-adventurous mystery, with a touch of magic, taking the reader from the mountains to the sea. Kip's unique and believable voice provides a solid scaffold for this zany world where armadillos can become car wheels, and squirrels do their own ironing. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Emma Gourlay read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#kip-of-the-mountain-emma-gourlay
12409	Kipper's toybox Inkpen, Mick	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	1993	9780340580493	K-2	Someone or something has been nibbling a hole in Kipper's toybox.
1228275	Kirby's lessons for falling (in love) Gao, Laura	HarperCollins US	2025	9780063067790	9plus	Once dubbed the Queen of Balance as her school's top rock climber, Kirby Tan suffers an injury that sidelines her for the rest of the season. Now she's forced to join the newspaper club for some desperately needed extra credit. Worse, she's recruited by crystal-wearing, tarot-reading Bex Santos for her astrology-based love advice column. As Kirby reluctantly agrees to orchestrate matches made in heaven with Bex, she begins to wonder if their own stars could be aligned. But loving who she wants isn't so easy when her family and church community are on the line. Can Kirby pull off her greatest balancing act yet? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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12156	Kiss for Little Bear, A Minarik, Else Holmelund & Sendak, Maurice (ill)	HarperTrophy	1984	9780064440509	K-2	Grandmother sends a kiss back to Little Bear as a thank you for her drawing. The kiss is passed from animal to animal with hilarious results before it finally makes it way to Little Bear.
15108	Kiss kiss Wild, Margaret & Strevens-Marzo, Bridget (ill)	Little Hare Books	2003	9781877003516	K-2	Little hippo is in such a rush to play, he forgets to kiss his mother goodbye. As he runs through the jungle, he sees his friends kissing their mums and feels the needs to find his own mum as soon as possible.
63500	Kiss like this, A Anholt, Catherine & Laurence	Frances Lincoln	2008	9781845078621	K-2	The little lion cub loves lots of different types of kisses, except for one. Just as well daddy lion is there to rescue him and give him the right sort of kisses.
12843	Kiss that missed, The Melling, David	Hodder & Stoughton	2004	9780340797181	K-2	The King blows his son a kiss but it misses. The kiss bounces out into the forest and a hapless knight is sent to retrieve it. Now the knight must find the royal kiss and survive whatever else he may encounter on his quest.
48626	Kiss the dust Laird, Elizabeth	Pan MacMillan	2017	9781509826728	7-9	Kiss the Dust is the compelling story of the flight of a Kurdish family fleeing Iraq. Twelve year old Tara tells the tale as her family rush into the mountains carrying everything they can. As refugees, they struggle through camps always wondering what will come next, where will they go and how they will settle as a family again. Tara's life is turned upside down as she struggles with the pressures of helping manage a myriad of problems.
18339	Kisses for Daddy Watts, Frances & Legge, David (ill)	Little Hare Books	2005	9781877003783	K-2	It is time for good night and bed but Baby Bear is grumbly and refuses to give Daddy a kiss.
649013	Kisses in your heart Bestulic, Sonia & Bevington, Nancy (ill)	Big Sky Publishing	2019	9781925675924	K-2	I close my eyes, and always know, Mum's kisses follow where I go. A tender and simple bedtime blessing carries all Mum's heartfelt love inside. Her kisses rest in the heart - always there to help heal hurts, overcome fears and unlock inner courage.
9241	Kite rider, The McCaughrean, Geraldine	Oxford University Press	2001	9780192718600	5-6	Located in China in the period of the Mongols, this story follows Haoyou's intrepid adventures across oceans and the skies.
	Kitten club series Mongredien, Sue				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.
110129	Kitten's first full moon Henkes, Kevin	Simon & Schuster	2006	9781416911098	K-2	Kitten sees the moon and thinks it's a bowl of milk. Her attempts to reach it prove disastrous.

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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!
6165	Kittens in the kitchen (Animal Ark 1) Daniels, Lucy	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2006	9780340877036	5-6	Set in the UK, Mandy helps her veterinarian parents after school. She must find suitable homes for the school cat's kittens.
720725	Kitty is not a cat: lights out! Black, Jess	Hachette Australia	2020	9780734419750	3-4	Some children hate going to bed, not Kitty. Kitty falls asleep every night curled up snug in a bed box. That is until one spooky night when the night-light goes out.
17120	Knightley & son Gavin, Rohan	Bloomsbury	2014	9781408838914	7-9	Darkus Knightley's father was London's top private detective until he went into a coma four years ago. Now, he has woken up to discover his thirteen year old son has inherited the family talent. With a bestselling book seemingly making people do terrible things, and clues pointing to the involvement of a shadowy organisation known as the Combination, Alan needs the help of his tweed-wearing, brainiac son to investigate.
	Knights' tales series Deary, Terry & Flook, Helen (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.
9388	Knock, knock, who's there Impey, Rose	Orchard Books	2000	9781860399688	3-4	Little Frisky Mouse finds room for everyone in his house until Rumbling-Bumbling Bear comes along. Someone has stolen Hare's house and Hare can't find anyone to help him get it back. A children's classic.
22067	Know it all Baines, Francesca (ed)	Dorling Kindersley	2010	9781405355339	7-9	If you love facts, information, records and trivia, this book will tell you everything you ever wanted to know, with its lists of the weirdest beetles, the fastest jet aircraft, the scariest sharks, the least intelligent dinosaurs and much more.
7621	Knuffle bunny Willems, Mo	Walker Books	2004	9781844280599	K-2	Trixie leaves her soft toy rabbit, Knuffle Bunny, at the laundromat and cannot tell her dad about it because she has not yet learnt to talk. After much searching, they find the treasure in one of the machines and Trixie utters her first words.
1220	Knuffle Bunny free Willems, Mo	Walker Books	2011	9781406336498	K-2	Trixie and Knuffle Bunny are on their first trip overseas. It becomes a disaster when Knuffle Bunny goes missing.

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903056	Koala Ark King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781761128257	K-2	Through the smoke, in a tiny battered boat, Koala sets out to rescue the billabong friends.
32261	Koala bare French, Jackie & Shanks, Matt (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2017	9781460751619	K-2	For too long koalas have been called bears. But this koala is out to prove to the world that he is BARE! And that never, ever, ever can a koala be called a bear.
11349	Koala Lou Fox, Mem & Lofts, Pamela (ill)	Penguin	2002	9780734304537	K-2	Now that she has brothers and sisters, Koala Lou is worried that her mother won't have enough time to say, ""Koala Lou, I do love you"".
1424063	Koala recycles Graves, Sue & Dunton, Trevor	Franklin Watts	2025	9781445186740	K-2	When new recycling bins arrive at school, Koala is not sure why they are important. As the day unfolds, she begins to learn how small choices can make a big difference. Featuring colourful illustrations, engaging animal characters and a relatable school setting, this story introduces young readers to recycling, responsibility and caring for the environment in a fun and accessible way.
17164	Koala sees the world Winch, Gordon & Oliver, Tony (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2003	9780958146364	3-4	Koala really wants to see the world and asks her friends where it is. Koala doesn't know if the world is Wombat's dark and gloomy burrow or the dangerous worlds of Crocodile, Python or maybe, of Man.
21919	Koalas Norman, Mark	Black Dog Books	2010	9781742031309	3-4	Koalas may look cute and cuddly but lots of things about them are strange. They have two thumbs per hand, they rarely need to drink water and can survive on poisonous leaves.
10251	Koalas eat gum leaves Bunting, Laura & Philip, Bunting (ill)		2017	9781742991832	K-2	Koalas eat gum leaves. That is most koalas. One koala has had enough and discovers ice cream. Will he be happy now?
903356	Koko and the coconut Pitt, Turia & Vaite, Celestine & Tavaearii, Emilie (ill)	Penguin	2023	9781760892944	K-2	Today is Koko's big day. He must leave his cosy shell and climb up, up, up the coconut tree to get a juicy, scrumptious coconut. His friends cheer him on but, once Koko has his coconut, how can he open and eat it?
91827	Kokoda track: 101 days Macinnis, Peter	Black Dog Books	2007	9781876372965	7-9	A fascinating account of the battle for the Kokoda Track in 1942 where 550 men of the 39th Militia Battalion slowed, and eventually stopped, the advance of 6000 experienced Japanese troops across the massive Owen Stanley Ranges.

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127398	Kokoda: Teen edition FitzSimons, Peter	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9780734417435	7-9	Conditions on the track were hellish - rain was constant, the terrain close to impassable, food and ammunition supplies were practically non-existent and the men constantly battled malaria and dysentery, as well as the enemy. Kokoda was a defining battle for Australia, in which a small force of young, ill-equipped Australians engaged a highly experienced and hitherto unstoppable Japanese force on a narrow, precarious jungle track - and defeated them.
223	Kon-Tiki expedition, The Heyerdahl, Thor	Simon & Schuster	1990	9780671726522	7-9	The story of a four thousand, three hundred nautical mile expedition by raft across the Pacific Ocean.
751029	Kookaburra Saxby, Claire & Harricks, Tannya (ill)	Walker Books	2020	9781760651060	3-4	Kookaburra, her mate, and three children spend the day hunting for food, protecting their territory, and preparing for another nesting season. Spend the day learning about some of the habits of the laughing kookaburra and enjoying the beautiful oil paintings of life by the river.
12825	Kookaburra school Morris, Jill & Gall, Heather (ill)	Great Glider Productions	2002	9780947304645	K-2	Kookaburra fledglings learn skills from a Wise Old Bird and discover how to share their territory with other animals and people.
5762	Kookaburras love to laugh Bunting, Laura & Philip, Bunting (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742769660	K-2	It is no laughing matter when you are the most serious bird in the borough. Kookaburras love to laugh. They laugh when it is sunny, or rainy, or windy. They laugh for no reason at all. When one serious kookaburra decides to flee the jokers, and goes to find a more suitable flock, he finds that perhaps he might just be in the right place after all.
21860	Kookoo Kookaburra Dreise, Gregg	Magabala Books	2015	9781921248900	K-2	Kookoo, a kind and well-loved kookaburra, is famous for entertaining the other bush creatures with his funny stories about them, without hurting their feelings. But, when Kookoo turns to teasing about his friends' differences, he alienates them until he finds himself alone and ignored. Kookoo is forced to remember his uncle's wise words and change his ways.
916648	Kora Kerplunk's travelling tongue Smith, Emily S & Olczyk, Peter (ill)	Larrikin House	2021	9781922503206	K-2	Kora Kerplunk is a real wild child who likes to lick disgusting stuff. One day, her poor tongue gets fed up and runs away. It travels all around the world, tasting delicious cuisines and trying brand new flavours, while Kora struggles with her new tongue-free life. Will Kora be able to change her gross ways and convince her tongue to come back home?

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43417	Kraken snores, The Landman, Tanya & Collins, Ross (ill)	Walker Books	2008	9781406307061	3-4	The kraken, a giant squid from Norse mythology, is extremely tired and has swum from the warm waters of Bermuda to the colder waters of Britain for a long sleep. But, if it falls asleep beneath the British Isles, the bubbles from its snoring will thin the water and Britain and Europe will sink. Zeus needs William's help to wake the kraken before Europe disappears below the waves.
9254	Kraken, The Crew, Gary & McBride, Marc (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2001	9780734401823	7-9	Through his determination and imagination, Christopher, who is blind, defeats the Kraken, the beast of doubt, and helps his cynical sister who is unwilling to see how things can be.
9544	Kuia and the spider, The Grace, Patricia	Penguin NZ	1983	9780140503876	3-4	In the corner of Kuia's kitchen lives a spider who makes webs while Kuia makes baskets and mats. They set out to prove which one is the best at weaving by letting the grandchildren decide.
	Kumiko series Stewart, Briony				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.
1329955	Kung fu roo: Crouching kanga, hidden hippo Do, Anh & Ley, Jeremy (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181726	3-4	Kai, Charley and Harry are beyond excited to discover that the Ninja Ridas will be performing on gold bikes at Hollybrook Fair. But spending the day at the fair means our heroes need cash fast. As they work on their money-making scheme, Harry struggles to control his new powers. Meanwhile the Crocka gang is making plans of their own for the fair...One thing's for certain - the Ninja Ridas performance will go off with a bang! But can Harry help his friends when they need him the most?
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?

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9468	Kupi-kupi and the girl Burton, Daphne Punytjina	Magabala Books	2000	9781875641536	3-4	A traditional, oral story of the Areyonga community (text in English and Pitjantjatjara). A young girl who likes to chase the kupi-kupi (willy willy) is sucked up into one. She ends up captured by a wanampi (water snake). A daring rescue saves her.
1424025	Kurrartuwarnti brolgas Nixon, June	Indigenous Literacy Foundation	2024	9781922592545	K-2	In the wet season, a family of brolgas make their nests in the long grass. They look after their eggs, search for food, and dance together. Written in Walmajarri and English, the story is about brolgas nesting, dancing, and defying any foes who might want to eat them up.
17476	Kurs of Atlantis, The Brooks, Karen R	Lothian Books	2004	9780734407269	7-9	Caz and Simon are on a quest to find the lost city of Atlantis. They encounter many perils and adventures. When they think they have survived the very worst that could happen, they realise that an even greater danger awaits them.
1231021	L.O.L: G.O.A.T laughs out loud Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Challenger, Rebel (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781760261153	K-2	This is Goat. He loves to laugh out loud. But Duck can't make a LOL that will make anyone LOL! Can Goat help?
38926	La la la: A story of hope DiCamillo, Kate & Kim, Jaime (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781406378009	K-2	A little girl stands alone and sings, but there is no response. So, gathering her courage and curiosity, she skips out into the world, calling to the trees and the pond and the reeds. But will anyone sing back to her?
49045	Lab, The Heath, Jack	Pan MacMillan	2007	9780330422314	7-9	Agent Six, the strongest, fastest, most invincible agent in the Deck, is about to live his worst nightmare. Six is the product of an illegal genetic experiment of the Lab's some sixteen years ago. When the Deck begins investigating the Lab, he walks a tightrope between his two worlds. Life spirals out of control and leads to capture, possible torture and revelation.
12969	Lacemaker and the Princess, The Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	Simon & Schuster	2007	9781416925958	5-6	Eleven year old Isabelle is a lacemaker like her mother and grandmother in the town of Versailles. It is the year 1789 and the eve of the French revolution. Isabelle is caught between being the Queen's daughter's companion, amid the luxury of the royal court, and having to earn a living lacemaking to keep her family alive.
2528	Lady Lollipop King-Smith, Dick & Barton, Jill (ill)	Walker Books	2001	9780744578720	3-4	Lollipop is no ordinary pig. According to her young owner, Johnny Skinner, she's the cleverest pig in the kingdom. When people stare into her eyes, it seems to change them for the better. But even Lollipop struggles to win over the spoilt princess.

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9270	Lady of Shalott, The Tennyson, Alfred Lord	Oxford University Press	1999	9780192723710	7-9	This poem inspired many great writers and artists.
1352194	Lady's Knight Kaufman, Amie & Spooner, Meagan	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761069284	9plus	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. 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 ... Petty knights. Backstabbing noblemen. A prison breakout. Cheesecake on a stick. One particularly large and angry dragon. Will our ladies survive the night? And can our knight save the day? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Amie Kaufman and Meagan Spooner read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/9plus-book-list#lady-s-knight-amie-kaufman-and-meagan-spooner

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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.
918	Laika the astronaut Davey, Owen	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743318935	3-4	Laika is a stray dog on the streets, until she is chosen to be the first animal launched into space. If things go wrong, would she be lost or found.
224	Lake at the end of the world, The MacDonald, Caroline	Penguin	1995	9780140379389	7-9	Two children are living in a community in an underground cave because The Counsellor has dropped toxic waste on the earth above.
1743	Lake Mungo: our story Mitchell, J & McDougall, W	Indij Readers	2007	9780980359329	5-6	The spectacular scenery around Lake Mungo, at Willandra Lakes Region in south-west NSW, is described and its problems such as soil erosion are discussed. Accompanied by beautiful black and white photography.
17466	Lake of the lost Jones, Carol	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2004	9780734406460	5-6	Kimmi and Oliver are horrified when their parents make them move to a remote Pacific Island. Kimmi tries to stay out of trouble but trouble finds her.
3083	Lamb-a-roo, The Kimpton, Diana & Beardshaw, Rosalind (ill)	Gullane Children's Books Ltd	2007	9781862336575	K-2	The lost and lonely little lamb has been loved by a kangaroo but we wonder what will happen when the little lamb realises how different he is from his mum.
53670	Lame duck protest Alexander, Goldie & Gaudion, Michele (ill)	IP (Interactive Publications Pty Ltd)	2009	9781921479137	K-2	A family discovers an injured duck at the local reserve. In response to development plans to build a shopping centre in the reserve, local residents launch a protest to protect this natural environment, naming their protest for the lame duck who becomes the mascot for the demonstrations.
707969	Lampie Schaap, Annet	Pushkin Press	2017	9781782692621	5-6	Lampie's job is to help her dad. He's unable to light the lamp in the lighthouse, so she has to do it for him. One stormy night she runs out of matches and the light goes out. A ship is wrecked on the rocks and Lampie is in disgrace. She is sent to be a maid at the Admiral's Black House. She arrives to the rumour that there is a monster at the top of the tower inside the house but what she finds is intriguing, but no monster. Along with a cast of mermaids and pirates, and set against a winswept coastal backdrop , Lampie has to fight to grow up and find her place in the world.

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671343	Land of forgotten girls, The Kelly, Erin Entrada	HarperCollins Australia	2017	9780062238658	5-6	Soledad has always been able to escape into the stories she creates. Just like her mother always could. And Soledad has needed that escape more than ever in the five years since her mother and sister died, and her father moved Sol and her youngest sister from the Philippines to Louisiana. After her father leaves, all Sol and Ming have is their evil stepmother, Vea. Sol has protected Ming all this time, but then Ming begins to believe that Auntie Jove - their mythical, world-traveling aunt - is really going to come rescue them. Can Sol protect Ming from this impossible hope?
1153331	Land of Lost Things, The: Adventures Unlimited Griffiths, Andy & Hope, Bill (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781761268267	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....
640229	Land of the Echidna people Trezise, Percy & Lavis, Mary (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2019	9781460756614	3-4	Jadianta, Lande and Jalmor, children of the Kadimakara People, are lost - swept away from their home by a fierce storm. The children are now in the land of the Flying-fox people, a place filled with many brave warriors who are friends of the Kadimakara People, and home to the children's aunt, Kylie. But when Lande is bitten by a snake, it is fortunate that the children are reunited with their aunt as she helps to heal Lande's snake bite and prepare the children for the rest of their adventurous journey.
9506	Land of the snake people Trezise, Percy	HarperCollins Australia	2001	9780207199066	3-4	The story of the journey home of the three Kadimakara children continues, as they travel through the land of the Snake People with their new companion, Wongabel.
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.

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669522	Landing with wings Balla, Trace	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760296957	3-4	Miri has been on the move with her mother. She is trying to fit in and find her way in a new land. It's time to move again, she is going to miss the place she has been calling home. She arrives in her new house and discovers a new community, a new home, a new school and finds her way in this wonderful new land. She loves the natural world around her and learns from her neighbours and friends about the land and its animals and the local people who have lived here for thousands of years. Will this be the place that she can finally call home?
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.
18096	Landscape with invisible hand Anderson, M. T	Walker Books	2017	9780763699505	7-9	When the vuvv first landed, it came as a surprise to aspiring artist Adam and the rest of planet Earth, but not necessarily an unwelcome one. Can it really be called an invasion when the vuvv generously offered free advanced technology and cures for every illness imaginable? As it turns out, yes. With his parents' jobs replaced by alien tech and no money for food, clean water, or the vuvv's miraculous medicine, Adam and his girlfriend, Chloe, have to get creative to survive. And since the vuvv crave anything they deem "classic" Earth culture (doo-wop music, still-life paintings of fruit, true love), recording 1950s-style dates for the vuvv to watch in a pay-per-minute format seems like a brilliant idea. But it's hard for Adam and Chloe to sell true love when they hate each other more with every passing episode. Soon enough, Adam must decide how far he's willing to go - and what he's willing to sacrifice - to give the vuvv what they want.

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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.
1019622	Lani and the universe Carless, Victoria	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2024	9781460763933	5-6	Lani Scrub has a plan: study hard and become a world-renowned scientist like her hero, Kit Galway, who wrote The Meaning of the Universe. The plan is ruined when Lani's mum decides to 'find herself' by joining a nature-loving community called Passing Waters. Lani should have known things were up when they got backyard chickens. At Passing Waters Lani fails every test thrown her way - despite coaching from nine-year-old nature kid Lentil and a chef/astronomer named Meadow. Turns out failing is hard, and what's worse is their tree change is making her question the meaning of the universe ...And when the community's future is threatened, will Lani Scrub pitch in to save the day?
1019756	Lankybox: Epic adventure! Lankybox & Lopez, Alex (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780008534257	3-4	Adam and Justin from LankyBox have been kidnapped. The evil villain wants to destroy the internet. Can Foxxy, Boxy and Rocky conquer their fears and successfully come to their rescue?
18477	Lantern, The Crew, Gary & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2005	9780733613005	7-9	Aidan's father goes missing at sea. Aidan lights a lantern every night to help his father home. In the light of the lantern, Aidan sees what has happened in the past and this gives him hope for his father.
5267	Lara of Newtown McKimmie, Chris	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760112325	3-4	When Misty's elderly owner can no longer look after her, she is taken to a cat shelter to, hopefully, find a new, loving home. Taken as a Christmas present for two children and renamed Nigella, Misty's wish seems to have been granted but an unfortunate incident with a budgie means another, new home must be found.

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2932	Last Anzac, The Winch, Gordon & Bailey, Harriet (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2015	9781925059298	K-2	Alec Campbell was the last living Anzac. He enlisted at the age of sixteen and ended up in Gallipoli. Before Alec died in 2002, young James was lucky enough to meet him.
3529	Last Anzacs, The: lest we forget Stephens, Tony & Siewat, Steven	Intl Specialised Book Services	2003	9781920731366	7-9	The personal stories of the last eighteen surviving veterans of the Gallipoli campaign. Almost ninety years after the commencement of World War I, we still support a march in honour of the ANZACs and respect their spirit.
751182	Last bear, The Gold, Hannah & Pinfold, Levi (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780008411282	5-6	April has a once in a lifetime chance to spend six months in the Arctic circle with her scientist father and no one else. She hopes this time alone with her father will help reconnect them after the sad death of her mother, but the work of a climate scientist in an age of melting ice caps is never ending. Bear Island has not had a polar bear in decades due to the loss of ice, but as April finds herself wandering further and further on the island, she meets an unlikely, unhealthy and unforgettable new friend.
846247	Last beekeeper, The Turabi, Siya	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2021	9780008509552	7-9	Pakistan 1974: The secret-wreathed trees of Harikaya have always called to Hassan. He knows if he doesn't find the last beekeeper and salvage a precious jar of his mythical black honey before the floods come, his mother will lose her sight. A historical novel of family, friendship and self-discovery exploring the power of choice in a changing world and love in communion with nature.
1423333	Last chance Joey Resce, Meredith	Wombat Books	2025	9781761112614	7-9	No phone, no wi-fi, no friends and no options. Expelled from three schools, Joey is sent to the country to live with his aunt. She asks him to help an old man recovering from an accident, and now he has a choice. It sounds like a crazy idea, but he chooses to help. What else is there to do, a million miles from anywhere? But when Joey meets Harry, he finds in him a friend - even if he's eighty-five. Maybe life when people trust you might be a good thing. As Joey's desire for acceptance grows, break-ins threaten the community and Joey's past starts to catch up with him. How can Joey turn his life around when his mistakes follow him everywhere he goes? And will he be there for Harry when he needs him?

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2547	Last clown, The Thompson, Colin & Gamble, Penelope	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780733608728	3-4	An historical journey that starts from the time when circuses were a popular and common form of entertainment. Max, the last clown and Beryl, the aging elephant, no longer fit the expectations of modern audiences.
1089071	Last comics on earth: Too many villains! Brallier, Max & Pruett, Joshua & Cooper, Jay (ill) & Holgate, Douglas (ill)	Farshore	2024	9780008588274	7-9	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. Now, Jack, June, Quint, and Dirk's BIGGEST SEQUEL IN HISTORY has our superheroes in a mad-dash, puzzle-filled race across Apocalyptia 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!
5330	Last days of us, The Nicholas, Beck	Harlequin	2017	9781489220493	9plus	Six months ago, Zoey's life went off the rails. After the tragic loss of her brother, she partied her way to oblivion, estranged her best friend, Cass, and pushed away her now ex, Finn. But when her destructive behaviour reaches dangerous heights, Zoey realises she needs to pull herself together and get her old life back, including her ex. There's just one complication: Finn is now dating Cass. Now, it's the last week of summer and Zoey, Cass and Finn are setting out on the road trip of a lifetime to see their favourite musician, Gray, perform live, joined by Finn's infuriatingly attractive bad-boy cousin Luc and his vibrant younger sister Jolie. Zoey thinks this is her chance to put things to rights and convince Finn they should get back together. But she wasn't counting on her friends' lingering resentment, Luc's disarming sincerity, and Jolie's infectious love for life to turn her plans upside down. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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2740	Last dragon charmer, The: Villian keeper McKay, Laurie	Harper	2015	9780062308443	5-6	Nothing is more important than slaying a dragon.It will make Prince Caden's father proud, and grant him the title of Elite Paladin like his seven older brothers. But there is one big thing standing in Caden's way: he has been mysteriously transported from his home in the Great Winterlands of Razzon to Asheville, North Carolina-a land with no magic and no dragons. Or so he thinks. But what if Caden's destiny isn't to slay a dragon after all?
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?
1424070	Last ember, The Dodd, Lily Berlin	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2025	9781761217234	5-6	Aerimanders are extinct or so the government would have you think, having centuries earlier destroyed the last of these deadly, dragon-like creatures. So when wealthy twelve-year-old chemistry student Eva Alexander unwittingly purchases an aerimander egg, she becomes the target of the Thieves' Union and its newest member, thirteen-year-old orphan Dusty St. Ichabod. But Eva is no easy mark, and soon she and Dusty are driven into a maze of sinister threats, betrayals and surprises, all while fighting to keep the egg away from power-hungry hands. As the unlikely duo races against time, their fates, and that of the whole world are at stake. Because there's one question no one dares to ask: What happens when the egg hatches?
1423942	Last kids on earth and the destructor's lair, The Brallier, Max & Holgate, Douglas (ill)	Farshore	2025	9780008781828	5-6	'Jack is stuck in the Monster Dimension, and Rezzoch - Destructor of Worlds is ready to bring his plan to completion. Can Jack and his friends stop him before it is too late? The madcap adventures of Jack and his crew continue in this next instalment of Last Kids on Earth.

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846100	Last kids on earth and the doomsday race, The Brallier, Max & Holgate, Douglas (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2021	9780008491338	5-6	Jack Sullvan wants to be voted in as the mayor of Mallusc City. He has mastered the art of zombie control, taken down massive monsters, and survived the most epic road trip ever. He is ready for anything. The Destructor of Worlds has nothing on him, his awesome gang of monster fighting friends or his radical zombie squad. Whatever it takes, he is going to win the Doomsday Race and save the world.
903253	Last kids on earth and the forbidden fortress, The Brallier, Max & Holgate, Douglass (ill)	Penguin Random House Australia	2022	9780008582340	5-6	Me, Jack and my best friend against the whole world of evil. With the Cosmic Hand starting to take over my whole body in a strange way. Thrull is getting closer and closer to his ultimate destruction of the whole world.
1019735	Last kids on earth and the monster dimension, The Brallier, Max & Holgate, Douglas (ill)	Farshore	2023	9780008638115	5-6	Jack is an amazing zombie slaying master of cool with an awesome cosmic hand to prove it. He is reporting from the Apocalypse once again. Thrull, the Destructor of Worlds, has everything he needs to complete the Tower and bring back Rezzoch who wants to destroy the world. Jack and his friends are stronger than ever and travelling further than ever. Saving the world doesn't end at home. So hop in. Next stop is the Monster Dimension.
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!
11118	Last king of Angkor Wat, The Base, Graeme	Penguin	2014	9780670077151	3-4	Tiger, Gibbon, Water Buffalo and Gecko are amongst the ruins of ancient Angkor Wat in Cambodia, wondering which of them would have made the best king. A mysterious visitor urges them to discover their true selves in a race to a distant hilltop.

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1423811	Last letters from Villa Clara, The Steele, Sarah	Headline Review	2025	9781035413027	9plus	1939. Europe is on the brink of change and in the fear and chaos of pre-war Italy, a painting disappears and is never seen again. 1963. London is on the cusp of change in the swinging 60s. Nightclubs are in their heyday, as are the art thieves of the East End underworld. But when a lowly boarding-house landlady attempts to take on the upper-crust establishment, and is accused of spying for the Russians, she can save only one thing - her reputation, or the love of her life. 1989. Phoebe Cato is on the verge of losing her Museum, which houses Bruce Cato's collection of masterful reproductions, and worse than that, her beloved uncle Bruce himself. With only months to live, Phoebe may not be able to save Bruce's life, but little does she know that he had planned on saving hers all along. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
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.
855844	Last light horse, The Wolfer, Dianne & Simmonds, Brian (ill)	Fremantle Press	2022	9781760991302	5-6	136,000 Australian horses were sent to fight during the First World War. Just one came home. From the high country in Victoria to the desert sands of Egypt, from the waters off Gallipoli to the battlefields of France, This is the extraordinary story of Sandy, the only returning warhorse.

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1188544	Last man out: A personal account of the Gallipoli evacuation Park, Louise	Wild Dog Books	2023	9781742036427	5-6	The evacuation of Australian and New Zealand troops from Gallipoli was a remarkable logistical feat. Soldiers had to secretly depart by night, but some were needed to stay behind and cover their retreat, likely facing death. A fierce rivalry arose over who would be chosen for this final, deadly task. Only the most capable, brave, and selfless men were selected for this "rear guard of honour," knowing they would be killed or captured. Among them was John Alexander Park, a seasoned British-born soldier who had served in Africa, Afghanistan, and China before settling in Australia. After joining the Australian Army in 1915, he was sent to Gallipoli as part of the 19th Battalion. At 36, he was experienced and courageous and ultimately, the last man out of Gallipoli.
15424	Last muster, The Norrington, Leonie	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781862915787	9plus	Shane's family lives on a remote station. Most of the Aboriginal people have been driven off but Red and her grandfather remain. All risk losing their homes when a big company wants to combine five stations. Strong language used in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
750981	Last paper crane, The: A tale from Hiroshima Drewery, Kerry & Seki, Natsko (ill)	Hot Key Books	2021	9781471408472	7-9	1945, Hiroshima: Ichiro is a teenage boy relaxing at home with his friend Hiro. Moments later they witness the blinding flash as the first nuclear bomb of WWII is dropped. Despite their wounds, the two boys set out to find Hiro's five-year-old sister Keiko in the devastated and blasted landscape. When Hiro is no longer able to continue, Ichiro promises Hiro he will take care of Keiko and get her to safety. But in the chaos, Ichiro loses her after setting off to find help. Seventy years later, this broken promise to his dying friend haunts the old man's fading years. Mizuki, his granddaughter, is determined to help him. As the Japanese legend goes, if you have the patience to fold 1,000 paper cranes, you will find your heart's desire; and it turns out her grandfather has only one more origami crane to fold...
12978	Last polar bear, The George, Jean Craighead & Minor, Wendell (ill)	HarperCollins US	2009	9780061240676	3-4	Paddling through the Arctic Ocean in their kayaks, Tigluk and his aka, his grandmother, spot a polar bear cub on a faraway ice floe. He is all alone and has lost his mother. The world is warming and the ice is melting. Tigluk must save the polar bear.

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2554	Last refuge, The Bates, Dianne	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1996	9780733603181	9plus	A realistic and harrowing story of children's courage in the face of domestic violence, with a positive outcome.Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
225	Last shot, The Baillie, Allan	Scholastic Australia	1997	9781862913165	7-9	Steve is a brilliant basketball player with a conflict to solve involving family and his achievements.
7737	Last time we say goodbye, The Hand, Cynthia	HarperCollins US	2015	9780732299002	9plus	The last time Lex was happy, it was before. When her family was whole. and friends didn't look at her as if she might break down. Now, she's just the girl whose brother killed himself. Lex tries to block out the night Tyler died but regret and their last goodbye haunt her. As Lex learns to grieve and recover, she discovers that a ghost doesn't have to be real to keep you from moving on. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
2002	Last tree in the city Carnavas, Peter	New Frontier Publishing	2010	9781921042218	3-4	Edward's city is a place of concrete and cars, a world without colour. Every day, Edward takes himself to a part of the city that is different, to the last tree in the city. He is happy there until, one day, the tree is gone. Edward and his duck eventually figure out a unique way to make the city more beautiful than before.
8003	Last tree, The Wilson, Mark	Lothian Books	2007	9780734409867	3-4	A beautiful eucalyptus tree in an old-growth forest in south-eastern Australia has provided food and shelter for hundreds of years. As the forest begins to disappear, the old tree's existence is threatened.
4552	Last viking returns, The Jorgensen, Norman	Fremantle Press	2014	9781925161151	3-4	Josh is totally engrossed in Vikings, even changing his name to Knut. However even Vikings would have their hands full with his twin siblings who seem to cause mayhem wherever they go. A trip to Viking World theme park provides opportunities for the twins to be their Viking berserker best, and for Josh/Knut to prove more than a match for any dangers ahead.
40989	Last Viking, The Jorgensen, Norman	Fremantle Press	2011	9781921888106	3-4	Josh is to stay with Nan and Pop, and he's worried because the last visit wasn't a complete success. However, Pop's book about Vikings inspires Josh and he becomes Knut, making weapons and armoury from cardboard for himself and his lively dog, Wolverine. By channelling his inner Viking, Josh is able to outwit some local bullies.

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1446670	Last word, The Tait, A.L.	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761646874	7-9	There are two things Matilda Bell can count on: her best friend, Gemma, and being top of every class. But it's year 8, and everything has changed. Gemma has moved away, leaving Matilda all alone at school, and Will O'Connor has moved to town. Not only does Will disrupt every lesson - Matilda's pet hate - but he's somehow matching her grades with zero effort. If only Matilda could ignore him ... but Will gets under her skin in a way that no-one else ever has. When Will is forced to join the debating team, he and Matilda spend more time arguing with each other than winning debates. With their team losses mounting up, Gemma ignoring her calls and old enemies getting up to new tricks, Matilda feels like her life is out of control. Can Matilda find a way to work with Will so they can win as a team? Or will they end up hating each other in the process?
995944	Last-Place Lin Chim, Wai & Chiu, Freda (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761067754	K-2	Lin's excited about her first school sports day until she comes last. A reassuring celebration of the spirit to keep going from award-winning author Wai Chim and acclaimed illustrator Freda Chiu.
1423929	Lastling, The Kelleher, Victor	Eagle Books	2025	9780648815488	5-6	It's a day like any other for Guido, a Droid guide in the Wilderness Park, until he receives a warning: human Enforcers are about to eliminate him and all his fellow Droids, on the orders of the supreme leader, Brother John. Desperate to escape, he sets in motion a chain of consequences that will reach over the years to a human girl named Verne, who's been hired to break into the home of an old Enforcer and retrieve a mysterious weapon... What happens next will set both Verne and Guido on the path to discovering the dangerous truth about the world they thought they knew. A gripping adventure set in a disturbing future, and also a timely exploration of what it means to be human.
1329643	Laugh in the bath Mather, Rory H & Wilson, Brent (ill)	Little Book Press	2025	9781923141483	K-2	Follow this playful family of giraffes as they splash and laugh through their bedtime routine with jokes, songs and bathtime bubbles.

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	Laugh your head off series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
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. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Maryam Master read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#laughter-is-the-best-ending-maryam-master
12000	Laura's star Baumgart, Klaus	Koala Books	1998	9780864611321	K-2	Laura is often lonely and longs for a friend of her own. One night, Laura sees a falling star. She mends its broken tip and tenderly puts it on the pillow beside her. She tells it all her secrets and believes that she has found a friend at last.
14234	Laurinda Pung, Alice	Black Inc	2014	9781863956925	7-9	Laurinda is an exclusive school for girls. At its secret core is the Cabinet, a trio of girls who wield power over their classmates and some of their teachers. Entering this world of wealth and secrets is fifteen year old Lucy Lam, a scholarship girl, who has sharp eyes and a shaky sense of self. As she watches the Cabinet at work, and is courted by them, Lucy finds herself in a battle for her identity and integrity.

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	Laws of magic, The series Pryor, Michael				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.
5478	Lazy Dave Jarvis	HarperCollins Children's Books	2015	9780062355980	K-2	Dave is a dog. He loves to sleep all day long. Lilly thinks Dave is the laziest dog in the world. But, maybe, Dave isn't quite as lazy as Lilly thinks he is. Find out what Dave really does all day.
3632	Lazy friend, The Badel, Ronan	Gecko Press	2014	9781927271414	K-2	In a vast jungle, snake, bird and frog are playing cards in a tree. Above them, a sloth sleeps quietly, bothering no one. When the tree collapses to the ground, sloth is still clinging to a branch, even when it is loaded onto a truck. Snake slithers over to the truck and conceals himself. As the truck navigates the jungle, the log, the sloth and the snake dislodge and begin floating down the river. A wordless picture book.
4820	Leaf Dieckmann, Sandra	Flying Eye Books	2017	9781911171317	3-4	When a polar bear washes up on the edge of the wild wood, the other animals fear and avoid him. Then one day, they watch as he attempts something incredible...
49233	Leaf King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2008	9781741691160	K-2	An almost wordless, picture book which tells the story of a happy little boy who hates having his hair groomed. A bird drops a seed into his unruly mop and soon, with the help of the sun and the rain, a seedling sprouts.
1423933	Leaf letters Carrington, Lorena	Christmas Press	2024	9780645378887	5-6	Hazel meets Cole and together they find buried treasure, solve puzzles, and restore bruised friendships.
18698	Leaf litter Tonkin, Rachel	Bandicoot Books	2001	9780207198229	5-6	Leaves, twigs and bark collect on the ground in forests all over the world. We call it leaf litter but it isn't really rubbish at all. Superb, detailed illustrations explore what goes on in a small patch of leaf litter beneath one tree.

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855833	League of liars Scholte, Astrid	Penguin	2022	9781760630799	9plus	Shadows are dangerous. Edem is illegal. And liars are cowards. Ever since his mother was killed in a freak edem-based crime, seventeen-year-old Cayder Broduck has had one goal: to have illegal users of extradimensional magic brought to justice. Cayder dreams of becoming a prosecutor and, when he secretly accepts an apprenticeship under the city's best public defender, he plans to learn every legal trick he can to one day dismantle defence arguments. Then he'll finally be able to make sure justice is served. But when he meets all three criminals he is to defend, he finds they are teenagers, like him, and their stories are....complicated, like his. As their cases unfold, Cayder must race to separate the truth from the lies and uncover what really happened the night his mother died. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1135354	League of llamas: Llama impossible Darlison, Aleesah	Puffin Australia	2020	9781760894184	3-4	A train speeding out of control, a bold bank robbery and a dazzling diamond heist - trouble is afoot in New Llama City! Luckily, the League of Llamas' top agents, Phillipe and Lloyd, are on the case. And luckily for them, Mama Llama and agent Elloise Llamaresky are on their cases to make sure the job actually gets done.
717688	League of llamas: Rogue llama Darlison, Aleesah	Puffin Australia	2021	9781760894207	3-4	Determined to clear his name after being framed for a crime he didn't commit, Phillipe dons a disguise and goes on the hunt for the true criminal - one Rodrick Tailbiter. But the more Philippe investigates, the less the case makes sense and the more things start becoming suspiciously...smelly.
868748	League of Llamas: The golden llama Darlison, Alleesah	Puffin Australia	2020	9781760894160	3-4	The League of Llamas (LOL) are a group of secret llama agents and they're on a mission to save the world - if only Agent 0011 Phillipe Llamar could stop looking in the mirror at his luxurious fringe and Agent 0013 Lloyd Llamanator could resist the temptation to eat everything in his path! There's also the thieving General Bottomburp to contend with and a mysterious lady llama in red.

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717670	League of llamas: Undercover llamas Darlison, Aleesah	Puffin Australia	2020	9781760894191	3-4	After failing to apprehend some dangerously peck-happy hens, the League of Llamas are going undercover! But these aren't any ordinary secret identities -- Phillipe, Lloyd and Elloise are joining Bruno Llamars as band members on the pop star's next tour!
664339	Leah on the offbeat Albertalli, Becky	Penguin	2018	9780241331057	9plus	When it comes to drumming, Leah Burke is usually on beat - but real life isn't always so rhythmic. An anomaly in her friend group, she's the only child of a young, single mum, and her life is decidedly less privileged. And even though her mom knows she's bisexual, she hasn't mustered the courage to tell her friends - not even her openly gay BFF, Simon. With some messy dynamics emerging in this once tight-knit group of friends, senior year suddenly gets even more complicated for Leah, as she realises she's falling not for the guy who's taking her to prom, but for the girl who's dating her best friend. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above
24078	Leaky story, The Sillett, Devon & Tortop, Anil (ill)	EK Books	2017	9781925335392	K-2	A book sits abandoned on a living room shelf. While the Blossburn family happily gets on with other things, like watching TV and playing video games. At last the book can't take it any longer. Slowly it starts to swell, then it starts to leak!
1277866	Leap Popescu, Simina	Roaring Book Press	2024	9781250838292	9plus	Ana has been studying contemporary dance since she was little, but her heart isn't in it anymore. Instead her focus is on Carina - a beautiful, ambitious ballerina whose fear of being outed keeps Ana in the closet and their fragile relationship from seeing the light of day. Risking her own career, Ana gives up more and more in order to fit into the shadows of Carina's life. Sara, on the other hand, is fielding whispers she may be the best dancer their school has produced in years. Much of that is thanks to her mentor and instructor, Marlena, who plucked Sara from the classical track and encouraged her to blossom as a contemporary dancer. Sara has always been in awe of Marlena, but recently, that admiration has sparked into something more, and Sara's not sure what to do about it. As junior year at their performing arts school begins, Ana and Sara are assigned as roommates. What starts off as a tentative friendship soon becomes a much-needed anchor. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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638732	Leaping Lola Hawkins, Tracey & Tortop, Anil (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2019	9781925594591	K-2	Lola loves to dance. She flounces and bounces all day long, practising for the Black and White Ball. But she is a brown Jersey cow, not a black-and-white cow. Can she disguise herself and have a spin on the dance floor?
6355	Learn with Ruby Red Shoes: Alphabet book Knapp, Kate	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2018	9781460756904	K-2	A is for angels, flying above and around. Their softest of wings make barely a sound. Have fun learning the alphabet with Ruby Red Shoes - everyone's favourite hare!
6361	Learn with Ruby Red Shoes: Counting book Knapp, Kate	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2018	9781460756911	K-2	One is for me. I'm one of a kind. I'm separate from you and I know my own mind. Have fun learning how to count with Ruby Red Shoes - everyone's favourite hare!
1329974	Learning Country Dank, Ryhia	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9781460765517	3-4	A journey around Australia by a First Nations author teaching Australia's traditional place names while sharing what you can learn and hear while on this beautiful adventure.
5563	Learning curves of Vanessa Partridge, The Strahan, Clare	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760296797	9plus	Vanessa Partidge lives with her dad, her brother and her ex-babysitter. Who just happens to be her dad's new wife. Her mother has disappeared with only sporadic contact. Vanessa isn't sure who she is and as she embarks on her usual family summer holiday at the beach, she starts to discover her own limits. Through a growing relationship with environmental activist Bodhi and a crush on her brother's best friend, Vanessa explores her sense of self. Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 & above.
	Learning Ladders series Various				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.
569187	Leave taking Marwood, Lorraine	University of Queensland Press	2018	9780702260117	5-6	Toby and his mum and dad are leaving their family farm after the death of Toby's younger sister Leah. Together they sort through all of their belongings and put things aside to sell or throw out. Toby doesn't want to leave the only place he's called home. As his last day on the farm approaches, Toby has a plan to say goodbye to all the things and places that mean something special to him and Leah. With the help of his best friend, Trigger the dog, he learns what it means to take your leave.

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15317	Leaving Germein, Katrina & Bancroft, Bronwyn (ill)	Penguin	2003	9780143500490	K-2	Saying goodbye to friends is never easy but there is joy in the giving and receiving of presents that are truly loved. Richly illustrated with simple paintings that reflect the giving of gifts.
9936	Leaving home Michael, Jan	Andersen Press Ltd	2008	9781842707784	7-9	Set in South Africa, orphaned Sam has to leave his affluent life in the city, his computer, his trendy clothing and his pride, to live with his aunt in a village at the back of beyond. He has to sleep on the floor in a one-roomed hut, sharing with his aunt and cousins. Sam must work out where he belongs.
2566	Leaving it to you Orr, Wendy	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1992	9780207175923	9plus	A story for more mature readers about the tentative friendship between Linda and old Mrs Pugh in the nursing home. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
6101	Leaving the lyrebird forest Crew, Gary & Laffan, Julian (ill)	Lothian Books	2018	9780734418432	5-6	Alice loves the bush where she lives. She has a deep connection to a lyrebird who visits her 'every other day' and develops a close friendship to an elderly neighbour who loves the bush as much as she does. An amazing surprise discovery motivates her to make decisions about her future.
23552	Lee Raven: boy thief Corder, Zizou	Penguin	2008	9780141383644	7-9	Lee Raven, boy thief, has stolen something he really didn't mean to. Now he faces a perilous flight through London and the murky sewers below as he tries to escape capture. Lee has stolen the Book of Nebo, a book that has existed for thousands of years and tells every story and legend known to man.
950220	Leeva at last Pennypacker, Sara & Cordell, Matthew (ill)	Balzer & Bray	2023	9780008606190	3-4	What are people for? That is the burning question on the mind of Leeva Spayce Thornblossom. 'Fame!', says Leeva's mum, the mayor of Nutsmore. 'Money!', says her dad, the town treasurer. With the help of an orphaned badger, a risk averse boy in a hazmat suit and the town's librarians, Leeva sets off to discover her own answer. This sets off a chain of events that will change Nutsmore forever.
12622	Leeza van Breeza's best idea ever Miesen, Christina	Puffin Australia	2011	9780143305996	3-4	When Miss Cherry tells everyone that their class project is to run a business, in pairs, Leeza is very excited and, immediately, she plans to pair up with her best friend, Teena Rafanella. But, to her horror, Leeza finds that she has to be business buddies with nerdy, hypochondriac Joolie.

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66597	Leeza Van Breeza's nail-biting idea Miesen, Christina	Penguin	2008	9780143303220	3-4	Leeza van Breeza desperately wants to win a trophy for something. But, there's a problem, she isn't especially good at anything. When her mother asks her if she wants to win the world record for biting her nails, Leeza decides how she can get recognition. But, this idea gets her into all sorts of trouble.
16456	Left and right Hendry, Lorna	Wild Dog Books	2017	9781742034430	5-6	Left and right are all around us. From our hands and feet to our eyes and ears, the notion of left and right is inescapable. Left and right control how we travel and play sport, and even how we eat. The vast extent of how this deceptively simple subject shapes our lives is revealed in the Left And Right book!
751075	Left-handed booksellers of London, The Nix, Garth	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760631246	9plus	Eighteen-year-old art student Susan Arkshaw arrives in London in search of her father. But before she can question crime boss Frank Thringley he's turned to dust by the prick of a silver hatpin in the hands of the outrageously attractive Merlin. Merlin is one of the youngest members of a secret society of booksellers with magical powers who police the mythic Old World wherever it impinges on the New World - in addition to running several bookshops, of course! Merlin also has a quest of his own: to find the Old World entity who arranged the murder of his mother. Soon they become involved in an even more urgent task to recover the grail that is the source of the left-handed booksellers' power, before it is used to destroy the booksellers and rouse the hordes of the mythic past. As the search for the grail becomes strangely intertwined with both their quests, they start to wonder... Is Susan's long-lost father a bookseller, or something altogether more mysterious?
15116	Legend of Big Red, The Roy, James & Dale, Rae (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2005	9780702235283	5-6	Liam and Barney persuade their parents to let them camp out alone overnight to catch Big Red, the legendary giant cod rumoured to live in Bailey's Swamp. Darkness, strange noises and a thunderstorm test their determination and bravery.
18429	Legend of Captain Crow's teeth, The Colfer, Eoin & McCoy, Glenn (ill)	Penguin	2006	9780141381305	3-4	Marty is a nine year old boy and his brother, Will, likes to tell him scary stories. An imaginative and funny tale.
12336	Legend of Lasseter's Reef, The Greenwood, Mark	University of Western Australia Press	2003	9781876268992	5-6	The legend of Harold Lasseter who found a fabulous reef of gold in the desert. Lasseter returned with six companions but he could not find the site again. Despite help from nomads he never makes it home.

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5146	Legend of Moondyne Joe, The Greenwood, Mark & Lessac, Frane (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2011	9781921720123	3-4	In 1853, Joseph Johns was transported from Wales to the British colony in Western Australia. Prison for Joe was never an option and he escaped often, leading the troopers on wild chases through the Moondyne Hills of Western Australia. He became known as Moondyne Joe and soon had a well-deserved reputation as an incredible escape artist, with his love for freedom and his daring exploits.
43454	Legend of rock paper scissors, The Daywalt, Drew & Rex, Adam (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2017	9780008252397	3-4	I hope you are wearing your battle pants! You've played the game. Now read the legend of the three great warriors who started it all! Rock Paper Scissors!
12454	Legend of Spud Murphy, The Colfer, Eoin	Miramax Kids	2004	9780786855018	3-4	Grown-ups think she's the kindly, old librarian but kids know the truth. Spud Murphy is really a gas-powered, gun-toting tyrant. Now Will and his older brother, Marty, have been ordered to spend their summer vacation in Spud's library.
6988	Legend of the Golden Snail, The Base, Graeme	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780670073498	3-4	Inspired by the tale of a magical Golden Snail banished to the ends of the earth by a Grand Enchanter, Wilbur sets out on a daring voyage to find the legendary snail and claim it as his own. Along the way, he encounters strange creatures and overcomes many challenges. What he finds is not quite what he imagined.
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.
	Legends (including Anniversary & League of) series Panckridge, Michael				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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	Legends of League series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
7059	Legends of Moonie Jarl, The Jarls, Moonie (Wilf Reeves) & Wandi (Miller, Olga) (ill)	Indigenous Literacy Foundation	2014	9780992478049	7-9	The book tells the stories of the Butchulla people, the Indigenous people of Fraser Island and the Fraser Coast, Queensland. Published in 1964, it was the first Aboriginal children's book to be published and was written and designed by Butchulla siblings Moonie Jarl (Wilf Reeves) and Wandi (Olga Miller), both of whom have since passed away. The Legends of Moonie Jarl gives a deeper understanding and appreciation of Butchulla culture among the broader community, and contributes to community pride locally.
92094	Legends: battles and quests Horowitz, Anthony	MacMillan	2010	9780330510165	7-9	Some cultures believe there was a time when monsters and dragons roamed the earth and the gods walked among us. A time of blood, swords and furious battles, of legends, heroes, darkness and death, including human sacrifice. Myths and legends from around the world are told in gory and bloody detail.
63528	Legends: beasts and monsters Horowitz, Anthony	MacMillan	2010	9780330510158	7-9	In the cold, dead eyes of the Banshee, and the hissing, spitting fangs of the Gorgon, in the fiery breath of the dragon and the razor sharp claws of the Sphinx, there is a thirst for blood and a murderous hunger. But, it is a time of heroes and the teeth and claws of these beasts are no match for their lethal blades.
1018465	Leila and the blue fox Hargrave, Kiran Millwood & De Freston, Tom	Orion	2023	9781510110281	5-6	Miles mean nothing to the Fox. She knows only that she is exactly where she's meant to be. Fox wakes and begins to walk. Meanwhile, Leila embarks on a journey of her own to find the mother she thought she'd lost. In the endless daylight of an Arctic summer, the world is cast wild and wondrous. Across the ice and across the sea, Fox and Leila's adventures are just beginning... Based on the true story of Anna, the Arctic fox who crossed a continent.

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815332	Leilong the library bus Liu, Julia & Lynn, Bei (ill)	Gecko Press	2021	9781776573318	K-2	The children are late for storytime at the library. Ever helpful, Lei the enthusiastic dinosaur can get them there one time! Lei's small head is the only part of him that fits so he must listen through the window. But he gets so excited by the story, he starts to shake the building. Lei's love of stories risks destroying the library until the children decide to take the books outdoors. This library-loving picture book reminds us how it feels to be transported by story. And what first seems a problem for Lei the dinosaur becomes a triumph.
1304649	Lemon for Safiya, A Shafei-Ongu, Jemima & Chantanakom, Nisaluk (ill)	Lothian Books	2025	9780734422224	K-2	A little girl and her family help a lost and confused stranger to find her way home.
653185	Lemonade Jones and the great school fete Bell, Davina & Blair, Karen (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781925266740	3-4	A haunted house. A giant rainbow slide. And delicious donuts from Clark Dark's dad's donut van. Lemonade Jones's school fete is going to be as sparkly and fun as a shook-up bottle of fizzy drink. Most exciting of all is the Year One Mum Band. Lemonade Jones has talked her mum into being the lead singer, and everyone knows that the lead singer is the star. This is going to be the greatest school fete ever!
581431	Lemonade Jones: The first day back and the zoo that comes to you Bell, Davina & Blair, Karen (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781925266733	3-4	Lemonade Jones likes life to be loud and exciting. But it's hard when there are rules to follow. What happens when you forget the rules and do something wrong? Lemonade Jones often gets so excited she forgets the right thing to do. Will she learn from her mistakes?
4687	Lenny & Lucy Stead, Philip C & Stead, Erin E (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760292119	K-2	Peter and his father are moving to a new house beyond the dark unfriendly woods. When they arrive, Peter wants to turn back. Fortunately, he has Harold, his dog, for company. Scared of the things hidden in the woods, Peter makes a tall pile of pillows. He stiches and sews. He pushes and pulls. He makes Lenny, Guardian of the Bridge, to protect him. Then, he makes Lucy, to keep Lennie company. Together, Lenny, Lucy, Peter and Harold discover that this new place isn't so scary after all.

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1087432	Lenny Lemmon and the invincible rat Davis, Ben & Lancett, James (ill)	Nosy Crow Ltd	2023	9781839949296	5-6	Lenny Lemmon is looking forward to Olden Days Day at school. It's a chance to break the routine and try school as it was years ago. It explains the blackboard in the corner, his teacher's bad temper and why his friend Sam looks like Oliver Twist. And Lenny's pleased with his own contribution, too. It's in a cardboard box at the back of the class at the moment because it's not yet time to shine. Except it escapes and ends up in the bowl of sick, sorry, gruel, that Amelia Kelly has brought up, sorry, in. Soon there are small, gruelly footprints all over the classroom and also a lot of screaming because the rat that Lenny found by the back of the chip shop is free. It takes the arrival of cool new girl, Jessica Conrad, to distract everyone. Jessica has a plan to catch the rat but it'll cost them. Can the three kids round up the rat before more damage is done? Or will they end up in the headmaster's office -- again. Maybe, but they're going to need a bigger net.
587803	Lenny's book of everything Foxlee, Karen	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760528706	5-6	Lenny Spink is a watchful, caring, and sharp older sister to Davey, her sweet, charming and unusually big younger brother. She is ever mindful of the challenges and moods of her single parent mother, the curious lives of the various characters in her neighbourhood, and the dark reality which comes with her brother's rare disease causing him to grow at an unhealthy and alarming rate. The regular arrival of 'Burrell's Build-It-at-Home Encyclopedia' give Lenny and Dave a window to a broader world and feeds their imagination and curiosity.
1019900	Leo and Ralph Carnavas, Peter	University of Queensland Press	2024	9780702266218	3-4	Leo and Ralph have been best friends ever since Ralph flew down from one of Jupiter's moons. But now Leo is older, and mum and dad think it is time to say goodbye to Ralph. When the family moves to a small country town, they hope Leo might finally make a real friend. But someone like Ralph is hard to leave behind. A stellar story about space, starting over and the best friend you could ever imagine.
27994	Leo da Vinci vs the ice-cream domination league Pryor, Michael & Faber, Jules (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9780857988379	3-4	Ten year old Leo is a boy with a wild imagination who invents things. He spends each afternoon with his robot, Isaac, and his pet pig, Ragnar. Together, they form Fixit International Inc, which wards off super villains and sends them to super villain prison. With the help of his newly acquired friend, outgoing, enthusiastic Mina, they defeat the evil Ice-cream Domination League.

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24435	Leo the littlest seahorse Wild, Margaret & Denton, Terry (ill)	Viking Children's	2010	9780670073559	K-2	In the warm waters of the coral reef, one hundred and one baby seahorses learn the ways of the world. They curl around coral and flutter their fins, except Leo, the littlest seahorse, who is always a bit behind. But, when a hungry groper approaches, Leo proves that he, too, is capable of big things.
640231	Leonard doesn't dance Watts, Frances & Watson, Judy (ill)	ABC Books	2019	9780733333040	K-2	All the birds are excited about the Big Beaky Bird Ball - except Leonard. His warble-warble waltz with the magpies is more wobble-wobble, and his caw-caw can-can with the crows is a can't-can't. The puffins are prancing, the rosellas are rocking and you should see the flamingo go-go-go! Everyone is jumping and jiving, but not Leonard. Leonard doesn't dance. Then an unexpected encounter changes everything ...
625010	Leonard the lyrebird McLeod, Jodie & Short, Eloise (ill)	King Street Press	2018	9780994450753	K-2	Leonard is friends with everyone - and boy can he sing! But will his singing talents impress the one friend he really wants? In a story about friendship, bravery and being yourself, join this charismatic bird as he searches for the song that will change his life.
855840	Leonardo Da Vinci's life of invention WIlliams, Jake	Pavilion	2022	9781843654988	7-9	Discover the fascinating life of Leonardo Da Vinci and his many interests and talents. From the Mona Lisa to his flying machines, Da Vinci's work includes some of the most famous, and quirky, pieces in history.
15353	Leonardo's dream De Beer, Hans & Miller, Marisa (trans)	North South Books	2004	9780735819276	K-2	Leonardo, the penguin, has a dream, he wants to fly. The other penguins laugh at him but Leonardo does not give up.
9202	Leopard trail Laird, Elizabeth	Pan MacMillan	1999	9780330371483	7-9	when his family moves to Africa, Tom has mixed emotions until he spots a regal leopard outside his house. He quickly joins his new friends as they try to save the animal from being shot.
1423802	Lessons in power Barnes, Jennifer Lynn	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2025	9780241763124	9plus	For Tess Kendrick, a student at the elite Hardwicke School, making problems disappear runs in the family. However, she has another legacy, too - one that involves power and the making of political dynasties. When Tess is asked to run a classmate's campaign for student council, she agrees. But at a school like Hardwicke, even a class election can have life-shattering consequences. When friendly competition turns into a deadly struggle for control, Tess discovers that no one can be trusted and power always comes at a price. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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5817	Lessons of a lac Jenkins, Lynn & Lonergan, Kirrili (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2018	9781925335828	K-2	Loppy the LC has learned his whole life to look out for danger. Looking out for what can go wrong is all he knows - until Loppy meets Curly Calmster. Curly teaches Loppy that he doesn't have to look out for the everyday worst-case scenarios all the time.
655994	Let me fix that for you Erlbaum, Janice	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	2019	9780374308100	7-9	Twelve-year-old Gladys Rand may not have many friends, but at least she has her empire. From her table at the back of the cafeteria, Glad arranges favors for her classmates in exchange for their friendship. She solves every problem, handles every situation, and saves every butt. But the jobs keep getting harder, and when Glad decides the problem that most needs fixing is her parents' relationship, she finds herself in way over her head. She'll have to call in all her favors and use all her skills to help the person who most needs it- herself- in this quirky, touching, and laugh-out-loud novel from Janice Erlbaum.
9823	Let me sleep, sheep! McKinlay, Meg & Rudge, Leila (ill)	Walker Books	2019	9781925381887	K-2	When Amos starts counting sheep, there's one thing he doesn't quite count on...How he's supposed to sleep when the sheep land in his bedroom?
9923	Let me whisper you my story Simons, Moya	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2010	9780732288587	7-9	Rachel is German and Jewish. With the outbreak of World War II, her life is changed. The family is forced to move from their comfortable home into cramped housing and, when the Nazis arrive, they don't know what is to become of them. But, Rachel's father gives her instructions that save her life. He also tells her not to speak.
226	Let the balloon go Southall, Ivan	Methuen	1967	9780749703998	7-9	John Sumner is a young boy crippled after contracting polio and growing up during World War I. He learns about taking risks and letting go to experience life.
804782	Let's build a house Lucas, Mike & Parton, Daron	Lothian Books	2021	9780734420329	K-2	Slip on your overalls, Pop on your hard hat and jump in the digger-let's build a house! A step by step look at how a house is constructed from floor to roof.
22862	Let's count goats Fox, Mem & Thomas, Jan (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780670075058	K-2	Come on a counting, rhyming adventure with chomping goats that increase in number throughout the book.
12096	Let's eat Zamorano, Ana & Vivas, Julie (ill)	Omnibus Books	2004	9781862912762	K-2	Gazpacho, roast pollo, empanadas - a Spanish mother's lunchtime meal is not complete unless the whole family is together. One day, mum is the missing family member at lunchtime in this story of the daily life of a Spanish family.

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2583	Let's get a pup Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2001	9780744575743	K-2	Despite their unconventional clothing, tattoos and piercings, this family is very loving. Every member has a valued place. They choose Dave, the puppy, over a larger dog, Rosie. The family will have to leave Rosie at the rescue centre.
12066	Let's go home, Little Bear Waddell, Martin & Firth, Barbara (ill)	Walker Books	2001	9780744581720	K-2	Big Bear and Little Bear love to keep each other company. As the two bears return home from a long walk through the snowy woods, Little bear is having a wonderful time until he hears a noise that makes him shiver.
46414	Let's go to sleep Wild, Margaret & Dawson, Michelle (ill)	Working Title Press	2013	9781921504440	K-2	Go on a journey around the world to visit baby animals as it is time to go to bed.
2587	Let's go visiting Williams, Sue & Vivas, Julie (ill)	Working Title Press	2000	9781876288044	K-2	Let's go visiting and see who's ready to play - one foal, two calves, three kittens, four piglets, five ducklings, and six puppies. Favourite animal babies in a counting adventure.
	Let's go wild series Wilby, Sorrel & Pike, Michelle (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.
43433	Let's investigate with Nate: The solar system Ball, Nate & Hargis, Wes	HarperCollins Australia	2017	9780062357427	3-4	Ever look up at the sky and wonder how many planets there are? Or want to know how many Earths could fit within the Sun? Take a ride 3.6 billion miles away to answer these questions and more while exploring the solar system with Nate and his team of adventurous scientists! Walk on the moon, fly with satellite, gaze at the comets, and discover why Pluto isn't a planet anymore!
43450	Let's investigate with Nate: The water cycle Ball, Nate & Hargis, Wes	HarperCollins Australia	2017	9780062357397	3-4	Ever wonder where water comes from and where it goes? Or why sometimes it rains and sometimes it snows? Then join Nate Ball and his crack team of curious scientists as they shrink down smaller than a raindrop to see firsthand what the water cycle is all about. It's the learning adventure of a lifetime!

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1019798	Let's never speak of this again Williams, Megan	Text Publishing Co	2023	9781922790392	7-9	Life is pretty good for sixteen-year-old Abby. Okay, her grandma has dementia and she accidentally kissed her cousin's cousin on the weekend, so not everything is perfect. But everything is manageable with her best friend Ella by her side. The arrival of new girl Chloe and her inclusion in the friendship group throws up some challenges for established relationships but when tragedy strikes Ella's family, Abby has to re-evaluate her own feelings and work out what friendship really means.
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.
4912	Letters to Leonardo White, Dee	Walker Books	2009	9781921150883	9plus	It's Matt's fifteenth birthday and he receives a card from his mother, whom he grew up believing to be dead. Feeling betrayed by both his parents, he begins writing letters to Leonardo da Vinci to help sort out the mess in his head. Through the connections he makes between his own life and that of Leonardo, Matt unravels the mystery and discovers his mother's secrets. Includes complex issues about mental health. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
43580	Letters to Santa Daddo, Andrew & Pike, Michelle (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2008	9781741691252	3-4	Santa is getting ready for his annual, big trip and animals from all over the world are writing to let him know what they hope to receive. Open the envelopes and read the letters from the furry, feathery and scaly writers.
660619	Letters to the Earth Morris, Jackie	HarperCollins US	2020	9780008374440	7-9	We are facing a global emergency. Temperatures are rising. Mass species extinction has begun. The time for denial is over. It is time to act. This book contains letters from all of us: parents and children; politicians and poets; actors and activists; songwriters and scientists. They are letters of love, loss, hope and action to a planet in crisis. They are the beginning of a new story. They are an invitation to act.

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5065	Letters to the lost Kemmerer, Brigid	Bloomsbury	2017	9781408883525	9plus	Juliet Young always writes letters to her mother, a world-traveling photojournalist. Even after her mother's death, she leaves letters at her grave. It's the only way Juliet can cope. Declan Murphy isn't the sort of guy you want to cross. In the midst of his court-ordered community service at the local cemetery, he's trying to escape the demons of his past. When Declan reads a haunting letter left beside a grave, he can't resist writing back. Soon, he's opening up to a perfect stranger, and their connection is immediate. But neither Declan nor Juliet knows that they're not actually strangers. When life at school interferes with their secret life of letters, sparks will fly as Juliet and Declan discover truths that might tear them apart. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1446855	Liam the chid & the kangaroo warriors Downes, Meredith	Bandicoot Books	2025	9781763773301	3-4	Liam is an echidna destined for trouble. A fierce fire inside him makes him do strange things ... crazy things! Like standing up to the wicked Goanna Gang, something no other echidna has ever dared before. But when Liam discovers he must find the kangaroo warriors and learn their secret fighting arts, he knows it's the craziest thing he's done yet! Can he make it all the way to the Roo Plains? Will the Roos really help him or just crush him into tiny pieces? Does he even have what it takes to become a toothless warrior?
4839	Liana's dance Hawke, Rosanne	Rhiza Press	2017	9781925139907	9plus	Sixteen-year-old Lianna Bedford lives in constant fear. Political tensions in Pakistan are rising. Terrorist attacks are becoming an everyday norm. As a Pakistani-Australian, she could be the next target. When her school friends are taken hostage by terrorists, Lianna's world disappears overnight. Alongside her music teacher, Mr Kimberley, she must journey through rural Pakistan in a bid to find them and bring them home. But Mr Kimberley has a secret, and to save him and her friends, Lianna must overcome her fears. And dance for her life. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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50474	Liar & spy Stead, Rebecca	Text Publishing Co	2012	9780385737432	5-6	George is having trouble with some boys at school, his dad has lost his job and so his mum has started working all the time. They had to sell their house and move into an apartment. But, moving into the apartment block does bring one good thing - Safer, an unusual boy who lives on the top floor. He runs a spy club and is determined to teach Georges everything he knows.
1096841	Liar's test Kwaymullina, Ambelin	Text Publishing Co	2024	9781922790873	9plus	Bell Silverleaf is a liar. 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. 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'sfacing much bigger dangers than the Queen's Test. She's up against the gods themselves. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
15425	Liar: the true story of David Mortimore Baxter Tayleur, Karen	Black Dog Books	2007	9781921167737	5-6	David's exaggerations become lies that result in some complicated situations with his teacher and classmates. He almost learns his lesson.
659811	Liarbird Bunting, Laura & Philip, Bunting (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781743831571	K-2	Liarbirds learn to lie from the day they hatch. They are the best in the bush at fibbing, faking, fabricating and fake-news creating. Until one lyrebird decides to go straight, and discovers that sometimes even the truth hurts.
	Liars series Heath, Jack				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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606170	Librarian of Auschwitz, The Iturbe, Antonio	Henry Holt & Co	2017	9781627796187	9plus	Based on the experience of real-life Auschwitz prisoner Dita Kraus, this is the incredible story of a girl who risked her life to keep the magic of books alive during the Holocaust. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
26559	Library book, The Chapin, Tom; Mark, Michael, & Groenink, Chuck	Simon & Schuster	2017	9781481460927	K-2	How boring it is when it is raining on the weekend, there is nothing on television and dad is still asleep after a late night working. Well not really, when there is a visit to the library and the world comes to life with incredible characters and places, all just waiting to be picked up and read. Pinocchio, the Cat in the Hat, the Cheshire Cat, Babar, Madeline, Winnie the Pooh and many others make an appearance. The endpapers provide a musical rendition which can also be found with different illustrations at https://youtu.be/bxuPVpJRouQ.
23361	Library Lily Shields, Gillian & Chessa, Francesca (ill)	Gullane Children's Books Ltd	2011	9781862338302	K-2	Spring, summer, autumn, winter, morning, noon and night; Lily is always reading. The only adventures she's interested in are the ones inside her book and in her head. Then, one day, she meets Milly, who declares that she hates reading but loves to have real adventures. A bookworm and an adventurer seem worlds apart.
71774	Library lion Knudsen, Michelle & Hawkes, Kevin (ill)	Walker Books	2008	9781406305678	K-2	A lion suddenly appears in a public library, but its presence is unexpectedly tolerated by the busy staff, so long as no one breaks any library rules. The illustrations offer clues as to the lion's origins, not mentioned in the written text.
660613	Library of lost things, The Namey, Laura Taylor	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2019	9781489287182	7-9	Darcy Wells is a literary genius who has spent most of her time living in the world of her books. There, she escapes the real world of her mother's hoarding and pretends her life is simple and ordinary. When a new property manager becomes more active in the upkeep of their apartment complex suddenly her home hangs in the balance. While Darcy is struggling to survive beneath the weight of her mother's compulsive shopping, Asher Fleet, a former teen pilot with an unexpectedly shattered future, walks into the bookstore where she works and straight into her heart. After spending her whole life trying to keep people out, something about Asher makes Darcy want to open up. Securing her own happily-ever-after will mean she'll need to stop hiding and start living her own truth - even when it's messy.

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5239	Liccle Bit Wheatle, Alex	Atom Publishing	2015	9780349001999	9plus	Venetia King is the coolest girl at school. Too bad Lemar is the second shortest guy in his year. Everyone calls him Liccle Bit. Things aren't much better at home. His mum is permanently hassled, his sister a frustrated single mum and his dad moved out years ago. Liccle Bit wishes he could do something to make life better. Even a new phone would be good. When a gang war breaks out, Liccle Bit somehow finds himself running errands for Crongton's notorious gang leader. But, when he hears about a killing on the estate, Liccle is forced to question his choices. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
23248	Life according to Dani Lagercrantz, Rose & Eriksson, Eva (ill)	Gecko Press	2016	9781776570713	3-4	It's Dani's first summer vacation and the best ever. She is staying on an island with her best friend, Ella. Dad is still in hospital but he calls every day, and Ella and Dani stay busy building huts, fishing, exploring and swimming. But, when Dad turns up with his nurse, the visit is not what anyone had imagined.
16445	Life and times of Gracie Faltrain, The Crowley, Cath	Pan MacMillan	2004	9781760784263	7-9	Goal-kicking, super-girl, soccer star. Gracie Faltrain is on her way. To the National Championships. To Nick. To everything she's ever wanted. Or so she thinks. Gracie's about to find out that life is messy. And hard. And beautiful. There's a shadow falling across her mum and dad. Her best friend is about to leave town. She's trying desperately to be with the right boy, on the edge of falling in love with the wrong boy. She's rushing headlong into screwing up, making up, trying to keep it all together. Welcome to the life and times of Gracie Faltrain.
9281	Life bytes Evans, Alwyn (ed.)	Fremantle Press	2002	9781863683821	7-9	A compilation of prize-winning stories from the annual ""Tim Winton Young Writers Competition"".
9479	Life cycle of a pumpkin Fridell, Ron & Walsh, Patricia	Heinemann	2002	9780431084619	3-4	An in-depth look at the life cycle of the familiar pumpkin with stages explained through simple text and stunning photography. An illustrated timeline on each page charts the lifespan of the pumpkin.
9480	Life cycle of a silkworm Fridell, Ron & Walsh, Patricia	Heinemann	2002	9780431084633	3-4	An in-depth look at the life cycle of the silkworm with stages explained through simple text and stunning photography. An illustrated timeline charts the stages of development of the silkworm.
9481	Life cycle of a spider Fridell, Ron & Walsh, Patricia	Heinemann	2002	9780431084657	3-4	An in-depth look at the life cycle of a spider with stages explained through simple text and stunning photography. An illustrated timeline on each page shows the development of the spider.

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	Life cycles series Callery, Sean				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.
864492	Life doesn't frighten me Angelou, Maya & Basquit, Jean-Michel (ill)	Harry N Abrams Inc	2017	9781419727481	7-9	Maya Angelou's brave, defiant poem celebrates the courage within each of us, young and old. From the scary thought of panthers in the park to the unsettling scene of a new classroom, fearsome images are summoned and dispelled by the power of faith in ourselves. Angelou's strong words are matched by the daring vision of artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, whose childlike style reveals the powerful emotions and fanciful imaginings of childhood. Together, Angelou's words and Basquiat's paintings create a place where everyone may experience their own fearlessness.
1038937	Life in a hollow Gullan, David; Houghton, Suzanne	CSIRO	2023	9781486316342	K-2	Have you ever wondered how a hollow in a tree forms, who might call it home? From tiny ants all the way to birds and possums, this story shows how important a little hole in a tree can be the Australian ecosystem.
15147	Life in a rockpool Pyers, Greg	Echidna Books	2004	9781740707909	3-4	A rockpool can be home for a whole community of living things. Find out how they survive and how they interact. Contains close-up photographs, illustrations and interesting facts.
5376	Life of a teenage body-snatcher, The MacLeod, Doug	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780143203919	9plus	Thomas Timewell is sixteen, living in England in 1828, where body-snatching is rife, cut-throats are about and terrible novelists are absorbing the lives of wealthy women with nothing better to do. Contains some horror and mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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50144	Life of Pi Martel, Yann	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780156027328	9plus	The son of a zookeeper, Pi Patel has an encyclopedic knowledge of animal behavior and a fervent love of stories. When Pi is sixteen, his family emigrates from India to North America aboard a Japanese cargo ship, along with their zoo animals bound for new homes. The ship sinks. Pi finds himself alone in a lifeboat, his only companions a hyena, an orangutan, a wounded zebra, and Richard Parker, a 450-pound Bengal tiger. Soon the tiger has dispatched all but Pi, whose fear, knowledge, and cunning allow him to coexist with Richard Parker for 227 days while lost at sea. When they finally reach the coast of Mexico, Richard Parker flees to the jungle, never to be seen again. The Japanese authorities who interrogate Pi refuse to believe his story and press him to tell them "the truth." After hours of coercion, Pi tells a second story, a story much less fantastical, much more conventional--but is it more true? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
846196	Life on our planet, A Attenborough, David	Penguin	2020	9781529108279	7-9	The Earth is the most remarkable life-support system imaginable, constructed over millions of years. As biodiversity has declined the planet's stability has also. To restore our planet, we must restore biodiversity. We must rewind the world.
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.
804786	Life savers Nash, Eryl & Albero, Ana (ill)	Magic Cat Publishing	2021	9781913520168	3-4	Be inspired by real-life stories of people who work to keep communities safe around the world. From firefighters in the UK, to life guards in the Netherlands, these 'day in the life' stories are sure to spark a pathway for you to one day become an emergency service hero.
1019825	Life song, A Godwin, Jane & Walker, Anna (ill)	Puffin Australia	2023	9781761047640	5-6	When you are born, you make up a song It doesn't rhyme, and it isn't long A song of everything you hold dear It's your own tune, it's loud and clear And your whole world is in it..."

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660512	Life-changing manga of tidying up, The Kondo, Marie & Uramoto, Yuko (ill)	Pan Macmillan London	2017	9781529028355	7-9	Marie Kondo presents the fictional story of Chiaki, a young woman in Tokyo who struggles with a cluttered apartment, messy love life, and lack of direction. After receiving a complaint from her attractive next-door neighbor about the sad state of her balcony, Chiaki gets Kondo to take her on as a client. Through a series of entertaining and insightful lessons, Kondo helps Chiaki get her home, and life, in order. This insightful, illustrated case study is perfect for people looking for a fun introduction to the KonMari Method of tidying up, as well as tried-and-true fans of Marie Kondo eager for a new way to think about what sparks joy. Featuring illustrations by award-winning manga artist Yuko Uramoto, this book also makes a great read for manga and graphic novel lovers of all ages.
	Lifel1k3 series Kristoff, Jay				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
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.
3391	Lifespan of starlight Kalkipsakis, Thalia	Hardie Grant Egmont	2015	9781742978710	7-9	In a world where everything is monitored and controlled, the ability to time travel intrigues three teenagers. As they experiment to enhance the ability within themselves, they discover a few limitations. They can only go into the future and then must return to exactly the same spot. Perfecting their skill places them and others in extreme danger, the least of which is being discovered by the authorities.

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916657	Lift-the-flap Questions and answers about money Bryan, Lara & Tremblay, Marie-Eve (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781803702513	3-4	Understanding money today is so much more than learning about notes and coins. Where does money come from? Why do I have to save? What happens if I click BUY NOW? Find answers to important money questions, and some silly ones too in this friendly and useful book. Packed with practical advice and fun facts, lift the flaps to discover how money works, what makes a good deal and how much it costs to fly to space.
846248	Lift-the-flap questions and answers about racism Akpojaro, Jordan & Evans, Ashley (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2022	9781474995825	3-4	Racism is such a hard topic to talk about, but impossible to ignore. Discover the answers to some difficult questions by lifting the flaps. Then you can be part of the solution.
1019846	Lift-the-flap questions and answers about refugees Daynes, Katie & de Sousa, Ashe & Drachkovska, Oksana (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781803709987	5-6	Have you ever wondered - why new people arrive in your school, town or community? What it might feel like for them? How life might be better for them? A refugee can answer these questions and as you read through this book you develop an understanding of how to hep them and learn about the sudden, difficult, frightening and tiring situations they have experienced through the beautiful details and cleverly designed illustrations by Ukrainian artist Oksana Drachkovska.
17038	Light horse boy Wolfer, Dianne & Simmonds, Brian (ill)	Fremantle Press	2013	9781922089137	5-6	In 1914, best mates, Jim and Charlie, abandon the Australian outback for the excitement and adventure of the war to end all wars. Jim is not quite old enough but he lies about his age. Jim and Charlie think joining the Light Horse Regiment is a bit of an adventure and that the war will be over in a few months. But, they quickly discover the brutal realities of life on the frontline.
903234	Light in everything Balen, Katya	Bloomsbury	2022	9781526647405	5-6	Zofia and Tom could not be more different. While one is bold and seemingly fearless the other is shy and nervous. When their worlds are brought together they have to learn to trust and conquer their fears.
958	Light, The Oliver, Jo	New Frontier Publishing	2013	9781921928413	K-2	The darkness and howling of the wind as a storm develops, the lighthouse and the cottage warm and safe, lighting up the darkness. Then a knock at the cottage door.
751168	Lightfall: The girl and the galdurian Probert, Tim	HarperCollins US	2021	9780062990464	3-4	Bea and Cad team up together to save the day. Bea is keen to find and save her grandfather - Pig Wizard. Cad is on a quest of his own, to find his long lost people, an ancient race of amphibious beings. Can they get their act together and save the world or has Irpa seen its last sunrise?

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	Lighthouse keeper's series Various				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.
9600	Lighthouse kids, The Chase, Diana	Fremantle Press	2003	9781863683463	5-6	Ellie and Davey have lost their mother and have been sent to live with a grandfather. In his attic, they discover somethingthat beloged to their mother, This leads to an adventure, involving unscrupulous seal hunters and mysterious caves.
9599	Lighthouse secret, The Garnsworthy, Penny	Word Weavers Press	2003	9781877073083	3-4	Jake and Sam venture behind the locked wooden door of the lighthouse to discover an old man involved in strange experiments. Things do not go as expected and no-one believes them because the lighthouse appears deserted.
11511	Lightning Jack Millard, Glenda & Mullins, Patricia (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2012	9781741693911	3-4	At the muster in the park, Sam Tully eyed the brumbies. As they galloped by, he saw one that stood apart. A stallion, black as midnight, with a jagged blaze on his brow. Lightning Jack is a gallant horse, a midnight horse, a horse in every dream.
1066783	Like a charm McNicoll, Elle	Penguin USA	2022	9780593649138	5-6	Edinburgh is a city filled with magical creatures. No one can see them.... except Ramya Knox. As she is pulled into her family's world of secrets and spells, Ramya sets out to discover the truth about Hidden Folk with only three words of warning from her grandfather: Beware the Sirens.
1423353	Like, comment, subscribe? Ost, Kat	Wombat Books	2025	9781761112577	7-9	When her online baking platform starts to lose popularity and instead attracts critical comments about her appearance and age, fifteen-year-old kidfluencer, Becca starts to question the influencer life that has supported her family since she was a cute toddler. Can an unexpected friendship in an online writing community help her find the words and courage to find a path out from behind the camera and into real life?

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1424092	Lila Mackay is very misunderstood Sims, Gill	Electric Monkey (London)	2025	9780008513788	9plus	Fourteen-year-old Emily is stuck in the country with no tech, no BFF and no chance of the gorgeous Toby asking her out. No one understands her, least of all her mum. But when she finds an old diary, Emily is stunned to discover that her mum was once a teenager too. A nineties teenager called Lila Mackay. Lila's world is a long-forgotten era of weird fashions, odd TV shows and strange music. There are boys too. Perhaps Emily and her mum are not so different after all... Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
9522	Lili backstage Isadora, Rachel	Puffin UK	1999	9780698117938	3-4	Lili takes the reader on a behind-the-scenes tour of a ballet company preparing for an evening performance.
58837	Lilli and her shadow Dudgeon, Pat & Laura & Gibbs, Tracey (ill) & Morgan, Sally (ed)	Fremantle Press	2010	9781921696053	5-6	Lilli's family is moving from the bush to the city and Lilli is sure she'll be horribly lonely. She'll miss the mangoes, she'll miss her cousins and, most of all, she'll miss her Nan. But, Nan sends a special friend south with Lilli, a secret Shadow to look after her. And, Lilli discovers life in the city isn't so bad after all.
43637	Lilli-Pilli the frog princess Farrer, Vashti & Swan, Owen (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781741696202	K-2	Lilli-Pilli is the loveliest of her royal siblings, albeit with frogs' legs. As with all fairytale princesses, the finding of a suitable husband for Lilli-Pilli is paramount for the King and Queen, and her supreme jumping skills don't hold much sway. Princess lessons in fencing, horse riding and ballroom dancing all come to nothing due to Lilli-Pilli's frogs' legs, with suitors falling by the wayside.
5040	Lilli-Pilli's sister Branford, Anna & Catchlove, Linda (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2014	9781921977589	3-4	Lilli-Pilli's mum is having a baby and she thinks it will be a girl, but all the other animals think it will be a boy. Could Lilli-Pilli be wrong.
2363	Lillipilly Hill Spence, Eleanor	Text Publishing Co	2013	9781922147172	5-6	At the end of the nineteenth century, Harriet Wilmot and her family have come to live in an inherited house in a New South Wales town. Despite the heat and unconventional schooling, Harriet is in awe of Australia and much prefers it to dreary old London. Not all the Wilmots agree. Harriet breaks rules and expectations in her efforts to convince her family to stay in this new and exciting land.
227	Lily and me Aaron, Moses	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1996	9780091830311	5-6	Moses Aaron tells the story of how he met Lily, a cancer patient in the Children's Hospital, and how he told her stories throughout her treatment.
11914	Lily and the fairy house Tanner, Jane	Penguin Books Australia	2012	9780670075102	K-2	Lily knows that fairies live near the gum tree. She has created a fairy house and, now, Lily's preparing a fairy party.

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2610	Lily and the wizard wackoo Fitzpatrick, Judy & Hatcher, Don (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2000	9781862914377	3-4	Princess Lily's magic is not quite accurate. Her spells produce snakes instead of cakes, so wizardly help is needed. Wackoo, the wizard, has his own plans but it is Lily's magic powers that rescue her sisters.
	Lily D V.A.P series Various				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.
1080646	Lily Halfmoon: The witches' council Bonet, Xavier	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761069727	3-4	Lily Halfmoon has a secret - she's a witch! With her animal guardian and powerful moonstone, she and her friends help protect their town from danger. But Lily is in trouble. A mysterious person is after her rare moonstone and, if they get their hands on it, it could threaten everything Lily holds dear.
23610	Lily in the mirror Hayes, Paula	Fremantle Press	2016	9781925163872	5-6	Lily loves all things dark and mysterious. So, when she discovers a magic mirror in a locked room, it seems like a dream come true. With a new friend who needs her help and an older brother who needs to get a life, Lily will require all eleven fingers at her disposal, plus a hefty slice of Grandad's chocolate cake, to fix a long-forgotten mystery that's very close to home.
	Lily Quench series Prior, Natalie Jane				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.
	Lily the elf series Branford, Anna & Coutts, Lisa (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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1485723	Lily Tripp: diary of an accidental time traveller Tait, Amelia	Hachette Children's Books	2026	9781444931983	5-6	Hi! I'm Lily. My birthday is in two weeks and I have a big secret: Every New Year's when the clock strikes midnight, I time travel to a new century. Mind-blowing, right!?
6187	Lily's balloon Roe, Katrina & Magisson, Helene (ill)	Wombat Books	2018	9781925563399	K-2	When Lily finds a beautiful, big, shiny balloon she wants to keep it forever. But what if somebody else needs it more?
36917	Lily's wish Pyett, Barbara & Geddes, Serena (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2011	9781921042829	3-4	Lily has a special Christmas wish but only one person can deliver it. So, she writes him a letter. After all, Christmas is all about magic.
578075	Limelight Raphael, Solli	Penguin Random House Australia	2018	9780143793762	7-9	Age is no barrier to creating poetry that inspires social change and positive action. Thirteen-year-old award-winning slam poet Solli Raphael is taking on the world - one word at a time. The future needs you and me to create equality across all levels of humanity - Solli.
15117	Limpopo lullaby Jolly, Jane & Huxley, Dee (ill)	Limelight Press	2004	9780957935266	3-4	It rains and rains and the Limpopo River bursts its banks. Josette is forced to shelter with her children in a huge tree near their village. They cling for their lives and, on the fourth day, a miracle happens. Based on a real incident in Mozambique.
86575	Lin Yi's lantern Williams, Brenda & Lacombe, Benjamin (ill)	Barefoot books	2009	9781846861475	K-2	Tonight is the moon festival and Lin Yi wants nothing more than a red, rabbit lantern. But, first, he must buy the things his mother needs at the market.
593293	Linda Jackson's rainbow menagerie Jackson, Linda	Scribe Publications	2018	9781925322132	K-2	I live in the rainforest. I have a spectacular tail that I raise over my head when I sing and dance. A kaleidoscopic introduction to native Australian animals.
1337815	Line they drew through us, The Khan, Hiba Noor	Andersen Press Ltd	2025	9781839134722	5-6	Three best friends are born on the same day under miraculous circumstances. But by their twelfth birthday, Jahan, Ravi and Lakshmis lives are about to change forever. The British announce Indian independence and draw lines of Partition that tear apart the country, and the friends. One of them flees, one of them disappears, and the other is left wondering, could a miracle bring them back together?
5608	Line up, please Ohmura, Tomoko	Gecko Press	2015	9781877579998	K-2	Standing in a line can be dull but not when you mix together a tiger, a skunk, a frog, a sheep, a sloth and many other animals. I wonder where they're going.

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764190	Ling Li's lantern Heron, Steve & Johnson, Benjamin (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2020	9781925227673	K-2	This beautiful picture book tells the story of Da Zhi and his three children. To test their wisdom, Da Zhi sends them on a quest. Jingming and Miao make excellent choices, but it seems Ling Li is too distracted by the activities of the markets to make a choice that will please her father. The story is a lovely depiction of how kindness matters and that true wisdom comes from your heart.
	Lintang series Various				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.
8999	Lion and the bird, The Dubuc, Marianne	Book Island	2015	9780994109873	K-2	One autumn day, a lion finds a wounded bird in his garden. With the departure of the bird's flock, the lion decides that it's up to him to care for the bird. They become good friends. But, the following autumn, the bird departs with his flock and Lion wonders what will become of their friendship.
228	Lion and the lamb, The Harlen, Jonathan	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780733616518	9plus	Themes of bullying and prejudice interweave in this story of gentle Hector and two neighbouring boys. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
59765	Lion and the mouse, The Pinkney, Jerry (ill)	Walker Books	2010	9781406327595	3-4	A stunning, wordless version of one of Aesop's best-loved fables about a mouse who inadvertently disturbs a lion, who lets the mouse go, and is later himself freed by the mouse from a poacher's trap. Its wealth of visual detail provides huge scope for the pages to be turned and the story retold over and over again.
4901	Lion drummer Wang, Gabrielle & McLean, Andrew	Puffin Australia	2008	9780143303138	5-6	Lulu dreams that, one day, she will be the lion drummer in the Chinese dragon parade. But, through years of tradition, the drummer has always been a male and Lulu is told that girls cannot learn the drums.
6836	Lion in Paris, A Alemagna, Beatrice	Tate Publishing	2014	9781849761710	3-4	A lion has come to Paris to find a job, love and a future, having become bored with his African grasslands home. As he roams the rainy, grey streets, he becomes a little despondent at being ignored, no longer the king of all he sees. As the sun comes out, his spirits lift as the city shows him its sparkling best.

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12276	Lion in the meadow, A Mahy, Margaret	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	1989	9780140506303	K-2	Your mother does not believe that there is a lion in the meadow but, to keep you happy, she gives you a matchbox with a dragon in it to scare the lion away. But the lion is not imaginary, it is really there.
4114	Lion inside, The Bright, Rachel & Field, Jim (ill)	Orchard Books	2015	9781408331590	K-2	Poor little mouse cannot make himself heard in the jungle. He is trod on, sat on and worst of all forgotten. One night he realises what he needs is a roar, like Lion, who everyone knows who he is. Mouse decides to approach Lion for advice but he is in for a surprise.
4513	Lion is a lion, A Dunbar, Polly	Walker Books	2018	9781406371536	K-2	Is a lion still a lion if he wears a hat? And carries an umbrella, too? And is a lion still a lion if he says, "Oh yes, lunch would be lovely, thank you." And he asks you for a BITE?
18621	Lion sleeps tonight, The Solomon, Linda & Devries, Shane (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781741698077	K-2	In the jungle, the quiet jungle, the lion sleeps tonight. Hush my darling, don't fear my darling, the lion sleeps tonight. Sing and act out this well-known song.
47103	Lion who wanted to love, The Andreae, Giles & Wojtowycz, David (ill)	Orchard Books	2009	9781860399138	K-2	Now lions are usually fierce And lions are meant to be strong, But Leo just wanted to love everybody And play with his friends all day long!
1092	Lion: A long way home Brierley, Saroo	Penguin Books Australia	2017	9780143784760	5-6	It is hard to imagine being lost and not finding your way home again. Saroo Brierley became lost on a train in India at the age of 4. Not knowing the name of his family or where he was from, he survived for weeks on the streets of Kolkata, before being taken into an orphanage and adopted by an Australian couple. This is the story of Saroo's journey to finding his way back home, through his memories, using a map of India and poring over satellite images on Google Earth. This incredible true story is about one man's journey back to India to see if he could find his mother.
	Lionboy series Corder, Zizou				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.
938703	Lionel and me Fenton, Corinne & Grimwood, Tracie (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2022	9781922326607	K-2	When Lionel arrives, Maverick is unimpressed. Is there enough love to go round for the two of them?

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9225	Lionheart: a journey of the human spirit Martin, Jesse	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2001	9781865085708	7-9	The inspirational sailing adventure of Jesse Martin's solo voyage around the world.
1489983	Lions' run, The Pennypacker, Sara & Klasson, Jon (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2026	9781444978780	7-9	'Lucas is tired of his cowardly reputation, just as he's tired of the war and the Nazi occupation of his French village. He longs to show how brave he can be. When the opportunities to stand against the Nazis arise, Lucas takes them. But he must vthen quickly decide how much he is willing to risk to make the most courageous rescue of all.
2455	Lisa absolutely loves art Norsa, Sophie	New Frontier Publishing	2014	9781925059045	3-4	Lisa's cat, Picasoo, gets lost within the paintings of an art gallery. Lisa traces his steps through the history of art, including Vincent van Gogh and Claude Monet.
230	Lisdalia Caswell, Brian	Penguin	1995	9780702226670	7-9	A companion story to Mike, Lisdalia tells her own story which focuses on her Italian family relationships, racism, bullying and rebellion.
705688	Lisette's green sock Valckx, Catharina	Gecko Press	2020	9781776572847	K-2	One day Lisette finds a pretty green sock. She's delighted until others begin to tease her saying that socks should come in pairs. What use is one sock? Her friend Bert helps her see the situation in a new way and together they find the perfect solution.
3331	Lisette's Paris notebook Bateson, Catherine	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760293635	7-9	Lisette's gap year after high school begins with a three month trip to Paris. Lisette has never known her father who left before she was born, and knows how much her mother has done for her, so this trip is fulfilling one of her mother's dreams. But is it hers? Should she study art history as her mother wants, when vintage clothing is really her passion? Plus there is the hope that the city of love will weave its magic. When it does there are many hard decisions to make.
771238	List of things that will not change, The Stead, Rebecca	Text Publishing Co	2020	9781922268679	5-6	Sonia and I have a lot in common. Our parents are divorced. Our dads are gay. We both love barbeque potato chips. But she is different from me in just one way, you can't tell how she's feeling just by looking at her. When Bea's dad and his partner, Jesse, decide to marry, it seems like Bea's wish for a sister will finally come true. But some families are complicated and Bea is learning just how complicated hers can be.

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1356336	Listen closely Egan, Leon	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780008626600	9plus	When Jude and Aiden are paired up together for an internship at a local radio station, things are awkward. Jude is quiet, withdrawn, has one friend, and is suspicious of everyone. Aiden is charming, outgoing, and popular, with a seemingly easy confidence and golden retriever energy. But after they discover a shared love of podcast dramas, Jude and Aiden realise that they have more in common than they first realised - especially after Aiden reveals that he is a huge fan of Jude's own podcast, The Night Merchant. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
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.
751179	Listen, Layla Abdel-Magied, Yassmin	Penguin	2021	9781760896065	9plus	Layla has ended the school year on a high and can't wait to spend the holidays hanging out with her friends and designing a prize-winning Grand Designs Tourismo invention. But Layla's plans are interrupted when her grandmother in Sudan falls ill and the family rush to be with her. The last time Layla went to Sudan she was only a young child. Now she feels torn between her Sudanese and Australian identities. As political tensions in Sudan erupt, so too do tensions between Layla and her family. Layla is determined not to lose her place in the invention team, but will she go against her parents' wishes? What would a Kandaka do? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
	Little Ash series Various				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.
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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35789	Little ballet star Geras, Adele & McNicholas, Shelagh (ill)	Orchard Books	2007	9781846166198	3-4	It's Tilly's birthday and she is going to the theatre to see the ballet, Sleeping Beauty. It stars her Auntie Gina and Tilly is being taken backstage as a special treat. But, Auntie Gina has something even more exciting in store for Tilly.
12396	Little bat Cox, Tania & McLean, Andrew (ill)	Working Title Press	2000	9781876288099	K-2	Little bat has to be very brave. She's never flown before and everyone has to encourage her.
903323	Little bat: Up all day Lies, Brian	HarperCollins Children's Books	2022	9780358269854	K-2	Little Bat is so curious about what happens during the day that he challenges himself to stay up all day. He meets a new friend, Rusty the squirrel, who helps show him around but can Little Bat stay up all day and can he stay friends with his diurnal buddy?
12158	Little Bear Minarik, Else Holmelund & Sendak, Maurice (ill)	HarperTrophy	2003	9780064440042	K-2	Mother and Little Bear speak to each other with gentle teasing. The book includes 'Birthday soup' in which Little Bear, fearing that his mother has forgotten his birthday, cooks for all his friends. Encourages independent reading.
94371	Little beauty Browne, Anthony	Walker Books	2008	9781406308662	K-2	Gorilla is lonely and is given a friend, a kitten called Beauty. They are very happy together until one night, enraged while watching the movie, 'King Kong', gorilla smashes the television. The two animals are in big trouble with the keepers who threaten to separate them.
587869	Little bird's day Morgan, Sally & Warrkatja Malibirr, Johnny (ill)	Magabala Books	2019	9781925768923	5-6	A day in the life of Little Bird as she sings the world alive, flies with Cloud, travels with Wind, nestles with Moon and dreams of flying among the stars.
33513	Little bit, A Maniaty, Christine & Peter & Richards, Claire (ill)	Omnibus Books	2008	9781862918009	K-2	Growing up can be pretty confusing. Sometimes, you're too short or too tall, too fast or too slow and you can feel happy or sad, clever or silly. Maybe, you're just all of these things a little bit of the time.
2352	Little Blue Chapman, Gaye	Little Hare Books	2008	9781921049989	3-4	A young boy discovers what appears to be a little, blue girl in the woods. He plays with her all day and then takes her home to his grandmother who is surprisingly thrilled to have her returned. This beautiful picture book reveals the secret behind the little blue girl.
2623	Little blue parcel, The Spaulding, Norma & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1998	9781863888547	3-4	The little blue parcel arrives at the house of the angry Mr Twistangle and his poor wife. A journey from isolation and unhappiness to warmth, togetherness, sharing and joy.

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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? LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Sandy Bigna read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#little-bones-sandy-bigna
1370105	Little book of Australian nursery rhymes, The Lessac, Frane	Walker Books	2025	9781761601231	K-2	A selection of nursery rhymes with an Australian twist taken from The Big Book of Australian Nursery Rhymes, also by the author.
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.
87481	Little brainwaves investigate, The: Animals Bingham, Caroline & Swerling, Lisa (ill) & Lazar, Ralph (ill)	Dorling Kindersley	2010	9781405351799	3-4	Take a spectacular journey through the world of animals, from how animal families protect, teach and feed their young to the climbing habits of an orang-utan. Packed with brilliant photography, wonderfully wacky illustrations and amazing facts, discover everything you ever wanted to know about animals.
231	Little brother Baillie, Allan	Penguin	2004	9780143301745	5-6	Vithy is in war-torn Cambodia searching for his only remaining family member, his older brother.
14359	Little brothers are Norling, Beth	Puffin Australia	2007	9780143502111	K-2	Little brothers can be tiny, cuddly, smelly and sad. They can be bouncy, lumpy, sticky and brave. Every little brother is different, but we love them all the same.

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54033	Little cat and the big red bus Godwin, Jane & Walker, Anna (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2008	9780670071722	K-2	Cat has to catch the bus to school with her sister but her sister sits with her friends and Cat is left to sit alone. One day, when her sister is sick, Cat must catch the bus home on her own. She falls asleep and wakes up to find herself alone in the dark.
14959	Little chef, big curse Cotton, Tilney	Scholastic Australia	2014	9781742832692	5-6	Eleven-year-old Matty desperately wants to be a famous chef and escape his horrible aunty. His opportunity comes when a grand cook-off is held, to see who can entice the finicky princess to eat. Unwittingly, the princess is the victim of an alien curse, designed to leave a foul taste in her mouth.
18324	Little crooked house, The Wild, Margaret & Bentley, Jonathan (ill)	ABC Books	2005	9780733315824	K-2	The crooked little house moves from place to place with its inhabitants, trying to find the perfect place.
1145	Little dinosaur, The Hoy, Catriona	Working Title Press	2012	9781921504396	K-2	In a time before Australia existed, a little dinosaur with big eyes roamed the Antarctic forests, nibbling on cycads and ginkgoes. One day the little dinosaur fell and hurt her leg. She struggled to keep up with her herd. Time passed and the world changed, but the discovery of the little dinosaur's leg bone millions of years later, meant that she would not be forgotten.
4926	Little dog and the Christmas wish Fenton, Corinne & Cowcher, Robin (ill)	Black Dog Books	2014	9781742032368	K-2	Little Dog is left at home during a storm and, when thunder crashes, he escapes the backyard to find his best friend for comfort. It is Christmas Eve, the streets are busy and he soon loses his way.
37013	Little dog and the summer holiday Fenton, Corinne & Cowcher, Robin (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781925381160	K-2	The summer holidays stretch out forever. Little Dog and his family set off with their caravan. A delightful story about the way family holidays used to be.
46933	Little dolphin Wilson, Mark	Windy Hollow Books	2013	9781922081131	3-4	When Little Dolphin is orphaned soon after birth, she is raised by other dolphins in the pod. As she grows she is taught to use the language of clicks and whistles that all dolphins use. When Little Dolphin learns that another dolphin is in danger, she has to use all her skills to try to save it.
16649	Little dragon, The Fox, Mem & Harvey, Roland (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2011	9780670028740	K-2	A tiny sneeze, a puff of smoke, a washing line and a major disaster.
9548	Little elephant's song Hanel, Wolfram	North South Books	2000	9780735812987	3-4	A cute little African elephant learns many tricks but cannot trumpet. He will need this to survive. His mother believes he will trumpet when he is ready.
43520	Little elephants Base, Graeme	Puffin Australia	2012	9780670076475	K-2	The wheat is ripe but the harvester is broken and a plague of locusts is on the way. It looks as if Jim and his mother may lose the farm. But, when Jim show kindness to a stranger, their fortunes are set to change in the most surprising way imaginable.

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	Little Else series Hunt, Julie & Norling, Beth (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.
678944	Little engine that could, The Piper, Watty & Santat, Dan (ill)	Grosset and Dunlap (Penguin Putnam)	2020	9780593094396	K-2	I think I can, I think I can, I think I can, I think I can, said the little engine and he did. What would you be able to do if you really believed in yourself?
10947	Little engine that could, The Straw, Wendy	Brolly Books	2008	9781921346576	K-2	With a little help from friends and a positive attitude, there is no problem which can't be solved.
1251	Little eskimo, The Cali, Davide & Quarello, Maurizio A.C (ill)	Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd	2013	9780987109958	3-4	A young eskimo boy is asking the animals of the north about his future, will he become a great hunter. He asks the hare with big ears, the owl who can see from up high, and finishes with a great white moose in the middle of the great ice lake.
1019723	Little experts: Amazing bodies Ronx, Dr & Attzs, Ashton (ill)	Farshore	2023	9780008520892	3-4	From spongy brains to gooey guts, this book gives you lots of fascinating facts about the human body so you can learn cool stuff and wow your friends at the same time! Emergency doctor and TV presenter Dr Ronx leads this tour of the incredible human body.
1019847	Little experts: Marvellous vehicles May, James & Emans (ill)	Farshore	2023	9780008520878	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.
1345055	Little experts: Superhero plants Packham, Chris & Williams, Jake (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9780008503628	3-4	Join a journey of discovery with Chris Packham CBE and encounter some incredible plant superheroes to find out why we owe them so much more than the air we breathe.
941931	Little fear, The Scriven, Luke	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2023	9780008559168	K-2	One night, Sam lets in a little fear. He's sure it won't be any bother. But before he knows it, the fear has grown and grown and grown. Until even the sunniest of sunny days doesn't feel very sunny any more. There's only one thing for it. Sam must try and be a little bit brave....
601804	Little Frida Browne, Anthony	Walker Books	2019	9781406381221	5-6	A lonely little girl dreams of flying. But is it only in her imagination that she can escape her troubles and travel to a surreal land. There a friend awaits her, strange and familiar at the same time...Inspired by the art of Frida Kahlo and based on the true story of her imaginary childhood friend, this is a touching story about creativity, hope and belonging.

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2321	Little fullas rap at the games Prior, Chasity & McIntosh, Kelli & Hughes, Sharon	Indij Readers	2007	9780975686171	5-6	A group of Aboriginal children rap and chant their way through a day at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games, and learn about their culture from their Elders.
50901	Little Fur: the legend of Little Fur Carmody, Isobelle	Penguin Books Australia	2009	9780143300724	5-6	Little Fur is an elf troll who lives in a secret wilderness at the heart of a great human city. She is a healer of the environment and connected to the earth. One day, Crow tells of humans who are coming to burn the trees. To protect her home and her friends, Little Fur must venture into the dangerous human world.
803577	Little Gem and the mysterious letters Zobel, Anna	Penguin Books Australia	2021	9781760896096	3-4	Little Gem is settling into her life at Ellsworth Pining with the help of Ghost Henry and her other friends. Everyone is preparing for the Midsummer Festival and Little Gem is in charge of the special effects for the Midsummer Play. But when Little Gem's magic starts to go wrong and she receives several mysterious letters, Gem is worried that the festival is going to be a disaster! Will Little Gem be able to work out who is sending the letters and regain her confidence before opening night?
	Little genius series Lennard, Kate & Gulliksen, Eivind (ill)				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.
18672	Little home bird Empson, Jo	Child's Play International Ltd	2016	9781846438905	K-2	Little Bird loves everything about his home. He's surrounded by his favourite branch, his favourite food, his favourite view and his favourite music. He doesn't want to change, even when his brother tells him that they must.

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1019878	Little horses Kelly, Deborah & Goodman, Jenni (ill)	Wombat Books	2024	9781761111310	K-2	Beneath the waters of a calm bay, seahorses hide from predators, feed on shrimp and raise their young in gardens of sponge, coral, and grass. But when a storm destroys their habitat, they are left with nothing to eat and nowhere to hide. That is, until a Marine Biologist comes up with a clever invention to provide them with shelter and food while the natural environment recovers. The little horses have a new home where they can thrive! Soon, tiny horses are swimming and the hotel is overgrown with coral and grass. Inspired by true events and including information about seahorses and the Seahorse Hotels Project, Little Horses is a conservation success story certain to inspire children to love and care for the natural world."
12309	Little Humpty Wild, Margaret & James Ann (ill)	Little Hare Books	2003	9781877003165	K-2	Big Humpty and Little Humpty are a mother and baby camel who live in the desert. Then, the day comes when Little Humpty must have some friends of his own to play with, so they set off together to the Great Waterhole.
43478	Little i Hall, Michael	HarperCollins Children's Books	2017	9780062383006	K-2	When Little i's dot falls off, rolls down a hill, over a cliff, and into the sea, Little i sets out on a journey to rescue it. With a playful focus on the alphabet, spelling, and simple punctuation, this charming and suspenseful quest story about letters, self-confidence, belonging, and growing up is a great choice for the classroom, library story-hours, and bedtime.
32467	Little koala lost Kwaymullina, Blaze & Racklyeft, Jess (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742991283	K-2	Little Koala is lost in the bush and he sets out to find a home. He asks so many creatures if he can live with them but they all have a reason why he can't. Koala is very sad until he finally gets accepted.
772107	Little Lion: A long way home Brierley, Saroo & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Penguin	2021	9780143795094	5-6	Can you imagine being lost and not finding your way home again? Saroo Brierley became lost on a train in India when he was only five. He survived for weeks on the streets, before being taken into an orphanage and adopted by his Australian family. Despite being happy, Saroo always wondered about where he was from. And one day, after years of searching, he miraculously found what he was looking for. This incredible true story celebrates the importance of hope and never giving up.

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9238	Little lower than the angels, A McCaughrean, Geraldine	Oxford University Press	1998	9780192717801	7-9	Gabriel is apprenticed to a stonemason, a cruel master. When the opportunity presents itself, he runs away to join a troupe of travelling mystery players.
5461	Little lunch: Triple the games Katz, Danny & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781760650278	5-6	This is what happened during Little Lunch: Tamara tried to find a new walking buddy for the school walkathon, Rory decided he was going to be Prime Minster of the whole country and the girls got into a big noisy argument and wound up locked inside the toilets. A lot can happen in fifteen minutes!
13614	Little Manfred Morpurgo, Michael & Foreman, Michael (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2011	9780007339679	5-6	Charley and her brother, Alex, are walking their dog, Manfred, on the beach when they meet two old men staring out to sea. They meet by chance and discover how the men are involved in their mother's past and where the name for their dog really came from.
19112	Little meerkat Darlison, Aleesah & Melville, Shannon (ill)	Wombat Books	2014	9781921632822	K-2	Little meerkat may be tiny but he's also very brave. Perhaps a little too brave.
48275	Little Miss Muffet counts to ten Chichester Clark, Emma	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842709559	K-2	In the original nursery rhyme, the spider frightened Miss Muffet away. Well, not this time. The spider asks her to stay and, to be polite, she does. And then come the animals - two, three, four, five - bearing gifts, delicacies and decorations.
12132	Little Miss Spider at Sunny Patch School Kirk, David	Callaway	2000	9780733613180	K-2	Little Miss Spider is off to her first day at Sunny Patch School and she is so excited. She gobbles her breakfast and runs all the way. But poor Little Miss Spider can't do the new lessons. She begins to doubt if there is anything she can do well.
846072	Little monsters Walliams, David & Stower, Adam (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780008305741	3-4	Howler just didn't fit in. He was not scary at all! That made him the odd one out when he began at Monster School. Then he finds some new friends and discovers that maybe being the odd one out could mean he was the coolest one of them all.
54492	Little mouse, the red ripe strawberry, and the big hungry bear, The Wood, Audrey & Wood, Don (ill)	Child's Play International Ltd	2006	9780859530125	K-2	The little mouse will do anything to save his big, ripe strawberry from the big, hungry bear.
660430	Little Nic's big day Naitanui, Nic & Anaya, Fatima (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760876876	3-4	Nic is nervous about his first day. of school.. but with the help of his mum and a whole class of new friends, it might just be the best day ever.
846109	Little Nic's big world Naitanui, Nic & Anaya, Fatima (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781761066061	K-2	When Nic's Bubu (Grandma) helps him make a cassava cake for the school fete, he tries very hard to keep it safe, but there are a lot of distractions.

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95343	Little old man who looked up at the moon, The Allen, Pamela	Puffin Australia	2012	9780670075812	K-2	One evening, the little old man looked up at the moon and wondered whether the sky went on forever, where we come from and why we are here. The next morning, his wife put on her best bonnet and her red coat, and set off to find the answers.
9706	Little old Mrs Pepperpot Proysen, Alf	Galaxy	2002	9780754061991	3-4	Waking up one morning to find you've shrunk to the size of a tiny pepperpot isn't an ordinary, everyday event for most people but, then, Mrs Pepperpot is a very extraordinary person. Mrs Pepperpot is very small but very feisty.
15104	Little one step James, Simon	Walker Books	2004	9781844284672	K-2	When you're small, it can be hard to keep up, especially when you're lost and your legs feel all wobbly. One little duck learns that every journey begins, and ends, with one little step.
1211	Little one, The: The story of a red-tailed monkey Litchfield, Katie Afrika	Black Dog Books	2009	9781742030906	K-2	When Kaitie was four years old, she travelled with her mother to Uganda, where her mum was to study chimpanzees. One day, a two-week old orphaned red-tailed monkey was bought to their sanctuary. As the adults were all busy working with other chimps, Kaitie was placed in charge of caring for the tiny monkey.
5606	Little One-Inch: Other Japanese children's favourite stories, And Sakade, Florence & Kurosaki, Yoshisuke (ill)	Tuttle Publishing	2008	9780804850599	3-4	This collection of ten short, easy to read Japanese folktales is filled with strange happenings and magic, thrilling adventures, funny discoveries, and valuable lessons. Through the pages ogres, dragons and gold magically appear. Good and bad do battle, some resorting to sneakiness, violence and deceit.
1075175	Little pago Briggs, Lauren	Boolarong Press	2021	9781922643001	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.
24023	Little paradise Wang, Gabrielle	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780143011477	9plus	In Melbourne, in 1943, Mirabel is seventeen. She's leaving school, designing drsses and falling in love. Then, fate intervenes, her forbidden affair is discovered and JJ is posted back to China where a civil war is raging. Despite all warnings, Mirabel sets off for Shanghai and travels through great danger to find her true love. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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	Little Paws series Black, Jess				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.
17544	Little penguin: the life of Eudyptula Minor Montano, Josie & Ottley, Matt (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734407887	3-4	Eudyptula Minor is a little penguin, born with one tooth to parents who loved him. He stayed in their nest for ten weeks before he left home. We get to see how similar little penguin's daily habits are to human behaviour.
	Little people, big dreams series Various				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.
41719	Little piece of ground, A Laird, Elizabeth	MacMillan	2003	9780330437431	9plus	Karim and his seventeen year old brother, Jamal, live with their family in Ramallah, Palestine under Israeli military occupation. During the war, Karim meets Hopper, a teenager living in a refugee situation and, together, they fight to claim a little piece of ground for their sporting matches. Yet, even this is claimed by Israeli tanks and the boys experience a fight for their lives. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
751159	Little pirate queen, The Garland, Sally Anne	New Frontier Publishing	2021	9781921928833	K-2	Lucy sails across the sea fixing and mending her small rickety raft hoping to reach Far Away Island. But when a gigantic wave sweeps all the other children away, except Lucy, The Little Pirate Queen is determined to rescue everyone no matter what.
12107	Little platypus Hilton, Nette & Rycroft, Nina (ill)	Koala Books	2000	9780864612724	K-2	When a little native animal hatches from an egg beside a river, he feels lonely. He doesn't know where he belongs. How can he find a friend who is just the same? Help Little Platypus discover who he really is.
2637	Little prince, The de Saint-Exupery, Antoine	Wordsworth Editions Ltd	2002	9781853261589	5-6	The whimsical story of an airman's discovery of a very appealing small boy from another planet in the desert. A thought-provoking allegory of the human condition that has become a classic.

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846228	Little prince, The Greig, Louise & Massini, Sarah (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2021	9781405288125	5-6	The stars hide a little laughing prince. What is hidden is beautiful! Based on the classic novel by Antoine De Saint-Exupery.
48081	Little prince, The Sfar, Joann & Ardizonne, Sarah (trans)	Walker Books	2010	9781406325447	5-6	A stunning, graphic adaptation from Antoine de Saint-Exupery's classic children's book, Le Petit Prince, which tells the whimsical story of an airman's discovery of a very appealing, small boy from another planet. A thought-provoking allegory of the human condition.
	Little princesses series Chase, Katie				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.
1019811	Little Puggle's Christmas Conley, Vikki & Magisson, Helene (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2023	9781922326812	K-2	Christmas in the Australian bush is Puggle's favourite time of year. All the animals return to decorate the oldest tree, and to prepare for the big day. Every year, Puggle tries to help. But even though Puggle tries hardest, none of the special Christmas jobs seem to suit him.In despair, Puggle waddles off to his special place where he makes a Christmas wish on the first shooting star...but is it actually a shooting star? And what is stuck in the billabong? Can Puggle save Christmas and make his Christmas wish come true?
654413	Little puggle's song Conley, Vikki & Magisson, Helene (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2019	9781925594690	K-2	A lonely echidna searches for his voice. Every time Puggle tries to make sound nothing comes out. Can Puggle find his voice and join the bush choir?
12302	Little red bear Matthews, Penny & Pignataro, Anna (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2003	9781865045375	K-2	When Hanna sees a little red bear sitting alone on a wall, she is sure someone has lost him. Hanna leaves the bear there but she can't stop thinking he may be lonely, cold or afraid of the dark. In the end, Hanna takes matters into her own hands.
33186	Little red fish, The Yoo, Taeeun	Dial Books (Penguin)	2007	9780803731455	3-4	Jeje and his pet fish have an adventure in the library, where his grandfather works as a librarian. Beautiful illustrations take us into the wonderful world of being lost in a book and the ways a visit to the library can enrich our lives.

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25987	Little Red Train: busy day Blathwayt, Benedict	Random House Children's Books	2008	9780091798727	K-2	All aboard. The Little Red Train is in for a very busy day. There's post to deliver, rails and sleepers for the new track, a flock of sheep for Hilltop Farm, and lots of passengers for Barnacle Bay. Includes a diagram of how a steam engine works.
	Little Red Ute series Lewis, Mitch & Ziersch, Nahum (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.
22106	Little refugee, The Do, Anh & Do, Suzanne & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742378329	3-4	The author and his family nearly didn't make it to Australia. They escaped from war-torn Vietnam in an overcrowded boat, surviving a dangerous journey, with murderous pirates and terrifying storms. Life in suburban Australia was also hard for a small boy with no English and funny lunches. But, there was a loving extended family, lots of friends and always something to laugh about.
	Little Rockets series Various				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.
803716	Little secrets: Playing with fire Blake, Emily	Scholastic Australia	2006	9780439810531	7-9	Her mother's in jail. Her best friend betrayed her. Who can Alison trust? Hidden pasts, Unexpected betrayals, twisted friendships, sweet revenge, Let the drama begin...
52353	Little sister Said, Aimee	Walker Books	2011	9781921529214	9plus	Al Miller wishes she was an only child. Al Miller is counting down the days until her over-achieving older sister Larrie finishes Year Twelve and leaves Whitlam High School for ever. Then, Al is certain, people will finally see her as more than just 'Larrie's little sister'. But when a rumour about Larrie spreads around school, Al finds herself in the spotlight for all the wrong reasons. Who's behind the rumour? And will it kill Al's chances with school hunk, Josh Turner? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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35377	Little sisters are Norling, Beth	Puffin Australia	2007	9780143501947	K-2	Little sisters can be tiny, cuddly, smelly and sad. They can be bouncy, lumpy, sticky and brave. Every little sister is different, but we love them all the same.
901557	Little spark, A Jonsberg, Barry	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526924	7-9	Caitlyn is, in many ways, a normal thirteen year old girl with friends, teachers, and divorced parents. Caitlyn also has a spark. This comes out in her exceptional writing. Her dad probably does more than anyone to nurture this spark by creating fun and unexpected events for them on their weekends together. The balance she has found in spending time with both parents is threatened when her mum's boyfriend is offered a dream job in London. Caitlyn must fight to have a say in whether she stays in Melbourne with her dad or moves overseas with her mum.
5766	Little stowaway, The Bennett, Vicki & Suwannakit, Tull (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742993072	K-2	France, Winter 1918. The First World War is over. A brave and determined little French orphan Honore, wanders through the snow, cold and hungry and lost. When he stumbles on the Australian Flying Corps and meets airman, Tim Tovell, his life is changed forever.
15318	Little Tawny Dale, Kim	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734407566	K-2	From the author's true experience of raising a Tawny Frogmouth. Little Tawny, a baby frogmouth, falls out of the nest and can't fly back to her mother. She is rescued and teaches children and adults about respecting all creatures.
1096874	Little things, The Harrison, Penny & Sommerville, Hannah (ill)	Little Hare Books	2023	9781761211263	K-2	The joy in watching clouds for hours, finding life between the flowers. Secrets written in a book, treasures tucked inside a nook... A tender-hearted celebration of the comfort and place to be found in life's simplest moments.
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.

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37979	Little tree Long, Loren	Philomel Books	2015	9780399163975	K-2	In the middle of a little forest lives a Little Tree who loves the splendid leaves that keep him cool in the heat of long summer days. When Autumn arrives, the other trees drop their leaves, facing the cold winter head on. But, year after year, Little Tree hugs his leaves as tightly as he can, although they are now brown and withered. As Little Tree sits in the shadow of the other trees, he remembers when they were all the same size. He knows he has an important decision to make.
67819	Little tuatara, The Cunningham, Robin	HarperCollins NZ	2007	9781869505448	3-4	The tiny island off the coast of New Zealand where the little tuatara lives is a lonely windswept place. He makes friends with a petrel and they settle down and live in a burrow together. The petrel tells the tuatara about his ancient relatives the dinosaurs and the tuatara begins to realise how important he is.
637427	Little wave, The Harry, Pip	University of Queensland Press	2019	9780702260476	5-6	When a country class from remote Mullin have the opportunity to visit Manly beach, three very different outsiders discover themselves and each other. Noah, Lottie and Jack have to learn to value themselves, as they confront bullies, grief, mental illness, and poverty. This trip to the beach could be the beginning of beautiful friendships.
12284	Little white dogs can't jump Whatley, Bruce	HarperCollins Australia	2002	9780207198830	K-2	Smudge and his family have got a problem to solve. Smudge's legs are so short that he can't jump into the car. One child works out some very clever ways get Smudge into the car, but none of them work. Finally, Mum solves the problem.
3554	Little white duck: Childhood in China, A Liu, Na & Martinez, Andres Vera (ill)	Graphic Universe	2012	9780716381150	7-9	The world is changing for two girls in China is the 1970s. Da Qin and her sister live in the city of Wuhan with their parents. When their country's leader, Chairman Mao, dies, new opportunities begin to emerge. The sisters soon learn that their childhood will be much different than the upbringing their parents experienced. Eight short stories-based on the author's own life- give readers a unique look at what it was like to grow up in China during this important time in history.
7582	Little wing Battersby, Katherine	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702254000	K-2	On the smallest island, in the tallest tree, lived the world's smartest animal. But, there are some things that even the world's smartest animal doesn't know.

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648959	Little Witch: Plots & Potions Darlison, Aleesah	Big Sky Publishing	2018	9781925675252	5-6	When Courney learns she is off to school camp she is far from impressed. Hiking, rock climbing and white-water rafting are not her usual go to activities. When Courtney discovers the devious plans of some people at camp she must use some powerful potions and spells to rescue those in danger.
648965	Little Witch: Secrets & spells Darlison, Aleesah	Big Sky Publishing	2016	9781925520101	5-6	Courtney can't believe she is stuck in Mixton Bay for the summer with no friends, TV or pizza. When Courtney finds a mystical 'Book of Spells' with her name on the box, you could say that Courtney's boring holiday starts to get a whole lot more interesting. With the help of her new friend, Justice, and a special cat, Courtney's life is about to change forever.
846264	Little wombat's Easter surprise Fuge, Charles	Walker Books	2022	9781760654269	K-2	It's Easter time. Little Wombat is searching for eggs when somebody rushes past. It's not Rabbit, or Koala, so who can it be? A delightful tale about how a special Easter someone shows Little Wombat how important it is to share with your friends.
	Little women series Alcott, Louisa May				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.
51430	Little wooden horse, The Wilson, Mark	Windy Hollow Books	2010	9781921136535	5-6	In eighteenth century London, two children, Elizabeth and Tom, are so hungry, they steal a loaf of bread from the bakery. They are caught and transported to Australia aboard a convict ship. Their time on board is harrowing and the voyage is certainly not smooth sailing. By the time they arrive in New South Wales, Tom is ill with fever and his fate unknown.
27465	Littledog Germein, Katrina & Ainslie, Tamsin (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781741695526	3-4	Sam and his sister have a surprise visitor at their holiday shack. They think he's cuddly and playful but Dad is not so sure.
699179	Littlelight Canby, Kelly	Fremantle Press	2020	9781925815764	5-6	When bricks start to go missing from the town of Littlelight, the mayor whips his citizens into a frenzy of aggravation. But when the townspeople find the thief, and her motive, they discover perhaps it is the mayor who is the problem.

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3939	Littlest Bigfoot, The Weiner, Jennifer	Aladdin Publishing	2016	9781481470742	7-9	How would it feel to find out that there was another world out there, a world beneath the world, hidden away like the secret caramel centre of a chocolate or a pearl tucked in an oyster's shell? A world where Alice could be accepted, even loved? To know that the world existed, but that she could never go there, that the doors would always be locked against her...Millie didn't want to think about it.
70549	Littlest dinosaur and the naughty rock, The Reid, Camilla & Foreman Michael (ill)	Bloomsbury	2010	9781408802663	K-2	The littlest dinosaur is in a bad mood. He sulks, shouts and throws his food on the ground. When he's sent to the naughty rock, he gets a bit of a surprise and some very helpful advice on how to handle his sulkiness.
32929	Littlest dinosaur's big adventure, The Foreman, Michael	Bloomsbury	2009	9780747589839	K-2	When the littlest dinosaur goes for a walk, he does not expect to find himself in the middle of a big, dark forest. Soon, he is very frightened. But, when he finds someone else who is afraid, the littlest dinosaur knows he has to be brave.
	Littlest pirate series, The Clark, Sherryl & Jellett, Tom (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.
3776	Littlest witch, The Allars, Martine	Pan MacMillan	2010	9780330423571	5-6	Thirteen year old triplets, Gwen, Nel and Rain discover that they are a witch, an elf and a vampire. Their lives take an extraordinary twist as they are thrown into another world in their quest to defeat Driath, the most evil witch of all.
846091	Littlle bilby's Aussie bush Christmas Mes, Yvonne & Pratt, Jody (ill)	Lothian Books	2021	9780734420404	K-2	A group of little bilbies are hunting for decorations to turn their Australian bush home into a magical Christmas wonderland. Join them on their adventure and meet some friendly Australian animals along the way.
51001	Lively Elizabeth Bergman, Mara & Thomas, Cassia (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2010	9780340988046	K-2	Lively Elizabeth is spirited, cheeky and very much a handful. Watch events unravel when Elizabeth, unwittingly, starts a chain reaction she can't control.
2650	Lives of Christopher Chant, The Jones, Diana Wynne	HarperCollins US	1998	9780688163655	7-9	Christopher's destiny, by virtue of his possession of nine lives, is to be the next Chrestomanci, a position of awesome magical responsibility, but he rebels against it.

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9227	Livewire investigates Aboriginal studies: traditional technologies Cahir, Sandra	Cambridge University Press	2002	9780521526708	5-6	In Indigenous peoples' culture, technology means making tools and other useful things from natural materials such as wood, stone and animals' skins. Find out about traditional technologies, thousands of years old, that are used for fishing, hunting and preparing food.
4409	Living on Hope Street Divaroren, Demet	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760292096	9plus	Living on Hope Street is a glimpse of modern day Australia through the lens of a single street and the families that make their lives along it. Kane will do everything he can to save his mother and his little brother Sam from the violence of his father, even if it means becoming a monster himself. Mrs Aslan will protect the boys no matter what, even though her own family is in pieces. Ada wants a family she can count on, while she faces new questions about herself. Mr Bailey is afraid of the refugees next door, but his worst fear will take another form. And Gugulethu is just trying to make a life away from terror. On this street, everyone comes from different places, but to find peace they will have to discover what unites them. A deeply moving, unflinching portrait of modern Australian suburban life. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
723904	Living on stolen land Kwaymullina, Ambelin	Magabala Books	2020	9781925936247	9plus	Living on Stolen Land is a prose-styled look at our colonial-settler present. A perceptive and thoughtful examination of the colonial contextual history of Australia. It pulls apart the myths at the heart of our nationhood, and challenges Australia to come to terms with its own past and its place within and on Indigenous Countries. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
774429	Living the confidence code Kay, Katty & Shipman, Claire & Riley, Jillellyn	HarperCollins Children's Books	2021	9780062954114	5-6	The inspiring true stories in this book, prove that no matter who you are or how old you are, nothing is out of reach when you decide to try. Reading each story motivates you to turn your thoughts into action: your dreams into reality. The best way to understand confidence and learn how to harness its secret powers is to see it in action for yourself. From Bali to Brazil, South Africa to Seattle, Australia to Afghanistan, these girls are pursuing their passions, struggling and stumbling, but along the way figuring out how to build their own special brand of confidence. The girls you meet in this book are change makers. We can all learn from their bravery and resilience.

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	Living with the land series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1329952	Liz Watson: Netball legends Cross, Kit & Hedstrom, Leigh (ill)	Albert Street Books	2025	9781761181733	3-4	Is Liz Watson your favourite netballer? Did you know that Liz Watson is one of the best midcourters in the world? Did you know she has played over 90 games for the Australian Diamonds? Did you know her favourite colour is purple? Liz is a TOTAL legend, and this book will tell you all about her. Filled with exciting facts, fun stories, and all the stats to share at lunchtime.
632807	Lizard's tale Chan, Weng Wai	Text Publishing Co	2019	9781925603910	5-6	It is 1940 and WWII is being fought in faraway Europe. Lizard lives in Singapore's Chinatown, surviving on odd jobs and petty theft. When Boss Man Beng asks him to steal a teak box from a suite in the glamorous Raffles Hotel, he has no idea how dangerous it is. A sinister man appears and Lizard's best friend, Lili, shows up with unexpected fighting skills and her eye on the box. Lizard then becomes entangled in an exciting adventure in a world of coded secrets, Japanese invasion plans and undercover spies.
30678	Lizzie and Margaret Rose Rushby, Pamela	Omnibus Books	2016	9781742991528	5-6	In 1940, bombs are falling in London. Ten year old Margaret Rose survives a deadly raid but her family and home are destroyed. In faraway Townsville in Queensland, Margaret's aunt is ready to take her in but her cousin, Lizzie, is not so sure and certainly doesn't want to share her room. But, first, Margaret Rose must undertake a long and dangerous voyage to a strange country, also at war. She knows it's not going to be easy, and Lizzie's not about to make it any easier.

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12462	Lizzie Nonsense Ormerod, Jan	Little Hare Books	2004	9781877003592	K-2	Lizzie Nonsense and her mother are left alone in the Australian bush while her father is away working. Despite the hard work and isolation, Lizzie, a playful and imaginative little girl, finds joy in everyday things.
51813	Lizzie's list Walter, Nadine & Greban, Quentin	Myriad Books Limited	2004	9781905606276	K-2	Lizzie loves making clothes for her friends and neighbours. Even some of the larger animals in the woods want Lizzie to make them some clothes and, with a little help, she can reach high enough to take their measurements.
18446	Lizzie's wish Geras, Adele	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2004	9780746060308	5-6	The story of a young girl in Victorian England who's mother, after her father's death, has remarried a gentleman disliked by Lizzie. She is sent to London to stay with her aunt and uncle during the lead-up to the birth of a sibling.
961902	Llamas in pyjamas Cosgrove, Matt	Koala Books	2021	9781760978457	K-2	Meet Dharma the Llama, she is a 'Baby Sitter extraordinaire', she cares for everyone. Will twins Tru and Tori challenge Dharma? They do not like to go to bed, can Dharma get them ready for bedtime?
233	Load of unicorn, The Harnett, Cynthia	Egmont Childrens	2001	9780749746964	7-9	Bendy, whose family runs a scrivener's shop, solves the mystery when the master printer, William Caxton, fails to receive the paper shipped to him aboard the cargo ship, Madalena. A classic about the Caxton printing press.
2659	Loaded dog, The Lawson, Henry & DePierre, Daniel (ill)		2010	9781921378508	5-6	Gold miners Andy, Dave and Jim are sinking a shaft at Stoney Creek. After a hard day's fishing, Andy and Dave decide that it would be easier to blow the fish out of the water...but their young dog becomes curious about their experiment, with explosive results!
51865	Lobster boy Philbrick, Rodman	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2008	9780746090824	7-9	Skiff Beaman needs to fix his family's fishing boat but, to do this, he needs money. With his Dad spending his days on the TV couch since his mother died, Skiff decides that fishing for Bluefin tuna is his only solution.
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?
8501	Locked out Roberts, Renee & Maris, Sarah & Stewart, Tammie & Leffler, David (ill)	Indij Readers	2003	9780975064108	3-4	More of an after-school story than a school story. Three sisters believe they are locked out of home at three o'clock. A humorous look at a potentially disastrous dilemma.

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982313	Locked out Lily Lake, Nick & Gravett, Emily (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2021	9781471194849	5-6	LIly requires regular hospital trips to treat a body which is failing her. This frustrates her greatly and also fuels her worry that the baby her mum is about to have will be easier to love and push Lily to the shadows. It is these shadows in her family home where Lily encounters the monstrous replacement parents who have a terrible plan for Lily. It is with great surprise that Lily discovers several animal companions to help her defeat the monsters in the shadows.
1417287	Locked room, The Cece, Adam	Penguin	2025	9781761351068	7-9	The clock is ticking... Andy and three other kids wake up in a locked room. The room has no windows, but it has a locked door, with a countdown clock above it. They have less than an hour to figure out how to get out of this room. But when they do...? There's another locked room, and more locked doors. And they can't go back.
53918	Locket of dreams, The Murrell, Belinda	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741662917	5-6	Sophie falls asleep wearing a locket which belonged to her great-great-great-grandmother and is magically transported to 1858 to learn the truth about Charlotte Mackenzie, how she came to be in Australia and what happened to the family's priceless sapphire.
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?
	Lockie Leonard series Winton, Tim				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.
9212	Lockie Leonard, human torpedo: the play Gibbs, Paige	Currency Press	1996	9780868194783	7-9	When Lockie moves to a coastal town where his dad is the new police officer, he has trouble settling in. Live each agonising, embarrassing adolescent moment as he makes friends and has a torrid love affair with Vickie, prettiest girl in town.

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	Lockwood & Co series Stroud, Jonathan				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.
17639	Lofty's mission Bell, Krista & Miller, David (ill)	Lothian Books	2008	9780734409812	3-4	When Harley's dad takes his young pigeon, Lofty, to donate for the war effort, Harley cries, sure that he will never see Lofty again. Lofty is trained by army officers to carry important messages and flies hundreds of miles carrying messages from the field back to headquarters.
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.
720949	Lola and grandpa Kwok, Ashling & Low, Yvonne	Little Pink Dog Books	2020	9780648652809	K-2	Every Sunday Lola visits her Grandpa. They spend the day exploring the universe and teaching each other about the world. But then one day everything changes. Grandpa isn't there anymore. Lola struggles to deal with the loss. But as time goes by Lola realises that her Grandpa will always be with her - in her heart and in the memories they made.
751177	Lola in the middle Paterson, Cecily Anne	Wombat Books	2020	9781925563900	5-6	Whether it is on the netball court, stuck between best friends arguing or parents fighting Lola always caught in the middle. How can she choose sides? Now that Lola has been made captain and her team looks like making the State Finals she has even bigger problems and choices to face. Her doctors say she might have to stop playing the game she loves and Lola's mother agrees that netball is not good for her health Lola feels like she's losing from all sides! Will she always be stuck in the middle or will she find a way to stand up for herself?

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	Lola's toy box series Parker, Danny & Shield, Guy (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.
22417	Lollylegs Freeman, Pamela & Nest James, Rhian (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2011	9781921529078	3-4	Laura's dad brings home a lamb to give to the school to raffle at the fete. Laura takes care of the lamb and calls him Lollylegs. At the end of the week, Laura can't bear to give the lamb away and determines to buy as many raffle tickets that she can. However, she has to work out how she can get enough money to buy lots of tickets.
1423945	Lone husky, The Gold, Hannah & Pinfold, Levi (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780008582128	5-6	April Wood is no stranger to adventure. After all, she lives in the Arctic and her best friend is a polar bear. But when April finds herself volunteering for the Polar Race, even she wonders if this may be an adventure too far. April will need all the help she can get if she's to make it to the finish line. But April has Blaze, a solitary husky with a troubled past, who may just prove to be her secret weapon.
27495	Loneliness of distant beings, The Ling, Kate	Little, Brown & Co	2016	9781510200166	7-9	Seren longs to have the sunshine on her skin. But, when you're floating through space at thousands of kilometres an hour, you have to accept there are things you cannot change. But, when Dom arrives in her life, he changes everything and, for a while, he becomes the Sun for her. Being with him flaunts every rule designed to keep their home in order but to lose him would be like losing herself. In the end, they must decide what is most important, loyalty to the only home they've ever known or to each other.
19278	Lonely giant, The Ambrose, Sophie	Walker Books	2016	9781406361544	K-2	The forest giant likes nothing better than smashing, bashing and pulling up trees. But, when all the birds and animals disappear, the giant is very sad and lonely. He misses the crackling warmth of a fire and the sweet songs of the birds. The lonely giant sets out to restore what used to be.

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1019706	Lonely lighthouse of Elston-Fright, The Carter, Reece	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761066795	5-6	Flip Little is extremely proud of his family history - the official lightkeepers of Elston-Fright; the lighthouse keepers. When the light is missing, it is up to Flip to restore the protection the lighthouse has always offered to the people of the town. But, the light is not the only thing that goes missing! There are mysteries and secrets to uncover, and magic and magical beings to combat. But will help come from the most unexpected place? Can Flip and his friends Corpse and Girl save their friend and restore the lost magic before it's too late?
1484259	Lonely Lunch Club, The Mara, Maddy	Affirm Press	2026	9781923419308	K-2	One lunchtime, Benji goes to the worst bench in the whole school instead of playing footy. There he meets a girl named Alice and a spider named Mabel. And Mabel needs their help! But can Benji and Alice do it alone?
5795	Long class goodnight, The J, Sammy	Bonnier Publishing Australia	2018	9781760409531	5-6	Justin Monaghetti is destined to be a loser. His new school is terrifying. His only friend wants to run away forever and he's just been given detention for something he didn't do. Justin isn't going to accept his fate without a fight. to survive his first day of high school, he'll need a few tricks, a bit of luck and an ingenious plan to mess with the rules.
15122	Long live Princess Smartypants Cole, Babette	Penguin	2004	9780141380339	3-4	Princess Smartypants decides it would be lovely to have a baby but, when a twist of fate delivers her just what she's been hoping for, she soon realises that babies can be an awful lot of trouble.
30873	Long live us Wignell, Edel & Allert, Peter (ill)	IP (Interactive Publications Pty Ltd)	2011	9781921479465	3-4	Once upon a time, a Greedy Troll lived under a bridge and he was very hungry. When he hears trip-trap, trip-trap, he discovers the Three Bears on a quest to capture Goldilocks and bring her to justice. They persuade the Troll to wait for their return. More fairytale Goodies arrive, all chasing Baddies to bring them back for punishment.
11928	Long red scarf, The Hilton, Nette & Power, Margaret (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1992	9781862911529	K-2	Grandpa loves the long, woolly blue scarf that his friend, Jake, wears on their fishing trips. He asks Great Aunt Maude and Cousin Isabel to knit him one but they're too busy. In the end, Grandpa knits the scarf himself.
2667	Long wait, The Wilson, Budge & Fernandes, Eugenie	Stoddart Publishing, Stoddart Kids	1997	9780773730212	K-2	Deirdre does not have a sleek, velvet coat or a lean and graceful body. But to the Wilsons, she is a very special cat. Whenever they come home, she is always there waiting on the mat in the front hall. Until one day, a terrible thing happens.

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40570	Long walk to water, A Park, Linda Sue	Clarion Books	2012	9780702238703	5-6	Based on a true story, this is a dual narrative about the harsh realities of life in Sudan. Nya's story relates to her daily struggle for water and survival. Salva's journey spans fifteen years after rebels attack his village and he is forced to flee into the bush to avoid being recruited. He joins hundreds of displaced people heading for a refugee camp in Ethiopia, all the while searching for his family.
12345	Long walk, The Greenwood, Kerry	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2004	9780733617669	7-9	In 1931, a family's mother falls ill and their only hope is to reach their father working on the Great Ocean Road. The children set off on a long journey, with only a pram filled with their belongings, meeting all types of people on the way.
713769	Long way down Reynolds, Jason	Faber & Faber	2018	9780571335121	9plus	Will's brother was shot last night. This morning, he steps onto the elevator, on his way to get revenge. But as the elevator doors open on each floor on the way down to the lobby, ghosts from his past join him. What will he decide to do when he gets to the end of his journey? A powerful verse novel, Long Way Down deals with gun violence and the impact of a cycle of generational trauma. It is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
794372	Long way down graphic novel Reynolds, Jason	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9780571366019	9plus	Will's brother was shot last night. This morning, he steps onto the elevator, on his way to get revenge. But as the elevator doors open on each floor on the way down to the lobby, ghosts from his past join him. What will he decide to do when he gets to the end of his journey? This graphic novel version of Reynold's Long Way Down deals with gun violence and the impact of a cycle of generational trauma. It is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
235	Long way from Verona, A Gardam, Jane	Time Warner	2001	9780349114057	7-9	Jessica dreams of becoming a writer but the English private school that she attends does nothing to foster her talent.
9433	Long, sticky walk, The Wignell, Edel	University of Western Australia Press	2003	9781876268817	3-4	A story of country life in the late 1800s. Emily and her family live on a small farm in rural New South Wales. In 1886, after a terrible flood, the children and Mama are stranded with Papa working far away. Mother must find a way out for all of them.

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18397	Long-Long's new year Gower, Catherine & Zhihong, He (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2005	9781845070786	3-4	Long-Long rides to town for the first time to help Grandpa sell his cabbages. Disaster strikes but resourceful Long-Long makes sure Grandpa gets plenty of customers. Detailed illustrations are painted on traditional yellow rice paper.
236	Longest war, The Antle, Nancy	Penguin	1999	9780141303246	9plus	Told from the perspective of the elder of two daughters, this novel deals with the emotional struggle of an ex-Vietnam War nurse, and the ongoing impact of the war on her family. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
	Longman animal lifestyles series Ballance, Alison				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.
	Longman world of amphibians and reptiles series Meadows, Graham & Vial, Claire				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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	Longman world of invertebrates series Meadows, Graham & Vial, Claire				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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12896	Loni and the moon Takac, Esther & Pignataro, Anna (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734403452	3-4	One night, Loni is awoken by the biggest, roundest, yellowest moon. He climbs up the moonbeam in his pyjamas, for the moon has something wonderful to tell him. Loni discovers different ways of seeing.
1329975	Loo of one's own, A Harris, Eleri	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181832	3-4	The fascinating (and sometimes hilarious) story of the first women elected to federal parliament and the rather pressing issue they discovered on their first day on the job: there were no women's loos in Parliament House! In 1943, the first two women were elected to the Australian parliament. Enid Lyons and Dorothy Tangney had very different political views, but they soon discovered they had at least one problem in common: none of the loos for elected officials in Parliament House were marked 'Ladies'.
947319	Look both ways: a tale told in ten blocks Reynolds, Jason	Atheneum books	2020	9781481438292	5-6	This story was going to begin like all the best stories. With a school bus falling from the sky. But no one saw it happen. They were all too busy. Talking about boogers. Stealing pocket change. Skateboarding. Wiping out. Braving up. Executing complicated handshakes. Planning an escape. Making jokes. Lotioning up. Finding comfort. But mostly, too busy walking home. Jason Reynolds conjures ten tales (one per block) about what happens after the dismissal bell rings, and brilliantly weaves them into one wickedly funny, piercingly poignant look at the detours we face on the walk home, and in life.
885971	Look inside a coral reef Lacey, Minna & Brewster, Sam (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2022	9781474998918	3-4	Open the flaps and dive under the waves to se shimmering fish, turtles, and rays among the coral. But this magical world is in danger, and we need to save our coral reefs.
4853	Look inside how computers work Frith, Alex & Dickins, Rosie & King, Colin (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2016	9781409599043	3-4	Find out what happens behind the screen, beneath the keyboard and inside the electronic 'brain' of a computer. Lift the flaps to find out.

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1019866	Look me in the eye Godwin, Jane	Lothian Books	2024	9780734420794	7-9	Bella and Connie have been close friends for years and they continue to support each other as they start high school and come out of the lockdowns imposed due to the pandemic. Connie's cousin, Mish, has shown up under some mysterious circumstances and the girls are forced to welcome the older girl into their friendship. Mish is not a good fit and does not want to be a good fit. Bella and Connie need to find the balance between doing what they think is right, while trying not to attract the wrath of Mish.
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.
50970	Look out, Suzy Goose Horacek, Petr	Walker Books	2008	9781406307139	K-2	Suzy Goose wanders through the wood, unaware that she is being followed by a hungry fox, who is followed by a hungry wolf, who is stalked by a hungry bear. Just as well a wise owl comes to the rescue.
63650	Look see, look at me Norrington, Leonie & Huxley, Dee (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9781741758832	K-2	Rhyming text and flowing illustrations capture the exuberance of a little boy who feels so big at three.
2833	Look, a book Gleeson, Libby & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Little Hare Books	2011	9781921541803	K-2	In a dreary, underprivileged, contemporary world, two ragamuffins stumble across a book in the dust and their world begins to change. The familiar becomes fantastical, the mundane becomes magical and a fractured community finds a focus.

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990355	Looking after Country with fire: Aboriginal burning knowledge with Uncle Kuu Steffensen, Victor & Steffensen, Sandra (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2023	9781741177824	5-6	For thousands of years, First Nations people have listened and responded to the land and made friends with fire, using this knowledge to encourage plants and seeds to flourish, and creating beautiful places for both animals and people to live. Join Uncle Kuu as he takes us out on Country and explains cultural burning. Featuring stunning artwork by Sandra Steffensen, this is a powerful and timely story of understanding Australia's ecosystems through Indigenous fire management, and a respectful way forward for future generations to help manage our landscapes.
751130	Looking after our planet Daynes, Katie & Faccioli, Ilaria (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2020	9781474968942	3-4	Our only home is Planet Earth. But there are signs that we are not looking after it very well. Discover the facts about what has been going on. Read and learn what we can do to make things better.
6286	Looking after your mental health James, Alice & Stowell, Louie	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2018	9781474937290	5-6	Looking After Your Mental Health provides an informative and thoughtful exploration of mental health targeted at pre teens. It provides helpful, frank and sensitive discussion on a wide range of topics, from navigating friendships and relationships, to coping with changes at home, to safe use of the internet and the potential impact of social media. Looking After Your Mental Health is an introductory guide to mental health self care.
	Looking after your pet series Hibbert, Claire				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.
237	Looking for Alibrandi Marchetta, Melina	Penguin	2000	9780140293500	9plus	Josephine, a second generation Australian from an Italian family, seeks to find her way during her HSC year. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
9259	Looking for Atlantis Thompson, Colin	Dragonfly Publishing	1997	9780679885474	5-6	A young boy mourning his dead grandfather, a seafaring adventurer, tries to find Atlantis.
12077	Looking for crabs Whatley, Bruce	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1999	9780207177712	K-2	A family goes to the beach to look for crabs. We can see where the crabs are hiding but the family in the book just can't seem to find them.

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29190	Looking for yesterday Jay, Alison	Old Barn Books	2017	9781910646212	3-4	Boy doesn't see how tomorrow can be as good as yesterday and puts all his scientific knowledge to work to try to turn back time. Luckily, Grandad is on hand to show that every new day brings with it a chance of happiness.
4810	Looking up Murphy, Sally	Fremantle Press	2017	9781925164572	3-4	Pete is hoping for a telescope. There's nothing he wants more for his birthday. But when the mysterious card arrives in the mail, what Pete wants is turned totally upside down.
1676	Loongie the greedy crocodile Dann, Lucy & Kiefer & Houston, Bronwyn (ill)	Magabala Books	2008	9781921248542	3-4	Loongie is a saltwater crocodile who lives among the mangroves in the remote Kimberley region of Western Australia. Loongie has no friends and no-one goes near the creek when he's around.
18662	Loop Caswell, Brian	University of Queensland Press	2006	9780702235894	9plus	Sophisticated, simply well-written short stories that would appeal to both boys and girls dealing with mature themes including life choices, complex relationships and even time travel. Some strong language in context, may offend some readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
2678	Lorax, The Seuss, Dr	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2004	9780007173112	3-4	Classic Dr Seuss rhyming book with an environmental message. The Lorax tries to warn the Once-ler of the dangers of destroying all of the truffula trees.
18521	Lord of the cranes Chen, Kerstin	North South Books	2000	9780735816992	3-4	Beautiful retelling of a Chinese tale. Tian, Lord of the Cranes, leaves his home on the top of the mountain to check whether people are being kind to one another.
1477096	Lord of the flies: the graphic novel Jongh, Aimee de	Faber & Faber	2024	9780571394661	7-9	'A plane crashes on a desert island. The only survivors are a group of schoolboys. By day, they explore the dazzling beaches. By night, they are haunted by nightmares of primitive beasts and of what they've lost. But it is not long before the group is split, and their innocent games take a dangerous turn.
	Lord of the rings series Tolkien, J R R				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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916596	Lorikeet tree, The Jennings, Paul	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180095	7-9	Emily loves the bush and the native animals on her family's reforested property, particularly the beautiful rainbow lorikeets that nest in one of the tallest trees. But then her father is diagnosed with a terminal illness, and Emily's world enters a tailspin. Her twin brother, Alex, refuses to accept the truth. His coping mechanism is to build elaborate additions to his treehouse in the superstitious belief that it will avert disaster - leaving Emily to deal with harsh reality on her own. When Alex secretly adopts a feral kitten, going against everything that's important to Emily, the siblings' emotions reach boiling point - with potentially dangerous consequences for them all.
30755	Loser list, The Kowitt, H N	Scholastic US	2011	9780545240048	7-9	Danny Shine is in year seven. He isn't the most popular guy at school but he manages to stay out of trouble. That is, until Danny discover his name is on the Loser List in the girls' bathroom. When he gets caught trying to cross his name off the loser, Danny is sent to detention. He thought he had problems before but detention places him in a whole new world of trouble.
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. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Annaleise Byrd read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#losing-the-plot-annaleise-byrd

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18529	Lost and found Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2005	9780007150359	K-2	A young boy finds a penguin at his door. He doesn't know where it came from or who it belongs to. The penguin looks sad so the boy thinks he is lost and decides to help the penguin by rowing to the South Pole.
845952	Lost boy, The Ruth, Greg	Scholastic Australia	2013	9780439823326	5-6	Some mysteries are too dangerous to leave alone... Nate's not happy about his family moving to a new house in a new town. After all, nobody asked him if he wanted to move in the first place. But when he discovers a tape recorder and note addressed to him under the floorboards of his bedroom, Nate is thrust into a dark mystery about a boy who went missing many, many years ago. Now, as strange happenings and weird creatures begin to track Nate, he must partner with Tabitha, a local girl, to find out what they want with him. But time is running out, for a powerful force is gathering strength in the woods at the edge of town, and before long Nate and Tabitha will be forced to confront a terrifying foe, and uncover the truth about the Lost Boy.
784580	Lost child of Chernobyl, The Bate, Helen	Otter-Barry books	2021	9781913074715	5-6	One April night, people living near Chernobyl see a great flash in the sky...Everyone is told to move out of the forbidden zone around the destroyed nuclear reactor, but two stubborn old ladies, Anna and Klara, refuse to leave. Nine years later, the forest wolves bring a ragged child to their - a child who has been living with wolves in the forbidden zone. Who is the lost child of Chernobyl and will Anna and Klara be able to find the child's family after all this time? Inspired by the real events of the global environmental disaster at Chernobyl in April 1986, this haunting and deeply relevant graphic novel is about the place of humans in the natural world, about healing, survival and the meaning of home.
8855	Lost childhood: my life in a Japanese prison camp during WWII Layson, Annelex Hofstra & Viola, Herman J	National Geographic Society	2008	9781426303210	5-6	When the Japanese invaded the Dutch East Indies, now Indonesia, four year old Annelex Hofstra was taken to a Japanese prison camp. Her carefree, comfortable world was turned upside down. Annelex describes her over three years in the camp, living in fear of punishment, starvation, infection and separation.

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720722	Lost city, The Hocking, Amanda	Pan MacMillan	2020	9781529001303	5-6	Nestled agains the coast lies a forested kingdom filled with wonder and secrets. Ulla Tulin was abandoned as a baby and raised amongst the Kanin, like many half-blood trolls. And though she was hidden because of her heritage, she never forgot her origins. So when Ulla is hired by an institution that helps those like her, she's delighted. She teams up with the handsome Pan Soriano, a half-human researcher. However, their efforts to find her family are blocked when it seems Ulla, with her own unique gift, may be more successful. But as Ulla and Pan dig deeper, they find someone will do anything to keep these mysteries hidden.
593305	Lost dads home, The Veille, Eric & Martin, Pauline (ill)	Affirm Press	2018	9781925584912	K-2	When a young boy accidentally loses track of his dad, he sets out to find him at the Lost Dads Home. It is a fascinating place filled with all kinds of lost dads, most of them in fairly good condition. But will the boy be able to find his dad among them?
1484155	Lost defenders, The Summers, Sam	Penguin	2026	9781761355059	5-6	Journey into the enchanting world of the Lost Defenders, where 11-year-old Jace discovers the real reason he can see monsters that no one else can.
1423986	Lost Evangeline DiCamillo, Kate	Walker Books	2025	9781529525892	5-6	When a shoemaker discovers a tiny girl in his shop, he takes her in and raises her as his own, naming her Evangeline, a name full of joy and curiosity, daring and courage. A story of a girl and her father separated by malice and by fate, and their quest to be reunited.
2326	Lost girl, The Kwaymullina, Ambelin & Tobin, Leanne (ill)	Walker Books	2014	9781921529634	3-4	The little girl has lost her way, wandering away from the Mothers, the Aunties and the Grandmothers. Find out which animal will show her the way home.
1209710	Lost history, The La'Brooy, Melanie	University of Queensland Press	2024	9780702266393	5-6	After rescuing Princess Seraphine from the evil Malevolents, servant girl Penn thought her fate had finally changed. But now her powerful Talisman is gone and Seraphine is ignoring her again. Even worse, the ruthless Inquisitor has been summoned to uncover why Malevolence has returned to Arylia and fingers are pointing at Penn. Her only hope is to find the Lost History, which might be the key to unlocking both the Inquisitor' s and her own mysterious past. But someone else is hunting for it - only they want to destroy it. Even as she races to retrieve the Lost History, Penn knows that if she digs up her past, she might not like what she finds. Because Malevolence has started calling to her and she' s finding it strangely hard to resist ...

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647162	Lost homework, The O'Neill, Richard & Beautyman, Kirsti (ill)	Child's Play International Ltd	2019	9781786283450	K-2	Sonny devotes his weekend to helping his neighbours and fellow Travellers with a variety of tasks. He uses many skills, from calculating the amount of fuel needed for a journey, to restoring a caravan. In fact, the only thing he doesn't do over the weekend is his homework - his workbook is missing! What will his teacher say?
828985	Lost in the Never Woods Thomas, Aiden	Swoon Reads	2021	9781250313973	9plus	It's been five years since Wendy and her two brothers went missing in the woods, but when the town's children start to disappear, the questions surrounding her brothers' mysterious circumstances are brought back into the light. Attempting to flee her past, Wendy almost runs over an unconscious boy lying in the middle of the road . . . Peter, a boy she thought lived only in her stories, asks for Wendy's help to rescue the missing kids. But, in order to find them, Wendy must confront what's waiting for her in the woods. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
750989	Lost library, The McGeachin, Jess	Puffin Australia	2020	9781760892715	K-2	When Oliver finds a lost library book in his new bedroom, he decides to return it. But how do you find a mysterious hidden library? With the help of a new friend, of course . . .
1019785	Lost library, The Stead, Rebecca & Mass, Wendy	Text Publishing Co	2023	9781922790477	3-4	When Evan selects two books from the little free library that has appeared overnight, he doesn't suspect his life is about to change. He and his friend Rafe discover a connection between one of the books and the night, long ago, when the old library burned to the ground. The boys investigate the mystery but soon realise that no one in town is willing to talk about it. Told in turns by a cat, a ghost librarian and Evan himself, we discover that the truth will transform the town.
1358871	Lost loot of Lima, The Wray, Melissa & Flett, Sandy	Wombat Books	2025	9781761111600	3-4	Benjamin loves being a treasure hunter. But learning he is a pirate is even better. Ben discovers a treasure map left by his late grandfather and embarks on a treasure hunt with his Nan's help. But does someone else know about the location of the treasure? Ben must face danger and use his wits, or risk losing the loot forever. And in doing so, Ben must face his own grief over losing his grandfather.

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1282818	Lost notes of the soul spinners, The Carter, Reece	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761066801	5-6	When a ghost-eating wraith appears in the forgotten seaside town of Elston-Fright searching for the magical Notes, it's enough to make any kid ghost a bit nervous. Faye de Corail may have the townsfolk under her spell, but Girl, Corpse and their friends are determined to stay out of her way. After old foes resurface and a child is snatched, Girl and Corpse begin to piece together a sinister plan that not only threatens the lives of their friends, families and the people of Elston-Fright, it may send them all to Death Proper too. Somehow, at the heart of the mystery, lies the truth about both kid ghosts. Who are Girl and Corpse really? What is their connection to the lost Notes? And will they find answers before it's too late? The conclusion to the Elston-Fright Tales series.
18624	Lost property Moloney, James	Penguin	2005	9780670029433	9plus	Josh feels lost in his rapidly coming adult world. His family are haunted by the disappearance of his older brother, Michael. Josh's relationship with his girlfreind is full of teenage angst and tension. His holiday job in the lost property department with the philosophical Clive reveals that adult emotions are just as complex. Josh decides he must bring Michael home no matter what. Some strong language used in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
5369	Lost rainforest, The Schrefer, Eliot	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780062839596	7-9	Not for the fainted-hearted! The creatures of the magical rainforest of Caldera needs the help of a young panther cub, Mez. With the help of a brave young bat, a knowledgeable frog and a somewhat nervous monkey, Mez travels through the rainforest to combat a dangerous and reawakened evil. This is a suspenseful and exciting novel.
1289196	Lost saint, The Craw, Rachel	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781991142290	7-9	Recently dumped, heart-broken Ana struggles to put the past behind her on a post-graduation summer holiday. When a catastrophic earthquake hits, Ana and the other survivors emerge in a world they don't recognise, stumbling into a 14th century battle. The students flee and Ana is chased off a cliff by one of the soldiers, Leon, who is badly injured in the fall. Sparks fly between Ana and Leon: to survive, they need to rely on each other and as their trust grows, so does romance. Together they must endure a treacherous journey and find the legendary mystic everyone calls 'The Saint' who is said to have the power to send Ana home... until an unexpected twist changes everything.

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20479	Lost sapphire, The Murrell, Belinda	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925324112	5-6	Marli is staying with her dad in Melbourne, and missing her friends. Then she discovers a mystery- an abandoned mansion, Riversleigh, is to be returned to her family after many years. Marli sneaks into the locked garden to explore, and meets Luca, a boy who has his own connection to Riversleigh. In 1922, Violet is fifteen and lives at Riversleigh. Her life is filled with boating parties, picnics and extravagant balls. An army of servants looks after her family- including the young Russian chauffeur, Nikolai. Over one summer Violet must decide what is important to her.
720733	Lost soul atlas, The Fraillon, Zana	Hachette Australia	2020	9780734419934	7-9	Twig is all alone after his dad goes missing. But when he meets Flea, a cheerful pickpocket, the pair become fast friends. Together, Twig and Flea raise themselves on the crime-ridden streets, taking what they need and giving the rest to the even-poorer. Life is good, as long as they have each other. But then Twig wakes up in the Afterlife. With just a handful of vague memories, a key, a raven, and a mysterious atlas to guide him, he tries to piece together what happened, and to find his way home . . .
36671	Lost stars, The Cumming, Hannah	Child's Play International Ltd	2011	9781846434167	K-2	The world is busy, bright and full of noise, powered by electricity. The stars are fed up and decide to take a holiday. No-one notices until the power fails and the search is on to find the missing stars.
650044	Lost stone of Sky City, The Waugh, HM	Fremantle Press	2019	9781925815948	5-6	Sunaya's peaceful village life is turned upside down when a simple mountain mission turns into a death-defying quest for survival. Winter treks to summer pastures, mythical Ice-People that are scarily real, avalanches, ice falls, power plays, mysterious magic and surprising friendships - it seems not everything in life is set in stone ...
2557	Lost thing, The Tan, Shaun	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2001	9780734403889	7-9	An allegory of responsibility, conformity and courageous social isolation told with humour.
8449	Lost treasure, The Stradling, Jan & Allen, Cassandra (ill)	Walker Books	2010	9781921529085	3-4	Pirate Ruby and Pirate Hamish are searching for a pirate stranded on an island, but they both have different reasons to find Pirate Jack.

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871634	Lost whale, The Gold, Hannah & Pinfold, Levi (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2022	9780008412944	5-6	Though Rio is still a boy, he has been caring for his mother for as long as he can remember. When she has to go to the hospital for an extended period, Rio must go to stay with a grandmother he has never met in a small seaside town far away from home. Here he makes an unexpected connection to his mother and a new community when he finds a remarkable drawing of a grey whale in his mother's old bedroom.
	Lost world circus series D'Ath, Justin				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.
1019827	Lost year, The Marsh, Katherine	Roaring Book Press	2023	9781250313607	7-9	Thirteen-year-old Matthew is miserable. His journalist dad is stuck overseas and his mom has moved in his one-hundred-year-old great-grandmother to ride out the Covid pandemic. But when Matthew finds a tattered black-and-white photo in his great-grandmother's belongings, he discovers a clue to a hidden chapter of her past - one that will lead to a life-shattering family secret. Set in alternating times that connect the present day to the 1930s and the US to the USSR and the Holodomor - the horrific famine that killed millions of Ukrainians, which the Soviet government covered up for decades.
1638	Lots Martin, Marc	Viking Children's	2016	9780670078943	5-6	Come on a guided tour around the world and discover the many things that make each place unique. Sleepy sloths, colourful cows, prolific pastries, staggering skylines and teeming traffic; you'll be surprised what you find along the way. There' so much to discover, experience and learn from our planet.
903330	Lots of things to know about space Cowan, laura & Gonzalez, Alyssa (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2022	9781474997263	3-4	With expert advice from the UK Space Agency, and astronomer Nick Howes, this book is a great starting point to begin your journey to the stars. You'll be amazed by what's out there ...
995890	Lots of things to know about weather Bone, Emily & Gaigalova, Katia (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781803701349	K-2	Lots of things to know about weather. Discover incredible facts about weather events all over the world. Use the book title to see links online of weather videos and experiments.

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6805	Lottery boy Byrne, Michael	Walker Books	2015	9781406358292	5-6	Since his mother's death, Bully has lost his old life. Living rough in London with his dog, Bully can't imagine his future. But, one day, Bully finds a winning lottery ticket in the last birthday card his Mum ever gave him. It suddenly offers such hope. If only he can get to his prize on time. But, life is not that simple. Bully's struggle to survive just got a whole lot harder. They're after him on the streets, everyone wants a piece of him.
3851	Lotterys plus one, The Donoghue, Emma	MacMillan	2017	9781509803194	5-6	Meet the Lotterys: a unique and diverse family featuring four parents, seven kids and five pets all living happily together in their big old house, Camelottery. Nine-year-old Sumac is the organizer of the family and is looking forward to a long summer of fun. But when their grumpy and intolerant grandad comes to stay, everything is turned upside down.
	Lottie Luna series Various				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.
	Lottie Perkins series Nannestad, Katrina & Koji, Makoto (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.
2702	Lottie project, The Wilson, Jacqueline & Sharratt, Nick (ill)	Corgi Books	2008	9780440868538	5-6	Miss Beckworth insists on calling her by her proper name, Charlotte, and makes her sit next to Jamie Edwards, the most stuck-up, boring boy in the class. Now they have to do a project on Victorian times. Charlie learns a lot about friendship, teachers and how lucky she is not to be living in Victorian times.
660050	Louie and Snippy save the sea Dinnigan, Collette & Cowan, Grant (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2019	9780648529101	3-4	Louie and his trusty companion, Snippy the dog, dive into the ocean and are surrounded by brilliant coral reefs. But they soon discover that human rubbish - bottles, plastic straws and plastic bags - have trapped fish and other creatures. What will Louie be inspired to do?

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13876	Louie the pirate chef Mitchell, Simon & Wood, Ben (ill)	Working Title Press	2011	9781921504235	K-2	Louie would rather be a chef than a pirate. When Captain Blackheart and his crew are busy raiding another pirate ship, Louie can only think about herb-crumbed fish fillets and lemon jelly cheesecake. No one is very impressed with Louie, until they find themselves deserted on an island with plenty of treasure but no food.
17531	Louis beside himself Fienberg, Anna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781742379944	5-6	When a burglar jumps through the kitchen window one night, Louis knows he should get him in a wrestling-hold while he has the advantage, but his heart is hammering and his legs feel like wobbly air. Louis Beside Himself is a hilarious and companionable story about losing your words, finding your courage and arm-wrestling your way out of big trouble.
601799	Louis undercover: graphic novel Britt, Fanny & Arsenault, Isabelle (ill)	Walker Books	2019	9781406378429	9plus	Louis, is a young boy who shuttles between his mum's home in the city and his dad's house in the country, with his little brother, Truffle who loves to sing James Brown songs. While coming to terms with the sadness and complexities of his divorced parents' relationship, Louis - with the help of his best friend, Boris - is also trying to summon up the courage to speak to his true love, Billie. A thoughtful and stunning graphic novel. Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 and above.
23902	Louisa May Pickett's best show and tell ever Clement, Rod	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2008	9780207200281	3-4	Louisa May Picket has only one talent, and that's for Show and Tell. But, at her new school, she can't take a trick in spite of her highly imaginative presentations. In the end, Louisa May presents just herself, with amazing results.
18558	Louisa May Pickett: the most boring person in class Clement, Rod	HarperCollins Australia	2005	9780207200298	3-4	At her old school, Louisa May Pickett was voted 'The Most Interesting Person' three years in a row for her show and tell objects. But, at her new school, the kids have some very interesting items of their own to show.

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687906	Louisiana's way home DiCamillo, Kate	Walker Books	2018	9781406387544	5-6	When Louisiana Elefante's granny wakes her up in the middle of the night to tell her that the day of reckoning has arrived and they have to leave home immediately, Louisiana isn't overly worried. After all, Granny has many middle-of-the-night ideas. But this time, things are different. This time, Granny intends for them never to return. Separated from her best friends, Raymie and Beverly, Louisiana struggles to oppose the winds of fate (and Granny) and find a way home. But as Louisiana's life becomes entwined with the lives of the people of a small Georgia town - including a surly motel owner, a walrus-like minister, and a mysterious boy with a crow on his shoulder - she starts to worry that she is destined only for good-byes. (Which could be due to the curse on Louisiana's and Granny's heads. But that is a story for another time.)
681154	Love & Gelato Welch, Jenna Evans	Walker Books	2017	9781406372328	7-9	The dying wish of 16-year-old Lina's mother was for her daughter to live in Tuscany and get to know her father Howard, whom Lina has never met. Why did her mother wait so long to tell her about him? Waiting for her at Howard's home is a journal kept by her mother while she was a photography student in Florence. With the help of her mother's journal and her neighbour Ren, Lina uncovers a magical world full of secret romances, art and hidden bakeries. But she also learning more about her mother than ever before, following in her footsteps, and finding out the truth about her father. But mostly she finds out about herself.
903282	Love & other natural disasters Sugiura, Misa	HarperCollins US	2023	9780062991249	9plus	Nozomi has it all planned out--a summer in San Francisco, the perfect internship and fake dating the girl of her dreams. All she has to do now is turn the fauxmance with the perfect girl into something real. But when it comes to love, there's no such thing as the perfect plan.... Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
669478	Love Frankie WIlson, Jacqueline	Doubleday	2020	9780857535900	7-9	Everyone expects that Frankie and her childhood friend, Sam, will become boyfriend and girlfriend, Even Sam seems to think this. Frankie is surrounded by loving family and friends, but it is Sally who fascinates Frankie and takes up all her time. Sally seems to like being adored, but is she actualy interested in Frankie's affections?

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21450	Love from Grandma Tanner, Jane	Viking Children's	2010	9780670074099	K-2	When Emily and her family move, she has to leave her beloved grandma behind. Grandma gives her a strawberry plant to remind her of the fun they have together in the garden. While she waits for Grandma to visit, the strawberry plant grows and starts to flower and then fruit, until Grandma finally arrives, bringing the best present of all.
774234	Love in English Andrew, Maria E	Balzer & Bray	2021	9780063083080	9plus	Sixteen-year-old Ana is a poet and a lover of language. Except that since she moved to New Jersey from Argentina, she can barely find the words to express how she feels. At first Ana just wants to return home. Then she meets Harrison, the very cute, very American boy in her math class, and discovers the universal language of racing hearts. But when she begins to spend time with Neo, the Greek Cypriot boy from ESL, Ana wonders how figuring out what her heart wants can be even more confusing than the grammar they're both trying to master. After all, the rules of English may be confounding, but there are no rules when it comes to love. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1424108	Love is bigger than the sky, My Pignataro, Anna	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761528620	K-2	In the brambly forest Oli asked, 'Mummy, how much do you love me?' 'More than the whole world and everything in it,' said Mummy. From best-selling author and illustrator, Anna Pignataro, comes a tender-hearted story about infinite love.
820988	Love is for losers Brueggemann, Wibke	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	2020	9780374313975	9plus	Fifteen-year-old Phoebe thinks falling in love is vile and degrading, and vows never to do it. Then, due to circumstances not entirely in her control, she finds herself volunteering at a local thrift shop. There she meets Emma . . . who might unwittingly upend her whole theory on life. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
239	Love me, love me not Gleeson, Libby	Penguin	1995	9780140368208	7-9	This is a collection of short stories about the ups and downs of adolescence.

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1493204	Love requires chocolate Stringfield, Ravynn	Red Fox	2024	9780593571545	7-9	Whitney Curry is primed to have an epic semester abroad. She's created the perfect itinerary and many, many to-do lists after collecting every detail possible about Paris, France. Thus, she anticipates a grand adventure filled with vintage boutiques, her idol Josephine Baker's old stomping grounds, and endless plays sure to inspire the ones she writes and-ahem-directs! But all is not as she imagined when she's dropped off at her prestigious new Parisian lycée. A fish out of water, Whitney struggles to juggle schoolwork, homesickness, and mastering the French language. Luckily, she lives for the drama. Literally. Cue French tutor Thierry Magnon, a grumpy yet très handsome soccer star, who's determined to show Whitney the real Paris. Is this type-A theater nerd ready to see how lessons on the City of Lights can turn into lessons on love?
567938	Love scene, take two Evansley, Alex	Swoon Reads	2018	9781250135704	7-9	Teddy Sharpe is Hollywood famous. But he's just been dumped by his girlfriend and is stuck in an airport far from home. He accepts an invitation from Bennett Caldwell to stay at her house. Teddy has just auditioned for the movie adaptation of Bennett's book and is hoping to get the lead role. What he didn't expect was the fall in love with Bennet and her family. If only the internet would stay out of their relationship, things might go smoothly for the two of them.
13144	Love that dog Creech, Sharon	Bloomsbury	2001	9780747556169	5-6	Narrative poem about an endearingly unassuming, straight-talking boy who discovers the powers and pleasures of the poems studied at school with his teacher, Ms Stretchberry. He creates a poem about his new dog and writes to one of the poets.
855817	Love that grew, The Ayoub, Sarah & Purnell, Mimi (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9781460761113	3-4	A mum warmly tells her children how her heart expands with each new child to her growing family and how her loves swells and overflows for each of them, always.

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5880	Love that I have, The Moloney, James	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9781460754634	7-9	Margot Baumann has left school to take up her sister's job in the mailroom of a large prison. But this is Germany in 1944, and the prison is Sachsenhausen concentration camp near Berlin. Margot is shielded from the camp's brutality as she has no contact with prisoners. But she does handle their mail and, when given a cigarette lighter and told to burn the letters, she is horrified by the callous act that she must carry out with her own hands. This is especially painful since her brother was taken prisoner at Stalingrad and her family have had no letters from him. So Margot steals a few letters, intending to send them in secret, only to find herself drawn to their heartrending words of hope, of despair, and of love. This is how Margot comes to know Dieter Kleinschmidt - through the beauty and the passion of his letters to his girlfriend. And since his girlfriend is also named Margot, it is like reading love letters written for her.
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.
37085	Love, Aubrey LaFleur, Suzanne	Penguin Books Australia	2009	9780141327129	9plus	After her father and younger sister die in a car accident, Aubrey's mother can't cope and abandons her. Aubrey goes to live with her grandmother in Vermont and finds solace in gran's love. When her mother reappears, Aubrey must decide whether to return home or stay. Highly emotive, requiring a mature reader. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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15603	Love, Simon/ Simon vs the homosapiens agenda Albertalli, Becky	Penguin	2018	9780241330135	7-9	16year-old and not-so-openly gay Simon Spier prefers to save his drama for the school musical. But when an email falls into the wrong hands, his secret is at risk of being thrust into the spotlight. Now Simon is actually being blackmailed: if he doesn't play wingman for class clown Martin, his sexual identity will become everyone's business. Worse, the privacy of Blue, the pen name of the boy he's been emailing, will be compromised. With some messy dynamics emerging in his once tight-knit group of friends, and his email correspondence with Blue growing more flirtatious every day, Simon's junior year has suddenly gotten all kinds of complicated. Now, change-averse Simon has to find a way to step out of his comfort zone before he's pushed out - without alienating his friends, compromising himself, or fumbling a shot at happiness with the most confusing, adorable guy he's never met. Also published under the title "Simon vs the homosapiens agenda".
22783	Love, Splat Scotton, Rob	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2008	9780060831578	K-2	It's Valentines Day. Splat has a crush on Kitten but, whenever they meet, she pulls his ears, ties his tail and calls him smelly. His classmate, Spike, who has his own crush on Kitten, does his best to convince Splat that Kitten doesn't return his affections. Fortunately, Kitten knows that, when it comes to Valentine's Day cards, bigger isn't always better.
23781	Loveability: An empowered girls guide to dating and relationships Miller, Dannielle & Funnell, Nina	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2014	9780732296469	7-9	Not into you? Too into you? What happens when feelings aren't mutual? When to stay and when to go? Can't handle the heartbreak? Or maybe just sick of being single? In this guide, Dannielle Miller and Nina Funnell will help you navigate your way through the often complex world of relationships. Their combination of professional expertise and personal stories delivers a book that is like the best chat you could ever have with your friends, filled with good advice that is smart, but also warm, funny and never judgemental. And determine your love-ability with the help of quizzes, Q&As, compatibility tests and true love checklist.

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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.
6581	Lovely beasts: the surprising truth Gardner, Kate & Smith, Heidi (ill)	HarperCollins US	2018	9780062741615	3-4	Spiders are creepy. Porcupines are scary. Bats are ugly. Or are they...? This captivating book invites you to learn more about awe-inspiring animals in the wild. After all, it's best not to judge a beast until you understand its full, lovely life.
4643	Lovely old lion Jarman, Julia & Varley, Susan (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2015	9781467793100	K-2	Lenny the lion loves his grandpa, King Lion. But, when King Lion starts to forget things, Lenny begins to worry. He can't understand why grandpa keeps getting muddled and doesn't want to play any more. Lenny doesn't know what to do but, with a little help from grandpa's old friends, perhaps he can find a way to help him remember.
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.
7342	Loving Richard Feynman Tangey, Penny	University of Queensland Press	2009	9780702237256	9plus	Richard Feynman was a Nobel Prize-winning physicist. Catherine is a science-loving, fifteen year old, just trying to survive school. When Catherine's father gives her a photo of the gifted scientist, she develops a crush on him. Eventually, Catherine has to deal with betrayal by both her father and her idol. Some teenage drinking and strong language, used in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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2304	Loyal creatures Gleitzman, Morris	Penguin	2014	9780670077427	7-9	They were loyal creatures, the men and horses of the Australian Light Horse. But war doesn't always pay heed to loyalty. This is the powerful story of a young man's journey towards his own kind of bravery.
37856	Lu-Lu's wish Zurbo, Matt	Lothian Books	2008	9780734410177	K-2	This is the story of Lu-Lu who wants to do something specially creative in the world. But, no matter how hard she tries, she seems to find that being special is not for her. She finds an ordinary stone in the creek which becomes very special and it turns into a love heart which she wears with pride.
835	Lucas and Jack Royce, Ellie & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	Working Title Press	2014	9781921504662	K-2	Every week Lucas' mum visits Great Grandpop at the nursing home. And every week Lucas waits for her outside. Waiting is boring, until Lucas meets Jack.
574300	Lucia and Lawrence Francis, Joanna	New Frontier Publishing	2018	9781925594157	K-2	Lucia is creative. Lawrence loves numbers. Can they find the middle ground and stay friends?
32359	Luck of the buttons, The Ylvisaker, Anne	Candlewick Press	2011	9780763650667	5-6	Twelve year old Tugs Button lives in a small town in USA in 1929. Her eccentric family hasn't known much luck over the years and Tugs vows to turn that around, When she befriends popular Aggie Millhouse, wins a new camera and stumbles into a mystery only she can solve, things begin to change. It just may be that being a Button is precisely what one funny, spirited, and observant young heroine decides to make of it.
6793	Lucky and Spike MacDonald, Norma	Magabala Books	2019	9781921248177	K-2	Spinifex hopping mice, Lucky and Spike, dodge a greedy cat and a hungry owl in this risky night-time adventure!
5106	Lucky Button Morpurgo, Michael & Foreman, Michael (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781406371680	5-6	Jonah is so busy caring for his mother that he has no time to make friends. When life seems most bleak, the discovery of a lucky button connects him to Nathaniel, a foundling boy from the eighteenth century. Nathaniel's story and his button just might be the lucky token Jonah needs.
9523	Lucky lad Leeson, Robert	Walker Books	1999	9780744569070	3-4	Lad is the hero of a hundred tales from many countries rolled into one. He is determined, quick-witted and brave, as well as lucky. His adventures are exciting and magical, and sometimes very funny.
995922	Lucky shack, The Baldovino, Apsara & Falkner, Jennifer (ill)	Working Title Press	2023	9781922033154	K-2	A seaside shack surrounded by natural beauty is lovingly cared for by a fisherman, until one day everything changes. Unveiling a timeless message of hope, The Lucky Shack is a heartfelt and uplifting journey through the seasons and the cycle of life.

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4455	Lucky Thamu Kickett-Tucker, Cheryl & Tucker, Jaylon & Gibbs, Tracey (ill)	Fremantle Press	2015	9781925161304	5-6	These school holidays, Eli is going by himself to visit his much-loved Thamu (grandfather), who lives near the goldfields. They're going camping and prospecting, and Eli will listen to Thamu's stories and learn about country. But, when they camp to speck for gold, Eli seems more interested in chasing a white rabbit.
43473	Lucy Cecil, Randy	Candlewick Press	2016	9780763668082	3-4	Lucy is a small dog without a home. She had one once, but she remembers it only in her dreams. Eleanor is a little girl who looks forward to feeding the stray dog that appears faithfully beneath her window each day. Eleanor's father is a juggler with stage fright. The overlapping stories of three delightful characters, offering a slightly different perspective each time, come together in a truly original, book for dog (and underdog) lovers of all ages.
23490	Lucy and the dragonfly Papinaeu, Lucie & Hamel, Caroline (ill)	Auzou US Publishing	2018	9782733856208	K-2	Lucy is a little girl who has a close relationship with nature. She loves to play in the fields of flowers. And when she sings, the brook by her house sings with her. But when fall comes, and the leaves are covered with dark spots instead of bright colours, Lucy knows that something is wrong. Will her friend, the dragonfly, be able to help?
3049	Lucy Goosey Wild, Margaret & James, Ann (ill)	Little Hare Books	2007	9781921049873	K-2	It's time for young Lucy Goosey's flock to migrate but she is reluctant to commit to the dangerous journey into the unknown. Lucy hides and then assumes she has been abandoned by her mother. But, Mother has stayed behind and she and Lucy make a pact to always be there for each other.
240	Lucy in the leap year Wheatley, Nadia & Searle, Ken (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1994	9781862912458	5-6	Lucy's whole world is her home and her father and their life together.
29475	Lucy the good Musgrove, Marianne & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9781741662955	5-6	Lucy van Loon knows she's a good girl. She wonders why she's always sitting on the Time Out chair. After all, she had a good reason for tipping Jacinta's pencils all over the floor and for shrieking when her grumpy aunt called her a greedy liar. Her aunt has brought something from Holland that Lucy wishes she'd never seen. Now, she has to figure out how to avoid it, and fast. It's time to prove she really is Lucy the Good.
32726	Lucy the lie detector Musgrove, Marianne & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2010	9781741664553	5-6	Lucy is off on her adventures again, with friends, enemies and lots of accidents and Funniest Home Video moments.

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46537	Lucy Zeezou's glamour game Deep-Jones, Liz	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2010	9781864719734	7-9	Not all is froth and bubble in Lucy's celebrity world. Her parents are on the verge of breaking up over some earth-shattering rumours and Lucy must come to terms with their fallibility and her own. Lucy juggles the cat walk, the soccer pitch, the high life and the good life as she learns the value of relationships.
49022	Lucy Zeezou's goal Deep-Jones, Liz	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9781741662771	7-9	Lucy appears to have everything, looks, brains, her parents are an international sports star and owners of a successful fashion label. All they want is for her to be a top fashion model, even more successful than her mother. But Lucy has the soccer gene and all she wants is to be as successful as her father who plays for Milan.
3056	Lucy's book Prior, Natalie Jane & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	Lothian Books	2017	9780734416599	K-2	Lucy loves to read, but there is one special book that she borrows from the library over and over again. The book is shared with her friends, dropped in the ocean, flown to China and even made into a banana sandwich. When her favourite book goes missing, Lucy, her friends and family go on a mission to find her a copy.
31235	Lucy's cat and the rainbow birds Hill, Anthony & Tanner, Jane (ill)	Penguin	2007	9780670029167	3-4	Like many of us, Lucy has a problem keeping a domestic pet while protecting wildlife. She works hard to find a solution that works in her situation. I wonder if Lucy should do more to protect the beautiful rainbow birds.
5307	Lucy's dawn Blair, Juliet	National Library of Australia	2018	9780642279170	7-9	Fourteen-year-old Lucy cannot believe her luck when she starts working in Louisa Lawson's female printery. But it is the 1880s and male printers everywhere think this type of work should be left to the men. When the union too decides to make life difficult for Lucy and her printer friends, Lucy knows she has many battles ahead. Along the way she will realise who her real friends are, and find first love.
1424086	Ludicrous legends: Myths with a twist Temple, Jol & Conley, David	HarperCollins Children's Books	2026	9781460767719	3-4	Hector and his best friend, a centaur named Hylo, are about to be tested on Greek mythology by their teacher Mr Socrates. Join them as they come to grips with the mighty Minotaur, the famous Trojan Horse/Cow, and the terrifying Medusa whose snake-hair is definitely not keen on a haircut.

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42441	Lugalbanda: the boy who got caught up in a war Williams, Marcia	Walker Books	2007	9781406305340	3-4	The land we now call Iraq is older than the Bible, the Koran or the Torah, and before the time of Roman and Greek myths and legends. Lugalbanda is on his way to war with his older brothers when he becomes separated. He meets the goddess, Inana, and the magical Anzu bird that give him special powers. He uses his new powers to help resolve the war peacefully and become a great ruler.
587125	Luis and Tabitha Campisi, Stephanie & Mengert, Hollie (ill)	Familius	2018	9781641700405	K-2	Luis is an alley cat who has everything figured out, until he meets Tabitha, a beautiful indoor cat. Separated by a tragic glass door, Luis will do anything to be with Tabitha-even brave the dangers of a fire.
15032	Luke and Lulu Dawe, Bruce & Stewart, Chantal (ill)	Penguin	2004	9780143301417	3-4	A new pet dog creates problems for Luke. He has to take her to puppy school but she's still not ready to behave.
2722	Luke's way of looking Wheatley, Nadia & Ottley, Matt	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780733614378	5-6	All the boys in Luke's art class see things the same way, except for Luke. When Luke visits an art gallery, he sees some amazing paintings and, whoever created them, sees things just the way Luke does. Luke feels as though he fits in.
131044	Lulie the Iceberg Takamado HIH Princess & Aska, Warabe (Ill)	Kodansha International	1998	9781568362724	3-4	Lulie, a young iceberg, eagerly awaits his turn to break off from the Greenland Ice Sheet and experience the world. One day, he gets his wish and heads off on a wonderful adventure, showcasing respect for the environment and caring for others.
20286	Lullaby Beckett, Bernard	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781922182753	9plus	Following an accident, Rene's twin brother, Theo, lies unconscious, with massively disrupted brain function. An experimental procedure, risky, scientifically exciting and ethically questionable, could allow Theo to gain a new life. Only Rene can give the required consent. But, first, there is the question of Rene's capacity to make the decision and this is where the real story begins. Challenging read, usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
641375	Lulu Donaghey, Georgie & Finn, Ann-Marie (ill)	Wombat Books	2017	9781925563078	K-2	Lulu's life was quite cosy and nice, with mountain of fish and even more ice. But something was missing, something wasn't quite right. She dreamed of the stage, she yearned for the lights.

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30843	Lulu and the brontosaurus Viorst, Judith & Smith, Lane (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2010	9780857071477	3-4	Lulu is used to getting exactly what she wants, every time. And, if she doesn't, Lulu screeches and screeches until her parents give in to her. However, Lulu's request for a pet brontosaurus for her birthday is beyond their means, and Lulu's desires are thwarted. When thirteen days of screeching fail to bring about the desired dinosaur, Lulu packs a suitcase and goes to find one herself.
	Lulu Baker trilogy series Dunbar, Fiona				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.
	Lulu Bell series Murrell, Belinda & Geddes, Serena (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.
9427	Lulubelle and her bones Farrer, Vashti	Scholastic Australia	2003	9781865045795	3-4	Lulubelle doesn't even know she's a dog. Then she meets Bones, rescues him from a life of slavery and together they run away to London. Life on the road isn't easy but Lulubelle and Bones find friends in the strangest places.

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985948	Luminaries, The Dennard, Susan	Pan MacMillan	2022	9781250194046	9plus	Ever since her father was exposed as a witch and a traitor, Winnie and her family have been shunned. But on her sixteenth birthday, she can take the deadly Luminary hunter trials and prove herself true and loyal -- and restore her family's good name. Or die trying. But in order to survive, Winnie enlists the help of the one person who can help her train: Jay Friday, resident bad boy and Winnie's ex-best friend. While Jay might be the most promising new hunter in Hemlock Falls, he also seems to know more about the nightmares of the forest than he should. Together, he and Winnie will discover a danger lurking in the forest no one in Hemlock Falls is prepared for. Not all monsters can be slain, and not all nightmares are confined to the dark. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1504826	Luna Grace: Girl from outer space Sykes, Julie & Jones, Emily	Piccadilly Press	2025	9781835870297	3-4	Meet Luna Grace, the girl from outer space. Luna Grace and her family have come to Earth from Planet Starbright to study wildlife. But life on Earth is not quite what they were expecting. Luna is determined to fit in, but things get cosmically out of control on her first day at Earth school... With the help of her mischievous moon cat, Twizzle, can Luna find a way to be herself?
754441	Luna Roo the kangaroo baller Jackson, Adam & Lloyd, Adrian & Minton, Jake A (ill)	Little Book Press	2025	9781923141315	5-6	Rookie captain, Luna Roo, leaves nothing on the pitch as she leads DC Outback in a thrilling face-off against Bush United. Cheer for Luna Roo as she finds her inner strength on the field in this gripping underdog story! The official story chosen for ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime 2026, to be celebrated all across Australia and New Zealand! This book is on the 5-6 booklist for 2026 only, which allows all students to add it as a PRC title. It will return to the K-2 booklist in 2027.

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1273929	Luna's world: Library dreams Gannon, Hayley & Conn, Michelle (ill)	Affirm Press	2025	9781922992765	5-6	Hi, I'm Luna! This diary you're reading? My mum's idea. She said it will help me to focus. You see, my mind is always racing with a million thoughts! I have so much I want to say and do! So, I'm going to use this diary to show you everything that's going on in my world ... Luna Merrian is a ten-year-old with big dreams. This year, Luna is desperate to become a library monitor. AKA a Little Librarian! The only problem? Her school enemy: Jade Jones. There can only be one Little Librarian from their class, and Luna has three chances to prove that she's the best person for the job. But the contest between Luna and Jade reveals parts of Luna that she's not proud of ... Will Luna ever achieve her library dream?
	Lunar Chronicles series Meyer, Marissa				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.
836019	Lunch at 10 Pomegranate Street: A Collection of Recipes to Share Sala, Felicita	Scribble Press	2019	9781925849059	3-4	'In each apartment, someone is preparing a special dish to share with their neighbours, Mr Singh is making coconut dahl with his daughter while Maria mashes some avocados for her guacamole, Will everything be ready on time? This book is filled with recipes from all over the world with simple instructions perfect for young chefs.
113164	Lurkers, The Butler, Charles	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2006	9780746070659	7-9	A disturbing tale of strange and dangerous beings beyond the physical world. When fourteen year old Verity sees a weird, semi-visible figure, her brother tells her it is a harmless Lurker. But Lurkers feed on human imagination and this one is using her brother to become more solid and independent. Verity must fight to save her brother's mind.
15148	Luurnpa: the magical kingfisher Napangarti, Bai Bai & Nicholls, Christine (ed)	Working Title Press	2003	9781876288242	K-2	A dreamtime narrative belonging to the Kukatja people of how Luurnpa rescues people from a drought and takes them to the country they now call home. Includes background notes and a map of the region.
241	Lyddie Paterson, Katherine	Puffin USA	1995	9780140373899	7-9	Lyddie is a survivor of hard times in a nineteenth century American cotton mill.

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45692	Lying carpet, The Lucas, David	Andersen Press Ltd	2008	9781842704417	5-6	In an unused living room in a large house, there is a tiger rug on the floor, a statue of a little girl on the window sill and an armchair. The tiger cannot see anything except the skirting board and the chair can only look at the opposite wall. When the statue comes to life, the conversation that ensues is highly individual.
916551	Lyle, Lyle, crocodile: The junior novelization Warber, Bernard & Hapka, Catherine	Clarion Books	2022	9780358755432	5-6	When shy twelve-year-old Josh Primm finds a singing crocodile in the attic of his new home in New York City, he never expects to find moonlight adventures, friendship and so much fun! But not everyone in the neighborhood takes kindly to Lyle the crocodile, and Josh has to find his inner courage and show everyone that Lyle is extraordinary. Josh and his parents must fight to keep Lyle as part of their family.
20235	Lyli meets the stone-muncher Eimann, Celine	IP (Interactive Publications Pty Ltd)	2011	9781921479991	3-4	Lyli lives in the distant planet of Motika, in a city surrounded by great crystal mountains. One day, her mother tells her about a great green stone-muncher who ate a path through the mountains. Lyli is curious and knows she should be afraid, but she sets out with her cat, Tyki, in search of the stone-muncher.
58758	Lyrebird Kerin, Jackie & Gouldthorpe, Peter (ill)	Museums Victoria	2012	9781921833045	3-4	When Edith met a cheeky young lyrebird on her garden path, she could not guess that he would one day be known as 'A Miracle of the Dandenongs'. Soon, James the lyrebird was singing and dancing for Edith, mimicking the birdsongs and other sounds that echoed through the bush. Word of their friendship spread and people travelled from near and far to film and record James. But with people came change.
39914	M is for mates: animals in wartime from Ajax to Zep Department of Veterans' Affairs & Australian War Memorial	Dept of Veterans' Affairs & Australian War Memorial	2009	9781877007392	5-6	Without the service of animals, many more Australians would have lost their lives during wartime. This intriguing book presents information about food, equipment, battle environments, war propaganda, uniforms, symbols and transport. Filled with authentic photos, wartime anecdotes and strange but true facts.

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31810	M is for mutiny: History by alphabet Dickson, John & Emmerichs, Bern (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2017	9780994384119	5-6	A taste of the intriguing history of Australia and the many entry points for readers to explore further. In the late 18th century, ragtag groups of Europeans started to arrive in Australia. Most were convicts, some were soldiers, a few had just run out of choices. They blundered onto an ancient land that had been peopled for 60,000 years. They wanted to make it just like home. They cleared the land, they fenced it, they paved it, and they put buildings on it. All the while, the country's first peoples watched on, bewildered by these clumsy immigrants and their mysterious ways. Why did Sir Joseph Banks hate bananas? Did anyone like William Bligh? Who's afraid of Pemulwuy?
1188	Mabel and me Sperring, Mark & Warburton, Sarah (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2013	9780007468362	3-4	Mabel and Me discover what makes them the best of friends after a walk together and encounters with a ballerina and a French photographer.
9554	Mabel dancing Hest, Amy	Walker Books	2001	9780744578898	3-4	Mabel is put to bed before the dancing party that her parents are having, but the music creeps up the stairs and before long Mabel is dancing too.
7699	Mac Slater cool hunter: I love NY Bancks, Tristan	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741663006	7-9	Mac has become a coolhunter for a popular webspace and won an all-expenses-paid trip to New York. His job is to find the Next Big Thing or be sent home. Mac gets taken to The Hive, where innovative kids are creating things way more cutting edge than anything you can buy. And, they're about to test an invention that could change the world. Mac has found the coolest thing in NYC but he's not allowed to tell a soul.
36937	Mac Slater cool hunter: rules of cool Bancks, Tristan	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9781741662993	7-9	Mac's just crashed the latest prototype of his flying bike in front of the whole school. So, when the creators of Coolhunters tell him he's an Innovator, Mac thinks they're crazy. He lives in an old bus and doesn't have a TV, let alone a mobile. But, Tony and Speed suggest he compete to become the Australian coolhunter. But, hunting cool isn't easy and Mac's opponent will do just about anything to get the gig.
18704	Macbeth and son French, Jackie	HarperCollins Australia	2006	9780207200342	7-9	Luke lives in Australia with his mother and stepfather, Sam. Lulach lives in 9th century Scotland with his mother and stepfather, Macbeth. Knowing Macbeth to be a peaceful king, Luke wonders why Shakespeare made him a villain.

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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.
53216	Macbeth, you idiot Henderson, Don	Puffin Australia	2009	9780143304289	5-6	Andy Macbeth doesn't mean to be a terrible person but his three spooky aunts have predicted great things for him on the school soccer team. So, when the gorgeous Fifi L'Amour starts to take an interest in him and suggests an easy way to ridicule the coach and take his place, it just might all be too hard to resist.
23021	Macbeth: No fear Shakespeare graphic novels SparkNotes	Spark Publishing	2008	9781411498716	7-9	
	Macca the alpaca series Cosgrove, Matt				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.
242	Machine gunners, The Westall, Robert	Pan Macmillan London	2001	9780330397858	7-9	Chas finds a crashed German bomber plane with a machine gun intact. During 1941, he and his friends believe that they can help the war effort in England.
36089	Machino supremo Brian, Janeen & Carthew, Mark & Veeken, John (ill)	Celapene Press	2009	9780980699401	3-4	Machines clank, rattle, whine, whoosh, whiz, thump and grind. In these quirky poems, find your favourite machine and solve the puzzle with a clue in each illustration.
1138113	Mackenzie Arnold: Caught in the middle Black, Jess & McCaffery, Hannah (ill)	Penguin	2024	9781761346859	3-4	Mackenzie Arnold loves playing football with the Seaport Strikers. She's now the team's goalkeeper and is starting to like it. But when a classmate bets Macca that she can't keep a clean sheet against the Strikers' strongest competitors in the biggest game of the season, can she come through? A new friend and teammate from Argentina brings added skill to the team, but not everyone is happy. Can Macca bring the team together and stop the ball getting past her?

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1138109	Mackenzie Arnold: Finders keepers Black, Jess & McCaffery, Hannah (ill)	Penguin	2024	9781761346835	3-4	Mackenzie Arnold loves playing football with the Seaport Strikers. She also loves skating and hanging out with her friends. But when Macca is late for training one too many times, injures herself skating and has an unexpected run-in with a local resident, Coach questions her commitment to the team and benches her for a big game. When the strikers' goalie is too sick to play, Macca puts on the gloves and steps up. Will she be able to prove that football is something she's serious about?
26536	Mad about dinosaurs Andreae, Giles & Wojtawycz (ill)	Orchard Books	2004	9781408337103	K-2	Some of them have huge long necks And some have giant jaws, So come into the swampland And let's meet the dinosaurs!
6798	Mad magpie Dreise, Gregg	Magabala Books	2016	9781925360066	K-2	The cheeky butcher birds always tease Guluu and he's becoming a very mad magpie. When Guluu heeds the advice of his Elders and ignores the birds, they just laugh at him. But, Guluu tries again and, this time, he stands proudly at the riverbank and remembers how he used to sing when he was having a bad day. Winner Book of the Year Award Speech Pathology Australia 2018 (Indigenous Children Category)
660404	Madame Badobedah Dahl, Sophie & O'Hara, Lauren (ill)	Walker Books	2019	9781406384406	3-4	Mabel lives with her parents in The Mermaid Hotel, by the sea. Mabel likes to keep an eye on the comings and goings of all the guests. Then one day a particularly in-ter-est-ing old lady comes to stay. There is something very suspicious about her, with her growly voice and her heavy trunks and her beady-eyed tortoise. And why does no one know her REAL name? There can only be one answer, Mabel decides ... this guest is a SUPERVILLAIN. But even supervillains have a soft side, and as an unlikely friendship grows between the pair, their fantastical exploits take them well beyond the corridors of their seaside home.
243	Madame Doubtfire Fine, Anne	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	1996	9780140373554	7-9	An estranged father applies for the job of housekeeper to his children.
244	Maddie Caswell, Brian	University of Queensland Press	1995	9780702227356	7-9	Like Mike and Lisdalia, this book deals with the issues of adolescence with the added complication of living within two cultures. Maddie is a Vietnamese Australian.
9310	Maddie Finn Disher, Garry	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780733612237	7-9	Maddie and her mother are to be evicted from their home in the grounds of the Delamore's big house. Maddie and Delia Delamore take the dog for a walk. They enter an alley to find a gang of kidnappers waiting, with surprising results.

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633372	Maddie in the middle Lawrinson, Julia	Fremantle Press	2019	9781925815931	5-6	Maddie Lee is in year six. Her best and oldest friend Katy is busy with school duties and music and scholarship plans, and Maddie feels lost and lonely. Then a new girl starts at school. Maddie wants more than anything to become friends with her. And she does. But Samara's friendship comes at a high price, with consequences Maddie could never have imagined.
	Maddie Ziegler Presents series Ziegler, Maddie				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.
580939	Maddie's first day Matthews, Penny & Anelli, Liz (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781925381351	K-2	It is Maddie's first day of school and she has everything ready - her uniform, shoes, socks and hat. But there is one special thing that Maddie can't leave behind - her blanky!
53078	Maddigan's quest Mahy, Margaret	HarperCollins NZ	2006	9781869506025	5-6	Garland Maddigan, twelve year old daughter of Fantasia's ringmaster, has made this trip before. The journey has frightening new challenges when three mysterious children join the travellers and sinister strangers follow them.
9430	Maddy in the middle Bone, Ian	Scholastic Australia	2001	9781862914452	3-4	Maddy doesn't have a special place in her family. She's not the youngest, or the oldest, or the cutest. She's just quiet little Maddy, lost in the middle of her big, boisterous family. But, Silky the cat knows how special she is.
1094	Made on Earth Korn, Wolfgang	A & C Black	2012	9781408173916	5-6	Follow the journey of a red jacket around the world, from being made to going in the rubbish, from the cells of a prison, to a boat floating in the ocean, connecting many people.
41496	Madeline Finn and the library dog Papp, Lisa	Old Barn Books	2017	9781910646328	K-2	Madeline Finn does not like to read. Not books. Not magazines. Not even the menu on the ice cream van. Fortunately, Madeline Finn meets Bonnie, a library dog. Reading out to Bonnie isn't so bad. When Madeline Finn gets stuck, Bonnie doesn't mind. As it turns out, it's fun to read when you're not afraid of making mistakes. Bonnie teaches Madeline Finn that it's okay to go slow, to keep trying, and to get support from a friend.

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	Madeline 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.
17414	Madeline the mermaid Fienberg, Anna & James, Ann (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9781742372280	3-4	Madeline, a friendly and caring mermaid, risks her life to stop an outbreak of magical war in the ocean's depths.
15123	Madlenka Sis, Peter	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2000	9781865082936	K-2	Madlenka has exciting news to share with her friends and neighbours. Set in Paris, Madlenka travels the neighbourhood which is rich in cultural diversity.
6629	Magenta McPhee Bateson, Catherine	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741664089	5-6	Magenta is worried her about her dad. He hasn't moved on since the divorce. Magenta is trying to write her fantasy trilogy but, since she registered her father on an internet dating site, she has to spend time pretending to be him and replying to the emails he doesn't know he is receiving. Now, someone wants to meet him.
1423793	Maggie the dragon Armstrong, Tony & Beukers, Emma Sjaan (ill)	Lothian Books	2025	9780734422187	K-2	Maggie the Dragon's job is to guard the most FARAWAY edges of the kingdom. She's not afraid of any creatures, big or small, even the SCARY ones. The problem is, other creatures are sometimes scared of MAGGIE. When disaster is imminent, will Maggie be able to convince everyone that she is there to help and not to harm?
6168	Maggie's monsters Clayton, Coo & Soye, Alison (ill)	Black & White Publishing	2018	9781785301773	K-2	Maggie loves monsters, but she is bored of her toy monsters and would much prefer a real one to play with. Perhaps on her trip around Scotland she'll find one! Using her trusty binoculars, Maggie discovers an abundance of Scottish wildlife. A highland coo, a grey seal and even a golden eagle, but they are not the monster she's searching for. Eventually Maggie spots the perfect monsters to play with, but it's not quite what she expected!

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1016791	Magic awry Armstrong, Sarah	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2023	9781760508449	5-6	In this exciting sequel to Big Magic, Potts Travelling Circus is performing in Mullimba showgrounds when Tulsi notices her magic dip for a few seconds but the second time it happens she falls during a flying act. Mum tells her she is the Bringer and she must try to get to the Seat , the home of magic. Tulsi and her best friend Kit have 24 hours to fix magic. She has been practicing magic for 4 months and is 11 years old and faces the worst. Magic energy needs to be strong to travel between parallel universes and whoever is stripping the magic is very dangerous. Brave Tulsi loves her life in the circus and will endure great pain to save it and her friend.
7615	Magic beach Lester, Alison	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1992	9781741144888	K-2	On Magic Beach, children do all their favourite things, jumping waves, building sandcastles, beachcombing, exploring rock-pools and enjoying a fantasy world of white horses, dragons, pirates, sharks and smugglers.
6330	Magic bookshop, The Prior, Natalie Jane & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	ABC Books	2018	9780733338328	K-2	Anything can happen in the magic bookshop. On rainy afternoons, when it's too wet to play outside after school, Ben goes to his grandfather's bookshop. But with secret doors and passages, and tigers under the floorboards, there's much more going on than Ben could ever have imagined.
11997	Magic donkey ride, The Andreae, Giles & Cabban, Vanessa (ill)	Orchard Books	2002	9781841219240	K-2	Treacle is a donkey who lives on a farm and is close friends with Flinny. One night, Flinny discovers that Treacle is no ordinary donkey.
22563	Magic fair, The Morgan, Sally & Gibbs, Tracey (ill)	Fremantle Press	2010	9781921696121	5-6	The magic fair has a lot more than just fairy floss and fun rides, it has cakes that jump and pies that fly. Enter but beware. Kayla and her cousin, Phil, soon find out that not all the surprises are nice ones. When Phil is mean to Kayla, the fair takes matters into its own hands in a very unusual way.
9546	Magic faraway tree, The Blyton, Enid	Hinkler Books	2003	9781865159676	3-4	The cousins have many adventures in the strange lands at the top of the magic faraway tree, with all their unusual friends who live in the tree.
2741	Magic finger, The Dahl, Roald	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2001	9780141311296	3-4	When the girl next door gets really angry, she zaps people with her magic finger with alarming results. Her teacher grows whiskers and a tail and as for the Greggs. They'll never look at a duck in the same way again.
11464	Magic hat, The Fox, Mem & Tusa, Tricia (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2002	9781865044620	K-2	People take on the characteristics of animals, with the help of the magic hat. The story is told in the pictures as well as in the text.

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53371	Magic mirror, The Rippin, Sally	Lothian Books	2007	9780734408617	3-4	Jake sometimes gets scared so mum comes up with a play to help him. Mum's suggestion works for Jake and helps someone else with a problem, too.
9902	Magic misfits, The Harris, Neil Patrick	Little, Brown & Co	2018	9780316355575	5-6	When street magician Carter runs away, he never expects to find friends and magic in a sleepy New England town. But like any good trick, things change instantly as greedy B.B. Bosso and his crew of crooked carnies arrive to steal anything and everything they can get their sticky fingers on. After a fateful encounter with the local purveyor of illusion, Dante Vernon, Carter teams up with five other like-minded illusionists. Together, using both teamwork and magic, they'll set out to save the town of Mineral Wells from Bosso's villainous clutches. (Psst. Hey, you! Yes, you! Congratulations on reading this far. As a reward, I'll let you in on a little secret... This book isn't just a book. It's a treasure trove of secrets and ciphers and codes and even tricks. Keep your eyes peeled and you'll discover more than just a story--you'll learn how to make your own magic!)
618974	Magic Misfits, The: The second story Harris, Neil Patrick	Little, Brown & Co	2018	9781760501730	5-6	In this second book, the story is focused on Leila, a girl who lives with her two dads who adopted her, above a magic store. When her parents gave her up as a baby, they gave her a key. She loves her dads, but she really wants to solve the mystery surrounding the key. A mysterious visitor might just be the reason she gets the chance.
22453	Magic of reality, The Dawkins, Richard & McKean, Dave (ill)	Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group Inc	2011	9780593066126	9plus	Throughout history, people all over the world have invented stories to answer profound questions. These fantastical myths are fun but they don't really answer the questions. With its scientific method explanations of space, time, evolution and more, this book presents the real story of the world, and shows that its awe-inspiring beauty and thrilling magic far exceed those of the ancient myths. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
245	Magic pudding, The Lindsay, Norman	HarperCollins Australia	1995	9780207188640	5-6	A rude, steak-and-kidney-come-what-you-like pudding and his mates Bill Barnacle, Sam Sawnoff and Bunyip Bluegum battle the puddin' thieves in this Australian bush classic.

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	Magic school bus series, The Various				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.
1423786	Magic tree house - The graphic novel: The knight at dawn Osborne, Mary Pope, Laird, Jenny, Matthews, Kelly (ill) & Matthews, Nichole (ill)	Puffin UK	2024	9780241712023	3-4	Magic. Mystery. Time travel. KNIGHTS! When the Magic Tree House whisks Jack and Annie back to the Middle Ages, they go looking for a knight but instread find the Great Hall of a castle where a great feast is underway. But Jack and Annie aren't excatly welcome guests...
18333	Magic violin, The Kelleher, Victor & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Puffin Australia	2006	9780143301813	3-4	When Jimbo plays the violin, the noise is so terrible that the birds fly away and the people move away from the town. Eventually, the violin decides to take charge.
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.
1153333	Magicalia: Race of wonders Bell, Jennifer & Wyatt, David (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781529506143	5-6	FEEL THE MAGIC. CONJURE THE IMPOSSIBLE. When her dad is kidnapped by a woman with a giant hamstoceros, Bitsy and best friend Kosh are swept into a secret world of ancient meteorites and strange beasts called magicores, each conjured using a different emotion. Using a powerful bestiary called Magicalia, the friends must quickly become 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...
1425930	Magicalia: Storm of chaos Bell, Jennifer & Wyatt, David (ill)	Walker Books	2026	9781529522464	5-6	An incredible new invention can duplicate magicores! But when the device is sabotaged, rogue magicores escape across the globe. Bitsy and Kosh embark on a dangerous quest to hunt them down in an adventure that takes them from the Galapagos Islands to the rainforest of Borneo. With the help of their Magicalia handbook, the friends must confront their greatest fears or watch chaos destroy everything.

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9278	Magician Baillie, Allan	Penguin	1994	9780140361278	7-9	In a futuristic Tasmania, where our sun is dying, an alien appears who may be able to help.
18385	Magician's boy, The Cooper, Susan	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2005	9780340911105	3-4	The boy has to polish the wands and catch the rabbits pulled out of the magician's hat. His favourite job is working the puppets. When one goes missing, he is transported to a another land where he has an adventure with familiar characters.
	Magician's daughter series Walker, Justyn				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.
8150	Magician's elephant, The DiCamillo, Kate	Candlewick Press	2009	9780763644109	5-6	The boy, the lost sister, the retired officer, the childless couple, the displaced elephant, the patient nun, the compassionate policeman, the remorseful magician, the bent and broken stonemason and the socialite crippled when the conjured elephant fell through the theatre roof and landed on her legs, all come together in the snow in this meaningful, simply but poetically told story.
13720	Magisterium: The bronze key Black, Holly & Clare, Cassandra	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2016	9780552567701	7-9	Students at the Magisterium are supposed to be safe. Under the watchful eyes of the mages, they are taught to use magic to bring order to a chaotic world. But, now, the chaos is fighting back. After the shocking death of one of their classmates, Call, Tamara and Aaron must use the powerful magic they've been taught and risk their lives to track down the killer. But, magic is dangerous. In the wrong hands, it could bring terrible destruction and reveal the deadliest secret of all.
5915	Magisterium: The copper gauntlet Black, Holly & Clare, Cassandra	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9780552567718	7-9	Callum Hunt's summer break isn't typical, especially when he discovers that his dad might be trying to destroy both him and his companion, Havoc, a wolf. Call escapes to the magical world of the Magisterium but the Alkahest, a copper gauntlet capable of separating magicians from their magic, has been stolen. In their search, Call and his friends attract some dangerous foes and discover an even more dangerous truth.

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585776	Magisterium: The golden tower Black, Holly & Clare, Cassandra	Scholastic US	2018	9780552567756	7-9	Think you know magic? Think again. The final instalment of the epic series from bestselling authors Holly Black and Cassandra Clare. A generation ago, powerful mage Constantine Madden came close to achieving what no magician had ever achieved: the ability to bring back the dead. He didn't succeed . . . but he did find a way to keep himself alive, inside a young child named Callum Hunt. Facing up to what he is, Callum has battled chaos and evil across four years of magical training at the Magisterium, eventually defeating the armies of chaos in an epic battle. It came at a cost. Now, triumphant and heartbroken, Callum Hunt has just about had enough, and is ready to complete his training. But the evil Callum faced has not given up just yet . . .
2633	Magisterium: The iron trial Black, Holly & Clare, Cassandra	Doubleday	2014	9780857532503	7-9	Most people would do anything to get into the Magisterium and learn about the world of magic. But, not Callum. He's been told his whole life that he should never trust a magician, so he tries his best to do his worst - but fails at failing.
585771	Magisterium: The silver mask Black, Holly & Clare, Cassandra	Scholastic US	2017	9780545522380	7-9	A generation ago, Constantine Madden came close to achieving what no magician had ever achieved: the ability to bring back the dead. He didn't succeeed . . . but he did find a way to keep himself alive, inside a young child named Callum Hunt. Now Call is one of the most feared and reviled students in the history of the Magisterium, thought to be responsible for a devastating death and an ever-present threat of war. As a result, Call has been imprisoned and interrogated. Everyone wants to know what Constantine was up to -- and how he lives on. But Call has no idea. It is only when he's broken out of prison that the full potential of Constantine's plan is suddenly in his hands . . . and he must decide what to do with his power. In this spellbinding fourth book of the Magisterium, bestselling authors Holly Black and Cassandra Clare take us beyond the realm of the living, and into the dangers of the dead.
3450	Magnificent creatures: Animals on the move Wright, Anna	Faber & Faber	2016	9780571330683	3-4	We live in an amazing world, surrounded by magnificent creatures, great and small. They make this earth a magical place to live.

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750978	Magnificent Mabel and the rabbit riot Quayle, Ruth & Christians, Julia (ill)	Nosy Crow Ltd	2020	9781788005944	K-2	Sometimes life isn't fair for Mabel Chase. Like for instance she doesn't have one single pet in her whole life. And all the people in her class are losing their baby teeth. And she doesn't even have a sprinkler in her garden. But none of that matters in the end because Mabel is still magnificent.
2761	Magnificent nose and other marvels, The Fienberg, Anna & Gamble, Kim (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1998	9781864486667	3-4	Wonderfully original and off-beat stories, cleverly linked by a spider, in which five children each show their talents.
6747	Magnificent tree, The Bland, Nick & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2012	9781742832951	K-2	Bonny and Pop are bursting with ideas. Pop's ideas are big and brave while Bonny's ideas are simple and clever. When they two of them decide to make something that will attract the birds, they come up with ideas for a tree. A brave tree, a clever tree, a magnificent tree.
660427	Magnolia sword, The Thomas, Sherry	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760876685	7-9	Mulan has been drilled in martial arts to fight the duel of her life - but what if her sworn enemy is also her secret love? A heart-thumping retelling that brings a much-loved heroine to life.
38435	Magpie Davies, Luke & Kiuru, Inari (ill)	ABC Books	2010	9780733322686	5-6	Author Luke Davies wrote a poem called Childhood Terror which described, in nine lines, the fear of a magpie attack, and a boy's reaction as his father helps him face that fear. This wonderful picture book turns the poem into a story of a dog and his pup on a journey to find the magpie.
2763	Magpie Island Thiele, Colin & Haldane, Roger (ill)	New Holland Australia	1990	9781863020633	5-6	The story of a magpie raised on the Eyre Peninsula that becomes stranded on an island. Humans intervene to help him have a happy life.
4818	Magpie learns a lesson Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, Ezekiel & Erzinger, Tania (ill)	Omnibus Books	2015	9781742990590	K-2	Magpie is cross because she can't fly like her friend, Brown Falcon. She thinks of mean tricks that will make Brown Falcon look silly. But, Magpie goes too far and finds out just how much friends need each other.
1424050	Magpie riddle, The Thompson, Lisa	Scholastic UK	2025	9780702344282	5-6	Clever, curious Melody Bird has discovered an old abandoned house in the corner of the graveyard, and a mysterious boy hiding there. Hal tells her that he's a spy-in-training using the house as a base for his undercover surveillance of a known local criminal. Her friends Matthew and Jake don't believe that a twelve year old would be entrusted with this mission and turn the tables to spy on him, uncovering secrets and unravelling a mystery as they go.

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9844	Magrit Battersby, Lee & Daoud, Amy (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925081343	5-6	Magrit lives in an abandoned cemetery. She is as forgotten as the tiny graveyard that surrounds her. One night, a passing stork drops a strange bundle into the graveyard. Master Puppet, her friend and advisor, tells her it is an awful, ugly, terrible thing and she should get rid of it. But, Magrit has other ideas.
3293	Mahtab's story Gleeson, Libby	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2008	9781741753349	7-9	Mahtab's family live in Herat in Afghanistan amongst the ever present Taliban. They decide to leave everything they hold dear behind and journey secretly to Australia via Pakistan and Indonesia. This is an amazing story of struggle and hope for a better future.
782157	Main Abija / My Grandad Rogers, Karen	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526030	3-4	A tribute to a much-loved grandfather, celebrating First Nations Australian culture, country and the circle of life. Told in Kriol and English. 'This book has the memories I had of my grandfather from when I was small until he left us. He taught me many things about culture and country. I'm happy to pass this story on to my family and to put it in this book.'
11996	Maisie Moo and Invisible Lucy McKimmie, Chris	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2007	9781741751345	3-4	Maisie's Dad is a truck driver and Maisie and her invisible friend, Lucy, wait patiently for Dad's return and his amazing stories. Maisie likes her dog and sleeping in. She helps her mother in their shop but doesn't like being an angel. When it seems that Dad and Christmas will never come, and Mum banishes Lucy, Maisie hides in her bedroom.
	Maisy series Cousins, Lucy				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.
587887	Major organs Poray Goddu, Krystyna	World Book	2019	9780716634348	K-2	Your body is amazing. Learn about all the body parts that keep it working and discover a few gross facts too.
11935	Make up or break up Welshman, Kate	Hardie Grant Egmont	2014	9781742977768	7-9	Ally and Cat have been friends for ever. Each girl plays their part in the friendship, but when Ally wants to make decisions to pursue interests different to Cat, problems arise. In the pick-a-path format, you make decisions for Ally and follow the story from one storyline to the next.
12151	Make way for ducklings McCloskey, Robert	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	1999	9780140564341	K-2	After raising her ducklings on a secluded island, Mrs Mallard leads them to the Boston Public Garden to eat peanuts.

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51113	Making friends Dahimene, Adelheid & Stollinger, Heide (ill)	Gecko Press	2008	9781877467066	3-4	Six farmyard acquaintances set out to make a new friend but that turns out to be a bit of a failure. Along the way, however, they do discover what real friendship is and where to find it. A beautiful picture book translated from the original German.
798533	Making friends Gudsnuk, Kristen	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781338139211	7-9	Sixth grade was so much easier for Danielle. All her friends were in the same room and she knew what to expect from her life. But now that she's in seventh grade, she's in a new middle school, her friends are in different classes and forming new cliques and she is completely lost. When Danielle inherits a magical sketchbook from her eccentric great aunt Elma, she draws Madison, an ideal best friend that springs to life right off the page! But even when you create a best friend, it's not easy navigating the ups and downs of relationships and before long Danielle and Madison are not exactly seeing eye-to-eye.
846098	Making friends with Alice Dyson Nwosu, Poppy	Wakefield Press	2019	9781743056127	9plus	Alice Dyson knows exactly how she'll be spending her final year of high school: with her head down, concentrating on her textbooks and homework. She's focused on the future, and nothing is going to get in her way. Until a bizarre encounter with the school's most notorious troublemaker derails all her plans, turning Alice into the unwilling centre of attention and her life into one enormous complication. And even worse? Now Teddy Taualai won't leave her alone. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, and above.
16760	Making Jamie normal Pershall, Mary K	Penguin	2005	9780143302032	5-6	Alex will be the coolest Year 9 student with the weirdest sister in Year 7 if she can't make Jamie 'normal' before she goes to high school. Jamie doesn't realise how lucky she is getting all this great advice. Some coarse language used in context.

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1476036	Making trouble Blurton, Brooke & Saward, Melanie	HarperCollins Australia	2026	9781460761502	7-9	Things don't always go to plan. I should be at the Australian Ballet School. But instead, here I am, boarding and going to school hundreds of kilometres away from home, but I feel even further away from my dreams. At least I've got Jamie ... that part's deadly. Until she finds out my secret. Stella is nervous about another new city, a new school, and new friends. Her love for ballet - and Jamie - pulls her forward, but fear threatens to drag her back home. It's only when she thinks she's lost everything that Stella starts to see what she's been missing. Maybe she can shine - in class, on stage, and in her own story - and make her family and Jamie proud.
871556	Maku Wyatt, Meyne	Pan MacMillan	2022	9781760987756	3-4	Maku is a proud, young Indigenous Australian who is always on the move. He looks to his culture, family and the world around him for new and old ideas to put into his movie plan for his homework project.
18564	Mal rider, The Flynn, Pat	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2004	9780143302193	5-6	Danny discovers girls or, rather, one special girl called Ella, and the joys of riding a malboard. Can he overcome the problems of surfing mates who only accept shortboards? He is new to town and needs a break on the waves and at school.
5117	Malala's magic pencil Yousafzai, Malala	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2017	9780241322567	K-2	As a child in Pakistan, Malala made a wish for a magic pencil that she could use to redraw reality. She would use it to give gifts to her family, to erase the smell from the rubbish dump near her house, to sleep an extra hour in the morning. As she grew older, Malala wished for bigger and bigger things. She saw a world that needed fixing. And even if she never found a magic pencil, Malala realized that she could still work hard every day to make her wishes come true. The true story of one girl's wish for a better world. This beautifully illustrated picture book tells Malala's story, in her own words, for a younger audience and shows them the worldview that allowed her to hold on to hope and to make her voice heard even in the most difficult of times.

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617339	Malamander Taylor, Thomas	Walker Books	2019	9781406386288	5-6	In the basement of the Grand Nautilus Hotel, a mysterious girl crashes into Herbert Lemon's 'Lost & Foundery' crying, "Hide me!" In the window of the Eerie Book Dispensary, a mechanical mermonkey sits and waits. Old Mrs Fossil scours the beach for trinkets. And...out beyond the pier, near Captain Kraken's shipwreck, something stirs. Could the legendary malamander be surfacing in the mist? Who will uncover the secret of the malamander?
14518	Malice: you can't escape Wooding, Chris & Chernett, Dan (ill)	Scholastic UK	2009	9781407103945	7-9	When Luke goes missing, his friends are dragged into the terrifying world of Malice, the underground comic. The evil Tall Jake takes children into a fantasy world where they can really die. It takes heroes like Seth and the loyalty of Kady to survive the violent, brutal comic-book pages. Be prepared to be very scared.
8470	Malkin Moonlight Cox, Emma	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408870846	5-6	Malkin is a small, black cat with a magnificent tail, who's destined to be a hero. He just doesn't know it yet. In his third life, Wild Malkin falls in love with Roux, a Domestic cat, who likes the comforts of home. Together, they explore the night and have adventures. When Roux's owners decide to move away, she chooses to become a Wild and stay with Malkin. Setting out to find a new home, they stumble across a recycling centre full of cats at war. An extraordinary adventure awaits as Malkin tries to bring peace to the land.
47271	Mallee Boys Archbold, Charlie	Wakefield Press	2017	9781743055007	9plus	Sandy Douglas knows that life at fifteen is hard - his mother died a year ago and his 18-year old brother, Red, has gone off the rails. As Sandy and Red deal with girls, friendship and their futures on their Mallee farm, both boys have to figure out who they want to be without their mum around. One thing is certain - the Mallee, where they live, may seem like the middle of nowhere, but it is going to be one hell of a year. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
7272	Mallee sky Toering, Jodi & Harricks, Tannya	Walker Books	2019	9781925381672	K-2	An extremely timely and beautiful picture book about the effects of drought and climate change in the Mallee. The first people of the land call the Mallee "Nowie". It means sunset country. When the sun goes down the red heat of the day bleeds into the sky and sets it on fire. Drought and rain -- life under a Mallee Sky. This poetic text by emerging author Jodi Toering is beautifully accompanied by lush oil paintings by fine artist and illustrator Tannya Harricks.

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17039	Malu kangaroo Morecroft, Judith & Bancroft, Bronwyn	Little Hare Books	2007	9781921272028	K-2	Malu kangaroo came to the seaside, made the first surfboard for the children and taught them how to ride it. It is his gift to all children who love the sea in this modern Dreamtime style story.
18469	Malvolio's revenge Masson, Sophie	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2005	9780340883648	9plus	An English theatre troupe travelling in the New Orleans area, in a world of voodoo, black magic and gangsters, are dragged into a suspenseful mystery that involves murder, blackmail and intrigue. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
4022	Mama and Hug Darlison, Aleesah & Charlton, Heather (ill)	Wild Eyed Press	2016	9780987505460	K-2	When Hug first climbs out of his mother's pouch it is spring deep in the Australian bush. The trees are in blossom and new green growth is everywhere. As Hug grows, the season changes to the sharp dry crackle of summer. One day danger comes to the bush and Mama must flee to protect her baby, Hug.
771597	Mama Ocean Jolly, Jane & Heinrich, Sally (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2020	9781925227659	3-4	Mama Ocean had eyes that sparkled, like sunlight on the sea, and tresses which tumbled and trailed through the tides. But something is troubling Mama Ocean. Who will help her?
18444	Mama Panya's pancakes Chamberlain, Mary & Rich & Cairns, Julia (ill)	Barefoot books	2005	9781905236633	K-2	Adika invites all their friends for pancakes but Mama Panya is worried that she does not have enough money to feed them.
916604	Mama's chickens Worthington, Michelle & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	EK Books	2023	9781922539458	K-2	Mama is not herself anymore. Sometimes she gets tired and sad but she always loves to look after her children and her chooks. Join Mama, Chooky LaLa and the other backyard chickens in this warm-hearted exploration of what happens when memory fails but love goes on forever.
1019729	Mama's sleeping scarf Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi & Grace-James, Nwa & Avelino, Joelle (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780008550073	K-2	Chino loves the scarf her mother ties around her hair at night, and takes it on endless adventures during the day as a reminder of the ones she loves.

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587826	Mamie McCartney, Tania	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2018	9781460755860	K-2	In a land far away, where fairies, pixies and elves live deep in the woods, a baby girl is born. Her parents call her Mamie. Mamie loves to sing and dance and paint with her magical woodland friends. Her days are like a fairy tale. But when Mamie's family move to Australia, she misses green fields drenched with rain. The hot skies and dusty plains of her new home turn Mamie's world upside down. Will she ever find new fairy friends in this strange and beautiful land?
12778	Mammals Claybourne, Anna	Watts	2000	9780749639488	3-4	Discover what mammals are, how they live, what they eat, why seals have fur, how dolphins send messages to each other and many more interesting facts. Excellent contents and index pages help you find all this information and more.
2786	Mammals Clutton-Brock, Juliet	Dorling Kindersley	2002	9780751333749	3-4	A well-presented guide to mammals that gives the scientific and generic name, size and occurrence of each species. Maps show where the mammals live and there are beautiful, colour photographs of their physical appearance.
942714	Mammoth Kemp, Anna & Beer, Adam (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2021	9781471191596	K-2	A mammoth is released from the ice after thousands of years to find himself in a modern, busy city. Everything is strange and he sets out to find his herd, but it looks like he is the last mammoth in the world.
5019	Mammoth in the fridge, A Escoffier, Michael & Maudet, Matthieu (ill)	Gecko Press	2012	9781877579158	K-2	Noah discovers a mammoth in the fridge. At first, his father doesn't believe him but the evidence is too strong. They call the fire department but the mammoth slips past their net and hides in a tree. Only Noah's little sister knows where the mammoth came from.
593267	Mammoth mistake starring Olive Black Miles, Alex & Guesne, Maude (ill)	Affirm Press	2017	9781925475548	5-6	Meet Olive Black... ten year old superstar. Her latest movie, Mammoth Mistake, has just been released and she is riding the rollercoaster of fame and school. When she gets caught up with the biggest bully in showbiz, everything goes pear-shaped. Olive can't understand how her relationship with her best friend could go so wrong or why she can't fix things just like in the movies.
246	Man called possum, A Harris, David & Jones, Max	Penguin	1998	9780140382686	7-9	Max Jones, country detective, is determined to uncover the truth about Possum, the town hermit.
9272	Man from Ironbark, The Paterson, A B (Banjo)	Collins	1984	9780006615873	5-6	When the man from Ironbark visits the local town for a shave, chaos ensues. Because of a Sydney barber's joke on one of their men, long beards become the fashion in a small Australian settlement.

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2789	Man from Snowy River & other verses, The Paterson, A B (Banjo)	HarperCollins Australia	1997	9780207191732	5-6	A classic collection of forty-six poems by Banjo Paterson.
15320	Man from Snowy River, The Paterson, A B (Banjo) & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781865046952	5-6	The full text of the classic poem is beautifully illustrated and includes a CD of an unabridged recording.
660417	Man in the water, The Burton, David	University of Queensland Press	2019	9780702262524	9plus	When 16-year-old Shaun discovers a dead body in the lake of a quiet mining town in outback Queensland, he immediately reports it to the police. But when he returns to the site with the constable, the body is gone. Shaun's father drowned a few years ago, and now his mum and the authorities questions whether he saw a body at all. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
29952	Man who loved boxes, The King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2007	9781865048376	K-2	People thought that the man was strange, even a bit crazy, but the man didn't mind and neither did his son because they had a special way of showing their love for each other.
17493	Man who wore all his clothes, The Ahlberg, Allan & McEwen, Katharine (ill)	Walker Books	2005	9781844281299	3-4	One day, Mr Gaskitt puts on all his clothes, Mrs Gaskitt picks up a robber in her taxi, Gus and Gloria have trouble with a teacher, Horace, the cat, goes to a friend's house to watch TV and the car radio gets things wrong.
12248	Man whose mother was a pirate, The Mahy, Margaret	Penguin	1996	9780140554304	K-2	This is the story of Sam, an accountant and his first trip to the seaside with his ex-pirate mother.
247	Man, The Briggs, Raymond	Red Fox	1994	9780099108818	5-6	A little, hairy man appears in the bedroom of a schoolboy demanding food, clothing and shelter. This story is told in cartoon style.
6597	Mang the wild orangutan van Loon, Joan	Lothian Books	2007	9780734410023	3-4	Mang, a beautiful old orangutan, remembers what life was like living in the lush rainforests of Borneo before he was captured and then sent to a zoo.
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	Mango & Bambang series Faber, Polly & Vulliamy, Clara (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.
2323	Mangrove Kane, Glenda & Allen, Lisa (ill)	Penguin NZ	2007	9780143502043	3-4	A secluded area of mangroves and the water life the trees support are about to change forever. This book looks at the cost to nature of our modern culture.
28985	Mannie and the long brave day Murray, Martine & Rippin, Sally (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9781741758863	K-2	Mannie is going on an adventure. She's taking her favourite elephant, Lilliput, and her doll, Strawberry Luca. And, she hasn't forgotten her special box of secret things, just in case the adventure gets adventurous.
1244701	Manslaughter Park Price, Tirzah	HarperTeen	2024	9780062889874	7-9	Fanny Price, a talented but unwanted guest at Mansfield Park, relies on her uncle Sir Thomas' protection to avoid being cast out by her cruel relatives. When Sir Thomas dies in a suspicious accident, Fanny discovers evidence of murder, but revealing it could cost her everything. Pressured by her friend and secret love Edmund to stay quiet, Fanny chooses instead to seek justice. Her investigation pulls her into the Bertram family's shadowy art business and the dazzling world of London society, complicated further by the arrival of the charming Crawfords and their bold proposal. With unexpected help from Lizzie Bennet and Fitzwilliam Darcy, Fanny uncovers secrets that change everything, about the family, the murder, and herself. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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1209911	Manu!! Fernandez, Kelly	Graphix	2021	9781338264180	5-6	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.
12815	Mao's last dancer (young readers' edition) Cunxin, Li	Puffin Australia	2005	9780143301646	7-9	Engaging biography of a young, Chinese peasant boy who, at the age of eleven, was taken from his school and family to be trained as a classical dancer in Beijing.
12582	Map of dreams Shulevitz, Uri	Andersen Press Ltd	2008	9781842707609	3-4	When war devastates their country, a boy and his parents are forced to flee to another country. Food is scarce. When father goes to the bazaar to buy bread, he comes home with a map instead. The boy and his mother are furious because they are so hungry.
249	Maphead Howarth, Lesley	Walker Books	2001	9780744577716	7-9	Maphead, an alien boy, has the ability to produce maps of anywhere across his face.
617342	Maple the Brave Harris, Chloe Jasmine	Walker Books	2019	9781925381924	K-2	Maple lived deep in the forest, in a treehouse, nestled high above the ground. No one knew how she got there or where she came from, but nevertheless, there she was.
6329	Mapping Sam Hesselberth, Joyce	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780062741226	K-2	As Sam follows her customary path, wandering farther and farther away from home, readers encounter different kinds of maps illuminating different points of view and the various spots Sam visits. Finally, when Sam reaches her favorite place and confirms that all is well, she heads back home, climbs onto a cozy bed, and falls asleep.
28379	Maps Mizielinski, Aleksandra & Mizielinski, Daniel	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2014	9781760065416	5-6	Travel the world without leaving home. Fifty two lavishly illustrated maps detail not only geographical features and political borders but also places of interest, iconic personalities, native animals and plants, local peoples, cultural events, and many more fascinating facts associated with each region. This book is a celebration of the world, from its immense mountains to its tiny insects, and everything in between.
1814	Maralinga's long shadow Mattingley, Christobel	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760290177	7-9	Yvonne Edwards, a highly respected Aboriginal artist and community leader, was just six years old when the first bombs of the nuclear tests at Maralinga were detonated in Australia in 1956. The tests continued until 1963 and their consequences profoundly affected her family and the community.

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97658	Maralinga: the Anangu story Mattingley, Christobel & Yalata and Oak Valley community & Yalata and Oak Valley communities (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2009	9781741756210	5-6	In words and pictures, Yalata and Oak Valley community members, with author Christobel Mattingley, describe what happened in the Maralinga Tjarutja lands of South Australia, before the bombs and after.
687222	March of the ants, The Dubosarsky, Ursula & Riddle, Tohby (ill)	Book Trail Press	2020	9780852295229	3-4	What would you take on an adventure with you? The ants are preparing to march, and every ant packs something practical, but one ant chooses to take a book ... what good will that be on a long journey? Join Australian Children's Laureate Ursula Dubosarsky to find out! This story is also available to download from the ACLF website and you can read along with Ursula as she shares her story with us. https://www.childrenslaureate.org.au/read-with-ursula
846061	Marcie Gill and the caravan park cat McInerney, Monica & Snell, Danny (ill)	Penguin	2021	9781760894139	3-4	Marcie's parents run a caravan park in the small seaside town of Snorkel Bay in South Australia. Three mysterious things happen to her. Her dad moved out. Her gran gave her an unusual Christmas present. George, her grandmother's cat has a secret. This is a summer holiday Marcie will never forget. Read about these adventures of Marcie-the girl whose favourite thing is asking questions.
1329953	Marcus Bontempelli: Footy legends Cross, Kit & Hedstrom, Leigh (ill)	Albert Street Books	2025	9781761181740	3-4	Is Marcus Bontempelli your favourite AFL player? Did you know that Marcus Bontempelli is one of the best midfielders in the competition? Did you know he's made the All-Australian team 6 times? Did you know he has a pet dog named Mya? The Bont is a TOTAL legend, and this book will tell you all about him. Filled with exciting facts, fun stories, and all the stats to share at lunchtime.
3172	Marge and the great train rescue Fisher, Isla & Ceulemans, Eglantine (ill)	Piccadilly Press	2017	9781848125940	3-4	Marge is back and this time she's taking the Button family on a train journey. When Mum and Dad go out for a 'romantic' (i.e boring!) dinner, Marge takes the kids on an adventure of their own. Jakey's always longed to drive a train and with Marge around to turn ordinary life extraordinary, there's a good chance his wish might come true!

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3439	Marge and the pirate baby Fisher, Isla & Ceulemans, Eglantine (ill)	Piccadilly Press	2017	9781848125933	3-4	Marge and the Pirate Baby is a collection of three short stories about the best babysitter ever. Marge has colourful hair and a knack for making everything fun but can she save the day from the pirate baby?
	Marine life for young readers series Swartz, Stanley L & Yin, Robert (phot)				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.
750979	Mark Anchovy pizza detective Goldsmith, William	Bonnier Publishing Australia	2020	9781848128613	5-6	Colin is a pizza delivery boy with a twist, he is an aspiring detective. But in sleepy Rufflington-on-Sea, there is nothing to solve until the Golden Spatula League come calling. To join their team, Colin, nicknamed 'Mark Anchovy' has to fly to Rome and track down a prized painting. The main suspect is Big Alan Fresco, notorious art thief and pizza addict.
15426	Mark of the Wagarl, The Little, Lorna & Lyndon, Janice (ill)	Magabala Books	2004	9781875641970	3-4	The story tells of the travels and responsibilities of Wagarl, the big boss of all snakes, and how he keeps the waterways clean in Noongar country.
855340	Market day Gallasch, Carrie & Sommerville, Hannah (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2022	9781760504076	K-2	When a girl is given a coin to spend at the market, she thinks carefully about what to buy. She is tempted by the towering stacks of fruit, spinning rides and glass jars filled with sweets. But it isn't until a stranger gives something to her, without expecting anything in return, that she knows exactly what to do with her coin.
1276	Marlo can fly Vescio, Robert & Temple, Sandra (ill)	Wombat Books	2013	9781921632419	K-2	Everyone expects Marlo to fly, but she would rather slither like a snake, hop like a kangaroo and swim like a crocodile. But when someone needs her help, can she rise to the challenge.
751135	Marlow Brown: Scientist in the making Fleming, Krista & Gardner, Marjory (ill)	Celapene Press	2019	9781925572186	3-4	Marlow Brown dreams of being a scientist, but when her chaotic home experiments drive Mum crazy, Marlow runs the risk of being banned from experimenting altogether. Surely there must be something she can do to keep on Mum's good side while still continuing her dream.
6922	Marmaduke duck and the marmalade jam MacIver, Juliette & Davis, Sarah (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781869439286	K-2	Marmaduke Duck makes marmalade jam, which sends the animals crazy, chasing the jam around the farm.

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871575	Marmalade the orange panda Walliams, David & Stower, Adam (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2022	9780008305758	3-4	One morning, deep in the forest, a beautiful baby panda was born. The panda was different to all the others, as he had dazzling orange fur. "I will call you Marmalade," his mummy whispered. Meet Marmalade, the little panda who goes on a big adventure as he sets off to explore the forest one day to find where he belongs.
52860	Marrying Ameera Hawke, Rosanne	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2010	9780732291440	9plus	Ameera is seventeen, the daughter of an Australian Christan mother, and a Pakistani father who is a devout Muslim. Seeking to be like her Australian friends, Ameera discovers that her father strongly opposes social contact with non-Muslims. When her father discovers Ameera's interest in a Pakistani Christian boy, she is sent to Pakistan, thinking she is attending her cousin's wedding. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
871655	Mars awakens Waugh, H M	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526979	7-9	Raised on rival colonies on Mars, each long ago abandoned by Earth, Dee and Holt have been brought up to hate even the idea of each other. But when a mysterious object crash lands on a far flung plain, they both set out to investigate. Stranded in a hostile landscape, Dee and Holt must work together to survive while unpicking the web of lies they have both been told about their planet.
579247	Mars One Maberry, Jonathan	Simon & Schuster	2017	9781481461627	7-9	Tristan is heading to Mars, part of the colonising first fleet from Earth. He and his girlfriend, Izzy, are reality television stars for a reason - like their namesakes, Tristan and Isolde, their love story is destined for heartache. But it is the mysterious sabotage, aboard the spaceships hurtling towards Mars, that offers the most captivating aspect of the plot.
39926	Marsh and Me Murray, Martine	Text Publishing Co	2017	9781925498011	5-6	There's a hill out the back of Joey's house. Hardly anyone goes there - it's not a beautiful place, just a covered-over old rubbish tip. But Joey likes it up there. It's his hill - somewhere he likes to go to wonder about life. He longs to be the best at something, to be a famous astronaut, or mountain climber, to stand out somehow. So when Joey discovers a tree house in an old peppercorn tree on the hill, he is annoyed that someone has invaded his special place. But he is also curious about who the intruder could be. But making contact isn't easy. The tree-house girl is wild and hostile and full of secrets. Joey needs to work out a way to win her over. And as he does, he finds a way to shine.

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32833	Marshall Armstrong is new to our school Mackintosh, David	HarperCollins Australia	2011	9780007361410	3-4	Marshall Armstrong is new to our school. He looks different to me. His ear looks like a shell, his laces are straight, not criss-crossed like mine, and his eyes are always looking at the blackboard. Marshall Armstrong definitely does not fit into our school.
751039	Marshmallow Pie the cat superstar Vulliamy, Clara	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780008355852	3-4	Meet Marshmallow Pie a big fluffy cat with an even bigger personality..... The rumours are true, I'm staring in a movie! Hollywood is very exciting. My human, Amelia, and I are spending every single day with my amazing new friend Madison, who's showing me all the fanciest places and teaching me all about being a star. This is the life! So why does Amelia seem so unsure.....?
50663	Martha doesn't say sorry Berger, Samantha & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Little, Brown & Co	2009	9780316077286	K-2	Martha is good at doing lots of things, like hugging, sharing and reading. One thing that Martha is not good at is saying sorry.
31864	Martha, no Hardy, Edward & Allwright, Deborah (ill)	Egmont Childrens	2010	9781606842669	K-2	Martha May has already been through ten nannies in the past year and now there is a sparkling new nanny, Miss Harrington-Chive. Nanny is quite confident with her skills until they take an excursion to the city, where they lurch from disaster to disaster. When Martha puts her babysitter through test after test, they become separated.
9355	Martial arts Mitchell, David	Dorling Kindersley	2000	9780751328158	5-6	David Mitchell gives expert advice on fourteen of the most popular martial arts. Skilful holds to dramatic throws and kicks are featured.
9503	Martian rock Shields, Carol Diggory & Nash, Scott	Walker Books	2000	9780744556322	3-4	Rhyming text and bright illustrations help make this a lively investigation into the planets of our solar system.
7799	Martin Bridge: on the lookout Scott Kerrin, Jessica & Kelly, Joseph (ill)	Kids can press	2005	9781553377733	5-6	The fast-moving and funny sequel to Martin Bridge ready for takeoff. Young Martin must face three new challenges: spending an afternoon with an irritating houseguest; sharing lunch with a boy who eats erasers; and, embarking on a frantic search for the school's lucky mascot, a parakeet.
15742	Martin Pebble Sempe, Jean-Jacques	Phaidon Press Limited	2006	9780714846224	5-6	Martin is a little boy who blushes a lot and is happiest in the summer, when everyone else has a red face too. He sets out to find a reason for his strange affliction and finds a friend, Roddy Rackett, who keeps on sneezing even when he doesn't have a cold. The events of life are quaintly told.

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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 blob 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?
7650	Marty's nut-free party Roe, Katrina	Wombat Books	2012	9781921633362	K-2	Marty loved to party. At every party, Marty was the first to arrive and the last to leave. That was before Marty found out that peanuts make him sick. Really sick. Parties aren't so much fun for Marty now that he keeps ending up in hospital. How can Marty and his friends make their parties safe and fun for everybody?
885158	Marvellers, The Clayton, Dhonielle	Henry Holt & Co	2022	9781460762882	5-6	'Eleven-year-old Ella Durand is the first Conjuror to attend the Arcanum Training Institute, a magic school in the clouds where Marvellers from around the world practice their cultural arts, like brewing Indian spice elixirs and bartering with pesky Irish pixies. Despite her excitement, Ella discovers that being the first isn't easy - some Marvellers mistrust her magic, which they deem "bad and unnatural." But eventually, she finds friends in elixirs teacher, Masterji Thakur, and fellow misfits Brigit, a girl who hates magic, and Jason, a boy with a fondness for magical creatures. When a dangerous criminal known as the Ace of Anarchy escapes prison, supposedly with a Conjuror's aid, tensions grow in the Marvellian world and Ella becomes the target of suspicion. With the help of her friends and her own growing powers, Ella must find a way to clear her family's name and track down her mentor before it's too late.
4103	Marvellous funambulist of Middle Harbour and other Sydney firsts, The Bell, Hilary & Martin, Matthew (ill)	NewSouth Publishing	2015	9781742234403	3-4	This is a story of Sydney in order of who did what first. Through a series of unexpected firsts, trace the events, people and places that have shaped Sydney, however unintentionally.

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21247	Marvellous mummy Poli, Katie & Poli, Giuseppe (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2018	9781925594188	K-2	My mummy is cuddly and snuggly and warm. Mums can be funny and friendly and gentle and strong all in one day!
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.
4019	Marvels, The Selznick, Brian	Scholastic US	2015	9780545448680	7-9	After surviving a shipwreck in 1766, Billy Marvel finds work in a London theatre. His family flourishes for generations as brilliant actors until 1900, when young Leontes Marvel is banished from the stage. Nearly a century later, Joseph Jarvis runs away from school and seeks refuge with an eccentric uncle in London. A gripping adventure and an intriguing invitation to decipher how the two narratives interconnect.
6370	Marvin and Marigold: A stormy night Carthew, Mark & Prescott, Simon (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2018	9781925594225	K-2	On a wild and stormy night Marvin and Marigold are scared. The wind rattled windows, whistled and whirled as lightning bolts cracked and thunderclaps swirled. Will they make it through the night?
	Marvin Redpost series Sachar, Louis				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.
886327	Mary and Marcus: The crazy dance and other stories Dubosarsky, Ursula & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780733339844	K-2	Mary is the happiest panda in the world. She loves to sing and dance and play the ukulele. But sometimes things get out of hand! Lucky she has her best friend, Marcus the snake, to help her out.

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1424103	Mary Fowler: Mary's game Fowler, Mary & McGaughey, Jasmin & James, Cate (ill)	Penguin	2026	9781761356216	3-4	Love soccer? Join Mary as she navigates a busy school day filled with friendship, teamwork and plenty of time on the soccer field. When challenges arise during a game, Mary and her friends learn the importance of supporting one another, working together and showing good sportsmanship. Featuring relatable school experiences, positive friendships and an engaging sporting theme, this warm and enjoyable story celebrates cooperation, kindness and the fun of being part of a team.
1546481	Mary Fowler: Zoo trip Fowler, Mary & McGaughey, Jasmin & James, Cate (ill)	Penguin Random House Australia	2026	9781761356254	K-2	Today, Mary is wearing her favourite outfit and a name tag, even though it's a school day. Ms Ganier's Year 2 class are on an excursion to the zoo! Pademelons, laughing kookaburras, crocodiles: Maz adores getting close to amazing animals. Her best friend, Summer, isn't quite as keen on them. So, Maz hatches a plan to help her have so much fun she won't want to leave!
	Mary Poppins series Travers, P L				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
2349	Mary's Australia Freeman, Pamela	Black Dog Books	2014	9781922077905	5-6	Mary MacKillop watched Australia grow from a collection of small colonies into a nation. Follow the changes Australia underwent during her lifetime.
34345	Mary's penny: a wise and witty tale Landman, Tanya & Holland, Richard (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781406330779	K-2	This is a story of one farmer, his three children, Franz, Hans and Mary, and an ingenious competition to determine who should inherit the farm. The farmer's children are asked to fill the house with something that costs a mere penny.
26674	Master of the fallen chairs, The Porter, Henry	Orchard Books	2008	9781846166259	5-6	Thirteen year old orphan, Kim, is sent to live with his elusive guardian, surly tutor and various servants in Skirl, a grand but dilapidated old house with many ghosts and a family curse. When one of the servant girls goes missing, a dark cloud descends on the house. The arrival of a stranger in the dead of night plunges everything further into mystery, and introduces a bit of magic too.

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250	Master of the grove Kelleher, Victor	Puffin USA	1998	9780317696349	9plus	After their home is destroyed in an attack, Derin's father is missing and Derin travels across the world to look for him. His quest leads him into the conflict between the people of the mountains and the people of the plains. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
8255	Master, The Havel, Geoff	Walker Books	2009	9781921150852	5-6	Rick lives on a farm with his mum and his grandfather. They're a normal family except for one thing. Rick and his Grandpa are engaged in a constant battle of practical jokes, trying to outdo each other and claim the title of The Master. Grandpa thinks that his grandson has much to learn from him but Rick thinks otherwise and devises what he thinks is an unbeatable prank.
774347	Masters of disguise: Camoflauging creatures and magnificent mimics Martin, Marc	Penguin Books Australia	2021	9781760895891	3-4	Cloaked in a riot of colour, pattern and texture are a dozen animals, from stick and leaf insects found in Australia, to Gaboon vipers that have all mastered the art of fading into the background. Clever and beautiful hide and seek spreads that put the readers new knowledge to the test. The secrets of animal camouflage.
12652	Matched Condie, Ally	Penguin	2010	9780141333052	7-9	Cassia believes that Society provides only the best for its citizens. Everything and everyone is regulated, allocated and sharing is not permitted. Cassia is seventeen and excited about attending her Match Banquet, where she will learn the identity of her perfect Match. But, Cassia falls in love with another and is determined to make her own choices.
1373958	Matched up Ireland, Jenny	Penguin	2025	9780241720950	7-9	When Lexie sees Shane for the first time, she's blown away. Not only by the way he plays football (although that is great), but by his looks, and how he's not like the other boys. Best of all, he feels the same way about her. Electricity at first sight.
2880	Mate and me Loakes, Jennifer & Elliot, Belinda (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2015	9781922081506	K-2	Two families have moved in, one upstairs and one downstairs.The boy from upstairs plays in the yard but he is shy and doesn't join in my games. The family downstairs is a secret family and no one knows where they came from. When the downstairs family disappears, a strange note is found and a trail of silver treasures leads out of the garage.

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	Mates - great Australian yarns 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.
251	Mates and other stories Baillie, Allan	Scholastic Australia	1992	9781862911420	7-9	A collection of short stories about friendship.
252	Matilda Dahl, Roald	Penguin	2003	9780141314563	5-6	Matilda is an exceptional child with magical powers. Her parents have called her some terrible things. The truth is, she's a genius and they're the silly ones. Find out how she gets the better of them and her spiteful headmistress, Miss Trunchbull.
	Matilda Mudpuddle series Winch, Gordon & Texidor, Dee (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.
	Matilda saga series French, Jackie				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.
11925	Matilda's cat Gravett, Emily	MacMillan	2013	9781447218623	K-2	Climbing trees, playing with wool, Matilda is sure her cat will love these things, but he doesn't seem very enthusiastic. She thinks up new ways to amuse her reluctant playmate. Tea parties, dressing up or what about a nice bike ride.
835141	Matthew Flinders: Adventures on leaky ships Wilkinson, Carole & Pittock, Prue (ill)	Wild Dog Books	2020	9781742034935	5-6	Matthew Flinders was determined to map the entire coast of the continent we now call Australia. His story is packed to the gunwales with adventure -- storms and shipwrecks, death and danger, a race to beat the French -- but more than this, it is a story of loyalty to his crew, love for his wife, and affection for the brave little cat who sailed with him.

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6557	Matty forever Fensham, Elizabeth	University of Queensland Press	2009	9780702237027	5-6	Bill and Matty are neighbours and best friends. They share their deepest secrets and lean on each other when things aren't right at home. Bill misses his father and is having a hard time at his new school. Matty is realising that her family is not quite the same as everyone else's. When a new girl decides she wants Bill all to herself, Bill and Matty discover what true friendship means. Some derogatory language used in context.
60646	Matty in a mess Moss, Miriam & Simmons, Jane (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842708125	K-2	Matty is a very orderly, tidy bear who lives with his not so orderly, untidy sister. One day, when a strong wind turns everything upside down, Matty finds himself in a bit of a mess.
2971	Matty's comeback Heiss, Anita	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781760152031	3-4	Matty loves football. He's South Sydney's number one fan and the star scorer in his own local team. He knows he can help his team to the semifinals and beyond. But, things don't go to plan and now it seems Matty won't be able to help his team to victory after all. But, help can come from surprising places and people.
35465	Maudie and Bear Ormerod, Jan & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Little Hare Books	2010	9781921541407	K-2	Maudie and Bear are the 'bestest' of friends, even if Maudie does boss Bear around a bit.
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.
8874	Max Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2001	9780744589054	K-2	Despite his cape, mask and his parents' encouragement, Max just can't seem to be a flying super hero like the rest of his family. Even his school friends' taunts don't help him to get off the ground. When a baby bird needs help, Max can be a real hero.

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502	Max and Ruby in Pandora's box Wells, Rosemary	Puffin Australia	1998	9780140564150	K-2	In this witty story, Max nearly comes to grief when he takes a peek into sister Ruby's jewellery box.
7349	Max and the doglins Montgomery-Highan, Amanda	Child's Play International Ltd	2007	9781846430435	K-2	When Max the dog steals an egg from his best friend Beryl it leads to a midnight visit from the mysterious Doglins. How can he makes things right?
660656	Max and the midknights Peirce, Lincoln	Pan MacMillan	2020	9781529029260	3-4	Max wants to be a knight. Too bad there's more chance of finding a friendly dragon than THAT dream coming true. But when Max's uncle Budrick is kidnapped by the cruel King Ghastly, it might finally be Max's time to be a hero! Joined by a band of brave adventurers - the Midknights - and a cowardly goose, Max sets out on a thrilling quest to save the realm of Byjovia.
4546	Max and the won't go to bed show Sperring, Max & Warburton, Sarah (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2013	9780007468393	3-4	Roll up, roll up, for Max the magnificent and his famous show: putting off bedtime for as long as possible. Cheer as he makes a cookie disappear, gasp as he asks for ten bedtime stories.
	Max Booth series Macintosh, Cameron & Atze, Dave (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.
568872	Max Champion and the great race car robbery McCall Smith, Alexander & Hindley, Kate	Bloomsbury	2018	9781408886137	3-4	Max lives with his mum and his grandfather, Gus. Once upon a time, Gus had a thriving business, designing and making cars, but nasty Adolphus Grabber robbed him of his business, his designs, and his beloved car, Arabella. Driven by love and a sense of fairness, Max sets out to prove, to himself and to his grandfather, that cheats never prosper.

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846205	Max Einstein: world champions Patterson, James & Grabenstein, Chris	Penguin	2022	9781529120172	5-6	Twelve year old genius Max and her friends live for adventure. From racing across glaciers in Greenland and flying in a super fancy solar powered jet to Hawaii, they visit the Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Australia and hang out with a robot named Leo. Whenever there is a problem to solve, the friends work better together. But there is an evil group of the rich and powerful who will do whatever it takes to split them up, even as the planet is changing before their eyes. Max has one more surprise in her playbook and she needs her team around her to pull it off. Whoever said that kids can't save the world?
	Max Remy super spy series Abela, Deborah				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.
79261	Max's bath Lindgren, Barbro & Eriksson, Eva (ill)	Gecko Press	2008	9781877467042	K-2	Max loves his bath and playing with all his toys but Dog is not keen to join him.
55302	Max's chocolate chicken Wells, Rosemary	Puffin Australia	2000	9780140566727	K-2	Ruby found the eggs but Max took the chocolate chicken. Max is a bit of an anti-hero.
638743	Max's dinosaur feet! Spasevski, Lana & Pratley, Penelope (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2019	9781925594638	K-2	Max has dinosaur feet. He must not wake the baby. Stomp! Stamp! Smash! Oh dear! How can he and his family keep their feet quiet, and the baby asleep?
12274	Max's dragon shirt Wells, Rosemary	Puffin UK	2000	9780140567274	K-2	Max's sister, Ruby, is taking him to replace his favourite old blue pants but Max wants a shirt with a dragon on it.
49038	Max's wagon Lindgren, Barbro & Eriksson, Eva (ill)	Gecko Press	2008	9781877467035	K-2	Max takes teddy and Dog and all his toys on a wagon ride. Dog is good at finding lost things, all except for this one.
	Maxi the lifeguard series Maxwell, Trent & Lawrence, David & Baldwin, Peter (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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	Maximum Ride series Patterson, James				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.
806914	Maxine Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2021	9781406387636	K-2	Maxine is born to the Thunderbolt family who have a cape and mask and boots all ready for her to wear. Maxine grows quickly and has many ideas of who she would like to be as she gets older, but what if this means she does not wear a cape?
	Maxx Rumble series Wagner, Michael & Denton, Terry (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.
4098	May Tang: A new Australian Beikoff, Katrina	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781742990743	5-6	Born in the year of the snake, May Tang is a dreamer who will never be sensible and obedient like her elder sister Jie Jie or clever like her brother Peter. Her parents are worried by rumoured events in China, and May finds herself on her way to a new life in Sydney. It is so different that May wonders if she will ever be able to love her new country.
567912	Maya & cat Magerl, Caroline	Walker Books	2018	9781921977282	K-2	On a roof, as wet as a seal, as grey as a puddle, Cat was rumbling, a rumbly purr. What does a cat want most? Feather boas? Pretty pink shoelaces? A boatful of fish under a tiny tin sail - or perhaps something much more valuable?

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916620	Maya and the rising dark Barron, Rena	HarperCollins US	2023	9780358447696	3-4	Twelve-year old Maya sees colour bleed from the world, werehyenas staking suburban streets and a scary man who stalks her in her dreams. While her best friends try to find a reasonable explanation, Maya sees connections with her dad's fantastical stories. When he disappears, Maya is thrust into a world both strange and familiar as she races to find her father, the guardian of the veil between the human world and the Dark, and the Lord of Shadows, the man from her nightmares who is determined to destroy the human world. Maya will need to unlock her own hidden powers, save her father and the world, all before Comic-Con and the end of summer.
253	Maybe tomorrow McDonald, Meme & Pryor, Boori	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9781742372440	9plus	In this story of reconciliation and courage, Boori is determined to carry on his late brother's tradition of storytelling and performing. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
774456	Maybe... Haughton, Chris	Walker Books	2021	9781406385526	K-2	3 little monkeys are warned by Mummy Monkey, beware of the tigers! They want to find the mangoes. Are there tigers hiding in the jungle near the mango tree?
	Maze Runner series Dashner, James				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.
	Maze Runner series Dashner, James				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
9014	Mbobo tree, The Millard, Glenda & White, Annie (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781741693515	3-4	In the cleft of a rock, on the crest of a hill, grows a tree that belongs to no-one and to everyone. When a little baby girl in a sling is found swinging in the branches, the villagers name her Tiranamba Adesimbo Mbobo. They love her as their own but Tiranamba never speaks a word. When the life-saving tree is threatened, Tiranamba finds her voice.

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120136	McFig & McFly Drescher, Henrik	Candlewick Press	2008	9780763633868	5-6	McFig and his daughter, Rosie, live in a lovely little cottage far away from anywhere big. One day, McFly and his son, Anton, buy the land next door. Friendship turns to competition when McFly builds a cottage just like McFig's house. When the two start adding things onto their houses, it soon gets out of hand in this tale of jealousy, revenge and death, with a happy ending.
34680	Me and Mister P Farrer, Maria & Rieley, Daniel (ill)	Oxford University Press	2017	9780192744210	3-4	Arthur wants an ordinary family life, but instead he has a brother who acts quite differently to other brothers and sisters. This causes Arthur no end of embarrassment. When Arthur has had enough, he tries to run away only to find a polar bear on the doorstep. What can a polar bear do for Arthur and his family? When the spider-fearing polar bear Mr P moves in life changes for Arthur.
8201	Me and my cat Kitamura, Satoshi	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842707753	K-2	Late one night, an old lady with a pointed hat climbs through Nicholas' bedroom window. She brandishes a broom, fires out some words and leaves. It's puzzling at the time, but not nearly as puzzling as what happens when Nicholas wakes up the next morning.
46159	Me and my dad Morgan, Sally & Ottley, Mathew	Little Hare Books	2010	9781921541810	3-4	A son hero worships his brave father and loves spending a day at the beach with him. But, sometimes even the bravest of the brave need a helping hand. Fabulous illustrations with interesting use of perspective.
580943	Me and my fear Sanna, Francesca	Flying Eye Books	2018	9781911171539	K-2	When a young girl has to move countries and start at a new school, her fear tells her to be alone and afraid. How can she hope to make friends if she doesn't understand anyone? Surely no one else feels the same way?
12105	Me and my mum Heiss, Anita & Davis, Jay (ill)	Indij Readers	2003	9780975064016	K-2	A young Koori girl and her Mum shop, eat, work and dance together. A positive look at the everyday life of a mother and daughter.
596832	Me and my sister Robbins, Rose	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760524456	K-2	My sister and I love to spend our days together, eating meals, going to school and playing. But life with an autistic sibling is not always easy.
15517	Me and Priscilla get ready Schreiber, Aunty Deanna & Roberts, Rochelle & Luxton, Peter	Indij Readers	2004	9780975064054	K-2	A day in the life of a little girl and her sequinned snake, Priscilla.
47031	Me and you Browne, Anthony	Doubleday	2010	9780385614894	3-4	A thought-provoking take on the story of a young girl who has come into the house, eaten the porridge, broken the chair and fallen asleep in the bed. Two stories, the fantasy and a modern street context, give dimension to a traditional tale.

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959	Me and you Holmes, Janet A & Rossell, Judith	Little Hare Books	2008	9781921272547	K-2	Rabbit loves doing all sorts of things, climbing a tree, standing on his hands and turning somersaults. But, the best thing about being himself is that he can be with his best friend, Mouse.
1052	Me and you Kelly, Deborah & Blair, Karen (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2017	9780670079247	K-2	I love our sandy-sandwich days, our racing, seagull-chasing days. I love our arty-crafty days, our cut-and-paste and colour days. Winner Book of the Year Award Speech Pathology Australia 2018 (3-5 Years Category)
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.
4503	Me too Geraerts, Erika & Laubscher, Charl & Murray, Andrew (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781925381900	K-2	Two little friends discuss the someones they want to find when they grow up. Perhaps they've met them already.
55549	Me, all alone, at the end of the world Anderson, M T & Hawkes, Kevin (ill)	Walker Books	2007	9781406304824	3-4	A peaceful natural existence is transformed by the encroaching modern society, changing the landscape and the sole occupant.
5705	Me, Oliver Bright de Kanztow, Megan	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781862917156	K-2	Oliver Bright, in Year 3, has an assignment about his family history. He looks at three generations, sharing his life and the lives of his father and grandfather. Oliver finds out just how much life has changed since they were young. For Oliver, getting milk is as easy as driving to the shops but it was very different for his dad and grandfather.
1872	Me, Teddy McKimmie, Chris	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760291334	5-6	I am Teddy. This is my scrap book. It's about me growing up from a tiny puppy, with a boofy head and big, brown, melty eyes, to a big black labrador, weighing forty kilos, and still with a boofy head and big, brown, melty eyes. This is me, Teddy.
2616	Me...Jane McDonnell, Patrick	Little, Brown & Co	2011	9780316045469	K-2	The story of the young Jane Goodall's childhood and the pleasures and interests that eventually led her to Africa and her famous study of chimpanzees in the wild. It all started with a stuffed toy chimpanzee named Jubilee.
903274	Meanwhile back on Earth Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2022	9780008555450	5-6	How we battle over borders-told from a family car trip out past the moon.
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!

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6338	Meatball's good dog day Clark, Margaret & Hayes, Phil (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1998	9780091831707	3-4	A humorous tale, with cartoon style line drawings, of a dog and his family during a day out at the beach.
	Mechanica series Balchin, Lance				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.
578871	Medical mission Ivanoff, George	Penguin Random House Australia	2016	9780857988805	5-6	In the middle of the night, Josh watched a Royal Flying Doctor Service plane land on his family's cattle station to assist his mother during a difficult childbirth. In order to thank the RFDS for their service, Josh decides to organise a community fundraiser. However, his efforts are cut short when he is bitten by a deadly snake. Will Josh get to safety in time?
587881	Medical robots Kingsley Troupe, Thomas	World Book	2018	9780716693314	K-2	Robots have been on TV and in movies for years, check out what some robots are doing now! They can be fun and helpful.
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.
12951	Medieval Messenger, The Fleming, Fergus & Tomlins, Karen (des) & Dowsell, Paul (ed)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	1996	9780746027493	7-9	'Mystery plague rocks Europe' and 'Beckett kicks bucket' are feature articles in this wonderful newspaper crammed full of historically accurate references. Homestores catalogue, spot the difference competitions and a personal column also included.

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5892	Mediterranean, The Greder, Armin	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760630959	7-9	A lifeless body. One of many in the waters of the Mediterranean. Precarious boats navigate the waters of the sea, from south to north. And more often than not, it is not only hope that drowns. With eloquent and devastating imagery, the creator of the multi-award-winning book The Island again asks us to examine our responses to the plight of refugees. How long will we remain silent witnesses?
28748	Meerkat choir Greenberg, Nicki	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760290795	K-2	Attention, meerkats! Choir practice is about to begin. But who are all these pesky animals interrupting the rehearsal? They're not meerkats! They cannot be in a meerkat choir! It's no wonder the Meerkat Choirmaster is getting very, very, very cranky!
903263	Meerkat Christmas Parker, Aura	Penguin	2022	9780143777229	K-2	Hip Hooray! It's Christmas Day! Come on meerkats, let's all play. Jumping, leaping, up,up,up! Meerkat pup on pup on pup. Join our ten meerkat friends as they play a wobbly Christmas game. But who makes them crash?
8109	Meerkat mail Gravett, Emily	MacMillan	2006	9781405052153	3-4	Sunny Meerkat comes from a large and close family. One day, he decides that it's time to leave home and see the world.
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?
22317	Meet Banjo Paterson Weidenbach, Kristin & Gulliver Hancock, James (ill)	Random House Children's Books	2015	9780857980083	5-6	Andrew Barton Paterson spent his early years in country NSW. He was sent to finish his education in Sydney, where he eventually worked as a lawyer. Paterson missed the bush and, using the pseudonym, the Banjo, after the horse he used to ride, began to write poems and stories that brought the bush to the city. He is famous for The Man from Snowy River and Waltzing Matilda.
3828	Meet Captain Cook Murdie, Rae & Nixon, Chris (ill)	Random House Children's Books	2014	9780857980182	5-6	Captain James Cook was an explorer in the British Royal Navy. In 1768, Cook and his crew on the HMB Endeavour set sail from England in search of new lands and scientific knowledge. They discovered the east coast of New Holland (Australia) and claimed it for the King of England in1788.
41098	Meet Don Bradman Vass, Coral & Howe, Brad (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925324891	3-4	Don Bradman was Australia's greatest cricketer. This is the story of how he first came to play for Australia, and how his record-breaking feats in the Ashes series became a source of pride and hope during the hard years of the Great Depression.

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18816	Meet Douglas Mawson Dumbleton, Mike & Green, Snip (ill)	Random House Children's Books	2014	9780857981950	5-6	Douglas Mawson led the first Australian expedition to the Antarctic. Under extreme conditions, he survived the dangers and challenges of the frozen continent. An inspiring story of courage.
41193	Meet Mary MacKillop Murphy, Sally & Martinez, Sonia (ill)	Random House Children's Books	2013	9781742757216	5-6	Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint, started her first school in 1866. It was the first of many schools she started, to educate any child, no matter how rich or poor.
566592	Meet me at the intersection Lim, Rebecca & Kwaymullina, Amberlin (ed)	Fremantle Press	2018	9781925591705	9plus	Meet Me at the Intersection is an anthology of short fiction, memoir and poetry by authors who are First Nations, People of Colour, LGBTIQA+ or living with disability. The focus of the anthology is on Australian life as seen through each author's unique, and seldom heard, perspective. With works by Ellen van Neerven, Graham Akhurst, Kyle Lynch, Ezekiel Kwaymullina, Olivia Muscat, Mimi Lee, Jessica Walton, Kelly Gardiner, Rafeif Ismail, Yvette Walker, Amra Pajalic, Melanie Rodriga, Omar Sakr, Wendy Chen, Jordi Kerr, Rebecca Lim, Michelle Aung Thin and Alice Pung, this anthology is designed to challenge the dominant, homogenous story of privilege and power that rarely admits "outsider" voices. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
977760	Meet me at the moon tree Plozza, Shivaun	University of Queensland Press	2023	9780702266171	5-6	Carina and her family have moved to a new home. She is determined to find a moon tree. She promised her father and she is determined to keep that promise.
995934	Meet Mim Severgnini, Sandra	EK Books	2023	9781922539557	K-2	Dive down to the world of the sandy seabed and meet one of the ocean's masters of disguise! Is it a jellyfish? Is it a sea star? Is it perhaps a sting ray? Can you guess which creature it is that can change colour, shape and even skin texture in so many amazing ways?"
4843	Meet Nancy Bird Walton Atwood, Grace & Slaghekke, Harry (ill)	Random House Children's Books	2014	9780857983879	5-6	Nancy Bird Walton grew up during the golden age of aviation. By the time she was thirteen, Nancy knew she wanted to fly. She studied under the famous aviator, Charles Kingsford Smith. This is the story of how Nancy began her career as Australia's first female commercial pilot.
46409	Meet Ned Kelly Brian, Janeen & Adams, Matt (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9781742757186	5-6	Ned Kelly was a notorious bushranger, he lived in Australia's earliest days. Ned was daring and clever and bold, in a suit made of iron, and his story is still being told.

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10711	Meet Nellie Melba Brian, Janeen & Murphy, Claire (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9780143780298	3-4	Dame Nellie Melba was Australia's first classical music star. The beauty of her singing was celebrated around the globe. She was appointed Dame Commander, OBE, for her enormous fundraising efforts during World War I. Today, she is commemorated on Australia's one hundred dollar banknote. This is the story of how she rose to fame, and how she brought opera to Australians in the city and the bush.
7956	Meet Sidney Nolan Mes, Yvonne & Eterovic, Sandra (ill)	Random House Children's Books	2015	9780857985897	5-6	Sidney Nolan is one of Australia's most admired and recognised visual artists. This is the story of how he developed his iconic Ned Kelly series of paintings, brought modernist art to Australia and took Australian art to an admiring international audience.
11852	Meet the ANZACS Saxby, Claire & Berry, Max (ill)	Random House Children's Books	2014	9780857981929	5-6	ANZAC is the name given to the Australian and New Zealand troops who landed at Gallipoli in World War I. They embarked on a journey that went horribly wrong. It changed their lives and the course of history. The name is now a symbol of bravery and friendship.
9398	Meet the Flying Doctors Ivanoff, George & Wood, Ben (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9780143780687	3-4	In the early twentieth century, Reverend John Flynn saw the potential for aeroplanes to bring urgent medical care to people in outback Australia. He campaigned for more than ten years to make his big idea a reality. That big idea became the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Today, the Service, a not-for-profit organisation, provides emergency and primary health care across Australia.
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?
613981	Meet the sky Hoyle, McCall	HarperCollins US	2018	9780310765707	7-9	Sophie lives with her mum and sister on a horse stud and we immediately discover that her life has been dramatically impacted by an accident involving her sister and dad a year earlier. Then a boy gets added to the narrative mix and a hurricane gives us the perfect setting for tension and adventure in this coming of age story.
4527	Meet Weary Dunlop Saxby, Claire & Lord, Jeremy (ill)	Random House Children's Books	2015	9780857985361	5-6	Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop was an Australian Army surgeon during World War II. This is the story of how Weary's bravery and compassion helped to save the lives and bolster the spirits of fellow prisoners of war on the Thai-Burma Railway.

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914377	Meeting Cezanne Morpurgo, Michael & Place, Francoise (ill)	Walker Books	2014	9781406351132	5-6	Yannick's mother requires an operation so he will have to spend the summer with relatives in the South of France. Here, Yannick spends time with his aunt, uncle and beautiful cousin while working at their restaurant and discovering the beauties of the countryside made famous by Cezanne. One evening, Yannick accidentally destroys an art work by the world's greatest artist and must find a way to correct his terrible mistake.
2827	Meg and Mog Nicoll, Helen & Pienkowski, Jan (ill)	Puffin UK	1975	9780140501179	K-2	We meet Meg the well-meaning witch, her cat, Mog, and her owl, called Owl. Not all Meg's spells turn out as expected.
15321	Meg on the moon Nicoll, Helen & Pienkowski, Jan (ill)	Puffin UK	1976	9780140501209	K-2	Mog wants a birthday treat so Meg and Mog go to the moon in a flying saucer.
12492	Meg up the creek Nicoll, Helen & Pienkowski, Jan (ill)	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2002	9780140568936	K-2	Meg, Mog and Owl go out in their canoe to hunt for supper. They can't find any thing to eat so Meg makes a powerful spell and they get more than they bargained for.
12218	Meg's car Nicoll, Helen & Piernkowski, Jan (ill)	Puffin UK	1978	9780140502596	K-2	When Meg the witch, her cat, Mog, and Owl decide to go on a picnic, it is easier to take the broomstick than the new car.
30923	Mega dramas Murray, Sue	Pan MacMillan	2009	9781420229394	9plus	This collection of eight plays includes information on the major elements of drama, explores different performance styles, plays with traditional tales and shines a light on contemporary Australian issues. Explores themes of friendship, racism, violence, sport, music and family relationships. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1423364	Mega rich guinea pigs Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460767207	3-4	The world's richest man, Magnus McAloon, has tragically died in a rocket experiment gone wrong. The sole heirs to his estate are his four beloved pet guinea pigs: Hot Head, Lunk, G-Chip and Big Pig (who is actually a capybara, but don't tell him that). Not everyone is happy - especially the members of the McAloon family, who are determined to get back the fortune that they feel belongs to them, and not the newly mega rich guinea pigs.

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	Mega series Pitchall, Chez & Gunzi, Christiane (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.
818328	Megamonster Walliams, David & Ross, TOny (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2021	9780008499723	3-4	Deep in the mists of time, far from the world we know, is an ancient stone castle. This castle sits on a huge black rock jutting out of a raging sea. The castle is a school where the naughtiest children in the world are sent. There is zero chance of escape. It is here that the scariest, yuckiest, most monstrous monsters you can think of get squished together into one. Who would dare to fight such a creature? Meet Larker, one small girl ready to take on Mega Monster.
15427	Megan's journey Keir, June	Loranda Publishing	2004	9780975213582	5-6	Thirteen year old Megan discovers her mother is still alive and living in Japan. Her mother has remarried a Japanese man who lives a traditional life and they have two children. Megan has difficult choices to make.
6432	Melissa's octopus and other unsuitable pets Voake, Charlotte	Walker Books	2014	9781406353006	K-2	Follow Melissa, her friends and all their rather unsuitable pets. There are certain animals that make suitable pets, like a cat, a dog or a guinea pig. Then, there are other animals that definitely make unsuitable pets. Find out why.
6907	Melody Trumpet Tozer, Gabrielle	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2019	9781460754979	3-4	As the daughter of worldwide, famous, musical superstars, Melody Trumpet was supposed to be an extraordinarily gifted musician to carry on the Trumpet legacy. But, as was first discovered when Melody screamed her first out-of-tune note as baby, this wasn't to be! Ten years on, Melody has been kept away from the eyes and ears of the world safely tucked away in Trumpet Manor. Will she find her voice? If only secrets could stay hidden...!
21211	Melowy: Dreams come true Star, Danielle	Scholastic US	2018	9781338151749	K-2	Melowies are small pegasuses born with hidden magic powers. Somewhere behind the clouds is the Castle of Destiny where Melowies find friends, learn courage and learn what they are meant to be.
21212	Melowy: Song of the moon Star, Danielle	Scholastic US	2018	9781338151763	K-2	The Medowies, young pegasuses, are putting on a school musical. One Medowy, Selena, doesn't want to participate so her friends try and help her overcome her nerves.

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2461	Melting pot, The: The diary of Edward, Chek Chee Cheng, Christopher W	Scholastic Australia	2007	9781865049755	5-6	It is 1903, the time of the White Australia Policy, and Edward Chek Chee is the son of a mixed marriage. His father is Chinese, his mother Australian and Edward tries to fit in to both cultures. He has to cope with racism at school and bigotry from his cousin at home, while worrying about having to go back to China to understand his ancestral roots.
14232	Melting stones Pierce, Tamora	Omnibus Books	2008	9781862918030	7-9	Four years have passed since Evvy left the streets of Chammur to begin her training as a stone mage. At fourteen, she's unhappy to be on a new journey with her mentor, prickly green mage Rosethorn, who has been called to the Battle Islands to determine why the plants and animals there are dying.
254	Memorial Crew, Gary	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734405456	7-9	A new perspective on the ANZAC tradition and the implications of war on different generations.
13268	Memory shed, The Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, Ezekiel	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781742990347	3-4	Annie is helping Grandma clear out her old shed for a garage sale. There are many dusty old things, long forgotten and unused. But, they hold special memories for Grandma. And, it seems the shed has something to say and it wants Grandma and Annie to listen.
1019686	Memory thieves, The Clayton, Dhonielle	Henry Holt & Co	2023	9781460762899	5-6	Magic school in the clouds is back in session. As second-year students, Ella, Brigit and Jason, are back to learn new magic but, whilst Ella's fame among Marvellers has skyrocketed ever since she helped thwart the diabolical scheme of the Ace of Anarchy, she and her Conjuror friends are still viewed with suspicion. Add to this, increased schoolwork, a mystery illness affecting the student body, and the dangerous secrets she uncovers about the Conjure architect who built the school, and Ella and her friends must race to save themselves and the Marvellian world before chaos breaks loose.
879788	Memory tree, The Teckentrup, Britta	Orchard Books	2013	9781408326336	3-4	Fox has lived a long and happy life in the forest. One day, he lies down in his favourite clearing, takes a deep breath and falls asleep for ever. Before long, Fox's friends begin to gather in the clearing. One by one, they tell stories of the special moments that they shared with Fox. And, as they share their memories, a tree blooms, big and strong, eventually watching over all the friends, just as Fox did when he was alive.
120132	Mending Lucille Poulter, J R & Davis, Sarah (ill)	Lothian Books	2008	9780734410337	3-4	A young girl grieves for her mother. She clings to familiar things to remind her of happier times but a broken doll highlights her hurt and begins the healing sequence.

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9289	Mennyms, The Waugh, Sylvia	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780099433323	5-6	A family of rag dolls has survived on its own for forty years until now, but they may not be able to survive if their secret is betrayed.
916633	Meowster chef Speedie, Sarah & Verola, Marina (ill)	Larrikin House	2022	9781922503954	K-2	Tonight is the night. The show of the year. Only one of these cats will win the chef's crown. Will it be Pompous Pierre, Jinx, Belle or Lou? Lights! Camera! Action! With a splash of hijinks and a dash of drama, will any of these contestants make it? Or will their big ideas go up in flames?
56115	Merchant of Venice, The Shakespeare, William & Hinds, Gareth (adapt)	Candlewick Press	2008	9780763630256	7-9	A tale of young Bassanio, who, in order to win the love of fair Portia, entangles his dearest friend, Antonio, in a dangerous bargain with the moneylender, Shylock. Only Bassanio's heartfelt efforts and a clever intervention by Portia will save Antonio from paying Shylock 'a pound of flesh'. Graphic novel with authentic Shakespearean text.
	Mercy series series Lim, Rebecca				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	Mercy Watson series DiCamillo, Kate & Van Dusen, Chris (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.
652809	Mermaid! Hutchings, Maggie & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	Affirm Press	2018	9781925870282	K-2	When a day at the beach reveals Lena's secret worries, her smile goes away. Even ice cream doesn't make it better! So Luka sets out to find something - or someone - to help...a beautiful mermaid!
29026	Merry everything McCartney, Tania	Windy Hollow Books	2017	9781922081704	K-2	It's Christmas Eve and the world is buzzing with busy. With baubles to hang, shimmer to drape, and scrumptious treats to prepare, enjoy this peek inside the festive homes of animals all over the world. From deer baking gingerbread, to elephants gobbling candy canes and ducks snapping crackers, join these adorable creatures as they celebrate the togetherness that is Christmas.

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255	Merryll of the stones Caswell, Brian	University of Queensland Press	1989	9780702222504	9plus	An exciting, modern story with elements from ancient mythology. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
825499	MerTales: The best friend promise TImmis, Rebecca	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526528	3-4	Pearl is planning a sea-sational party for her birthday, but a chance encounter with a shooting star changes everything. All of a sudden Pearl can do something she never thought possible. Pearl's new powers could be a curse or a blessing.
846053	Mertales: The daring reef rescue Timmis, Rebecca	Albert Street Books	2021	9781760526566	3-4	Tomorrow is the Fancy-Fins Dress-up Party, and the MerTales crew are very excited! Pearl, Sandy and Coral are extra thrilled to be testing out their mer-mazing new magic powers. But what about Shell? She doesn't seem to have any powers, and is feeling a bit left out. Then a giant turtle blunders into Cockleshell Cove, and Shell is worried that she is too much of a scaredyfish to help. Together the girls must find a way to save the turtle, rescue Cockleshell Cove and have the best dress-up party ever!
846180	MerTales: The great treasure hunt TImmis, Rebecca	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526573	3-4	It's the day of the Great Treasure Hunt and everyone is joining in! Coral is excited to lead her team of best friends to the treasure first. But soon they discover that there is a bigger mystery to solve... Who is the mer-sterious Count Frumplesquid, and what does he really want in Cockleshell Cove? Can Coral and her crew work together to uncover the truth and keep the precious treasure safe?
871651	Mertales: The mysterious rainbow thief Timms, Rebecca	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526580	3-4	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! 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. Can the mer-crew catch the thief and bring back Cockleshell Cove's beautiful rainbow?

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4846	Mervin the sloth is about to do the best thing in the world Venable, Colleen AF & Chan, Ruth (ill)	HarperCollins US	2016	9780062338471	K-2	Mervin the Sloth is about to do best thing in the world. Can you guess what it is? "Flying!" says the bird. "Gazelling!" says the gazelle. "Digging!" says the prairie dog. Hurry up, Mervin! But Mervin moves so slowly. Are you patient enough to wait?
5640	Message in a sock Baillie, Kaye & Joy, Narelda (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2018	9781925227383	3-4	Tammy is safe at home, but her heart is with her father at the warfront. While her mother knits socks for the soldiers, Tammy slips a message inside each pair. But will her one special message find her father, and bring him safely home?
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?
40705	Messenger bird, The Hawke, Rosanne	University of Queensland Press	2012	9780702238826	7-9	Tanmar's older brother is dead, her mum's gone away and her dad avoids talking about the things that really matter. Plagued by nightmares about her brother, Tamar has no interest in school or friends. When she discovers an old handwritten sheet of music and plays the tune, Tamar meets gifted violinist, Nathaniel, a man from her house's past. She is unwittingly drawn into a journey through time and music.
7226	Messenger, The Townsend, John	Evans Bros	2012	9780237543358	7-9	When a piece of glass angel smashes in front of him, Chris doesn't take any notice. Not even when a stranger tells him it's a warning. But, when Chris and his girlfriend are trapped on the moors, strange things start to happen.
4627	Messenger, The Zusak, Markus	Pan MacMillan	2002	9780330363884	9plus	Ed Kennedy is nineteen. His life is one of peaceful routine and incompetence until he inadvertently stops a bank robbery. When he receives his first playing card with three addresses written on it, Ed becomes the messenger. A cryptic journey with laughter, fists and love. Adult themes and strong language, used in context, may offend some readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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2164	Messenger: the legend of Joan of Arc Lee, Tony & Hart, Sam (ill)	Walker Books	2014	9781406336153	7-9	You may have heard of Joan of Arc. She had a short but inspirational life, fighting for freedom during the One Hundred Years War between France and England. She was a farm girl who became the leader of an army of men. Joan had an unflinching faith in God and in herself, and was prepared to risk everything for freedom and independence. She became the patron saint of France.
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.
38689	Meteorite kid, The Faulkner, Carol	Walker Books	2008	9781921150807	5-6	Morgan is so excited when she thinks she's taken the winning catch in her baseball final but the thing she catches is a strange, blue object. It makes her feel calm and happy but it has different effects on other people.
6144	Metro winds Carmody, Isobelle	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781865084442	7-9	Includes five long stories and a novella. A girl is sent across the world to discover her destiny in the dark tunnels of the Metro. Another seeks a lost sister in a park where winter lasts forever. A young man fulfils a dying wish. A mother works magic to summon a princess for her son. A man seeks an ending to his story. An old man goes in search of his shadow. This is a world of desire and transformation, the real and the not real.
1038832	Mia Megastar Nicodemou, Ada & Costain, Meredith & Geddes, Serens	Penguin	2024	9781761342158	5-6	Mia Megastar is her story of a young Greek/Australian girl growing up above her family store. She has a huge extended family who love getting together with friends and food. Lots of food! Of course, her lunches are very different from everyone else's. She doesn't just have a simple white bread sandwich, but a large lunchbox full of pastries, figs, and assorted dips enough to share with everyone.
79472	Mia's story Foreman, Michael	Walker Books	2006	9781844282784	3-4	Mia's family is very poor, living in a house made from recycled bits and pieces. When her dog, Poco, disappears, Mia takes the family horse and heads off into the mountain meadows. There, the snow is clean and the sky is clear and Mia finds a kind of lily she's never seen before.

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1019851	Mic drop: A high rise mystery Jackson, Sharna	Knopf Publishing Group	2024	9781913311032	5-6	Nic and Norva are back to solve the mystery death of pop star Trojkat. Can they solve the mystery before the police? Fast paced and full of twists and turns!
19501	Michael Bradman, Tony & Ross, Tony (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842709115	K-2	Michael, intelligent, wilful and eccentric, drives all his teachers to distraction with his non-conformist behaviour and attitudes. He is always late, he's scruffy and he never seems to do the right thing. There seems to be no hope for Michael but the story has a twist to it.
14977	Michael O'Loughlin: inside the Sydney Swans (An Indij sport report) Hall, Tammy & others	Indij Readers	2004	9780975686058	5-6	Two students and a teacher from Doonside Technology High school interview the talented AFL player, Michael O'Loughlin, who plays for the Sydney Swans.
1409468	Michael Rosen's pocket Shakespeare: A beginner's guide to the best bits of the bard Rosen, Michael & Riddell, Chris (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781844287628	7-9	Enjoy Shakespeare without the hard work! Two former Children's Laureates bring Shakespeare to life in this accessible and handy guide to the best bits of the bard.
18690	Michael Rosen's sad book Rosen, Michael & Blake, Quentin (ill)	Walker Books	2004	9780744598988	7-9	A very personal story about the loss of a loved one. It speaks to everyone whether they have experienced grief or not.
846262	Michael Rosen's Sticky McStickstick Rosen, Michael & Ross, Tony (ill)	Walker Books	2021	9781529502404	K-2	Who would think a stick could be your best friend and a symbol of hope and recovery. In this book you meet Sticky McStickstick. He is the friend that helped Michael to walk again. This is a true story about getting better after being sick with covid.
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.
849498	Michaela Mason's big list of camp worries Moses, Alexa	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781743838761	5-6	A heartwarming story about a year 5 student who suffers from major anxieties. She is about to embark on the stage 3 camp of a lifetime but could think of nothing worse. She has created a BIG LIST of all the reasons why she should not attend. If that isn't enough, there is a drought in their hometown and Michaela is desperately encouraging everyone to save water. What if it never rains again? What if the town runs out of water and they won't be able to shower or wash their hands anymore? What if there are spiders at camp? What if an escaped prisoner breaks into camp? There are so many what ifs in life - how is Michaela Mason ever going to relax and enjoy life? Making lists is one way to help Michaela deal with so many challenges.

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	Middle School series Various				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.
5873	Midnight Greenwood, Mark & Lessac, Frane (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2014	9781921977718	7-9	This is the story from World War I of Guy Haydon and his horse, Midnight, as they enlist with the army, travel across the world and play a starring role in a great cavalry charge.
705141	Midnight at the library Dubosarsky, Ursula & Brooks, Ron (ill)	National Library of Australia	2018	9780642279316	3-4	A story of a little gold book, written long ago, and the journey it takes over the years before arriving at its new home in the library.
12087	Midnight babies Wild, Margaret & James, Ann (ill)	Clarion Books	2001	9780618104123	K-2	At midnight, when absolutely anything can happen, Baby Brenda escapes through the cat door to romp with the other neighbourhood babies at the Midnight Cafe.
95396	Midnight charter, The Whitley, David	Puffin UK	2009	9780141323718	7-9	In the city of Agora, anything can be bought and sold. Even children are possessions until their twelfth birthday. Mark has been sold by his father, and Lily, an orphan from birth, has bartered for her life. Thrown together, they face an existence of poverty and servitude, unless they can find a way to break free. But, unbeknown to Mark and Lily, they are being watched by the ruler of the city.
1409689	Midnight chew, The Morgan, Sally & Blair, Karen (ill)	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760995096	K-2	When Boofa Boy Jones steals Skippy Gillespie's very big bone, a marvellous doggy race ensues. But who will win the mighty bone, and will they feast all alone?
4394	Midnight club, The Howes, Jim & Hurst, Elise (ill)	JoJo Publishing	2007	9780977530496	5-6	The animals at The Lort Smith Animal Hospital meet every other midnight to share their stories. From little Dave, the puppy, to Gus, the guinea pig, the chosen animals tell of their own misadventures and share tales such as the story of the purposeful guinea pig, the courageous turtle and the trustworthy snake. The Lort Smith Animal Hospital and Dave are real.
12088	Midnight feast, The Wild, Margaret & James, Ann (ill)	ABC Books	1999	9780733307898	K-2	The cheeky babies from The Midnight Gang are back. Baby Brenda and her gang meet up with Baby Mario and his gang at The Midnight Cafe for a wild time of dancing, playing and feasting.

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3752	Midnight gang, The Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2016	9780008188573	5-6	Tom is hit on the head by a cricket ball at boarding school and is promptly sent to hospital to recover from his injury. While there, he becomes involved with the adventures of The Midnight Gang, a gang of patients from the children's ward, who are under the strict control of the hospital's evil, children hating Matron and scarily deformed porter. Will the Midnight Gang accept Tom into the group and can they outsmart the wicked Matron and make all the gang's wildest dreams come true?
12080	Midnight gang, The Wild, Margaret & James, Ann (ill)	Omnibus Books	1996	9781862912991	K-2	A gang of babies climb out of their cots at night to go to the park and play. Here they can do all the things that their parents think they are too young to do.
10321	Midnight zoo, The Hartnett, Sonya	Viking Children's	2010	9780670074051	7-9	Two gypsy boys, carrying a secret bundle, are fleeing through a war-ravaged countryside during the night and come across a small zoo, untouched by the war. The animals are in need of hope, as are the boys.
257	Midnite: the story of a wild, colonial boy Stow, Randolph	Puffin Australia	1970	9780140304213	5-6	This is the story of a bushranger in Western Australia who has four comical animal friends.
54303	Midsummer knight Rogers, Gregory	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2007	9781741754827	7-9	A courageous bear and a bold boy find themselves in a magical forest full of faeries. Unfortunately, the bear ends up in a dungeon but he devises a clever escape, and goes into battle to save the monarch. This wordless picture book, a companion to The boy, the bear, the baron, the bard, is loosely based on Shakespeare's play, A midsummer night's dream.
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.
258	Midwife's apprentice, The Cushman, Karen	MacMillan	2002	9780330398312	7-9	In 14th century England, Alyce is taken from a life on the streets to be an apprentice to a village midwife.
2871	Mieko and the fifth treasure Coerr, Eleanor	Scholastic Australia	1990	9780947241858	3-4	When the bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, Mieko's village was ruined and her hand was badly injured. She also lost the legendary fifth treasure, beauty in the heart. She is sent to a new school where her bravery and patience may help.
12315	Miffy the fairy Bruna, Dick	ABC Books	2002	9780733310881	K-2	Miffy imagines what fun it would be to become a fairy. She could wave her wand and make a castle, give a bird a glorious tail and turn pears into rosy apples.

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12314	Miffy the ghost Bruna, Dick	Big Tent Entertainment	2004	9781592260621	K-2	Miffy dresses up as a ghost and decides it would be fun to scare her friends. But when she frightens dear Aunt Alice, it's time to stop.
9261	Mighty Greek myth raps Mitton, Tony	Watts Publishing Group	2002	9781841218113	5-6	A humorous anthology of poetry including poems on Odysseus in Greek mythology.
23768	Mighty Jack and the Goblin King Hatke, Ben	Roaring Book Press	2017	9781626722668	5-6	When Jack's sister Maddy is carried off through a portal by an evil Ogre Jack and Lilly must pull all stops to find her and bring her back home And they do. But what is waiting for them on the other side of the doorway between worlds is an escapade they may not be ready for. Get ready for a goblin, rat, giant and dragon filled adventure between worlds with magic beanstalks and non-stop action that will keep readers on the edge of their seats right until the last page.
	Mighty Mitch series Starc, Mitchell & Bunting, Philip (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.
9318	Mighty Murray, The Nicholson, John	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2002	9781865085654	7-9	Australia's greatest river system now and then, with many stories about the people who lived on or in the Murray Valley. Includes archaeological finds, Aboriginal legends, riverboat traders and dam engineers.
751016	Migrants Wantanabe, Issa (ill)	Gecko Press	2020	9781776573134	5-6	A wordless picture book soaked in symbolism that shows the hardship, endurance and cost of forced migration. Migrants grapples with difficult themes that are left open ended to invite the reader to draw their own conclusions. Bright, detailed illustrations show the hope and courage of each individual character and why they take such a journey.
12692	Migration to Australia: Refugees Day, William	Redback Publishing	2017	9781925630114	5-6	Find out about Australia's responses to people arriving as refugees, from colonial times up until the present. Read about the contributions refugees have made to Australia and the challenges they have faced.

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642930	Mika and Max Bloom, Laura	Walker Books	2019	9781760651145	5-6	Mika doesn't want to go away with her family for the weekend. It's lucky she does, though, because otherwise she never would have met Max, or stayed with him on the Magic Bus, or sung in public for the first time, or made a game-changing phone call, or swum through shark-infested waters, or discovered The Meaning of Life! And all on the one special day...
2872	Mike Caswell, Brian	University of Queensland Press	1993	9780702225277	7-9	Mike and his mother have moved from Melbourne to live in Sydney's west. Mike soon wishes they had never left. At school, he becomes the victim of a bully, Shane and meets Riny, a neighbour with a secret success story.
38336	Mike I don't like Temple, Jol & Temple, Kate & Foye, Jon (ill)	ABC Books	2014	9780733333255	K-2	Mike has no hesitation in letting anyone know exactly how he feels, and it appears that there is much he does not like. Mike loudly proclaims his dislike of everything from sandwiches to lizards, from cheese to tickles, all described in rhyme just itching to be spoken aloud.
9380	Mike Mulligan and his steam shovel Burton, Virginia Lee	Houghton Mifflin	1977	9780395259399	K-2	Mike Mulligan proves that, although dated, his steam shovel is still useful.
855841	Mikki and me and the out-of-tune tree Roberts, Marion	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526795	5-6	Eleven-year-old Alberta Bracken is having a terrible summer. Her broken arm means she can't go boogie boarding at the local beath. Her friends are acting weird, and her little sister, Clementine, is being extremely annoying. So when budding filmmaker Mikki Watanabe invites Alberta to make nature documentaries about the private life of trees, Alberta is ready for action! But then they uncover the fate of their beloved pine grove and wonder...how do a couple of eleven-year-olds save a forest before it's too late?
882467	Mila & Ivy McKelvey, Katrina & Berry, Jasmine (ill)	Wombat Books	2022	9781761110801	K-2	Mila is a cardboard design engineer. She often works with her sister Ivy. However, things change when Ivy destroys their project by making cardboard confetti. Mila is devastated and continues to engineer alone. But something is missing. Maybe Ivy has something that can help. What could that be?
20806	Mila and the missing lions Hulme, Celeste	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760066826	K-2	Mila's parents are lion tamers, they're part of a circus. Mila is a lion tamer too. She has everything she needs, except, well, lions. So, she practises on her dog, Ralph, who doesn't care for his paper mane and would much rather be asleep on the sofa. When Mila opens the gate to the lions' cage to slip in, they slip out. They have sharp teeth and pointy claws. Mila must catch the missing lions before anyone finds out.

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7590	Milad: the voyage to Ophir Anhar, Nazam	Scholastic Australia	2008	9781741691153	9plus	Milad decides to go on one sea voyage to save his family's fortunes and embarks on a journey where he will find sea-battles, pirates, treasure, spies, perils and love. As part of a Phoenician fleet in the service of King Solomon, he experiences danger on the high seas and in deepest Africa, but he also finds the truest of friends in unexpected places. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
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.
1209955	Miles and Jones: The blizzard of blobs Smith, Sam & Lador, Cesar (ill)	Little Moa	2025	9781869715588	3-4	Best friends Amelia Miles and Shackleton Jones team up to save their park from the curses of Glam-Evil, an ultra-villain with a grudge.
37155	Mill girl, a Victorian girl's diary 1842-1843 Reid, Sue	Scholastic UK	2008	9781407103730	5-6	Eliza is shocked when she is sent to the Manchester cotton mills in 1842. The mill is noisy and suffocating, the work is backbreaking and dangerous and the workers are wrecked by poverty, sickness and unrest. Eliza realises she must fight to escape the fate of a mill girl and the miseries of the factory.
12270	Milli, Jack and the dancing cat King, Stephen Michael	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2003	9781865087474	K-2	Milli has a special gift for fixing things. She can make something out of any old discarded thing or mend boots and tools. But, all the townsfolk ever want are sensible things. Milli keeps her dream of making something special to herself.
2873	Millicent Baker, Jeannie	Walker Books	2008	9781921150739	K-2	Every day at the same time, Millicent walks through Hyde Park. She never speaks to anyone, but the park pigeons expect her. When they see her, they make a sweeping circle above the place where she always stops. Millicent's dream is to find enough feathers on the ground to eventually make herself a feather coat, hat, bag and shoes. This wordless story is told through magnificent collages.

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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?
1423792	Millicent Quibb school of etiquette for young ladies of mad science, The: Secrets of the purple pearl McKinnon, Kate	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780008710774	5-6	It's summertime in Antiquarium and everyone has flocked to the majestic lakeside Purple Pearl Hotel, including the nefarious group of evil mad scientists, the Krenetics Research Association. They haven't given up on resurrecting their fearsome leader, Talon Sharktüth, and now, they're hot on the trail of the legendary purple pearl, a source of power that is rumoured to be lost at the bottom of Kagloopy Lake. All they need to do now is find a mysterious creature called a Shrimpmaid, boil the lake (and everything in it) away, and pluck up the pearl! But Millicent, Gertrude, Eugenia, and Dee-Dee are onto them, and they are determined to stop the KRA. While Millicent and the gang work together to prevent the second coming of Talon Sharktüth, they discover more secrets than they bargained for--including where they came from, and who they truly are.
8508	Millie Marsden, John & Rippon, Sally	Pan MacMillan	2002	9780732911294	3-4	Millie was always so good, or was she? Millie eats all her vegetables and puts away her toys, or does she? She's always kind to her baby brother, or is she? But no matter what Millie does, her parents still love her.
1423954	Millie and Stella best friends forever: The puppy project Moon, Josephine & Robaard, Jedda (ill)	Puffin Australia	2025	9781761346507	3-4	Millie and Stella have wanted a puppy for the longest time. So when Fergus, an adorable assistance dog in training, needs their help, they're up for the challenge. But it's harder than they thought and the cheeky puppy has his own plans about what to learn.
15357	Millie and the night heron Bateson, Catherine	University of Queensland Press	2005	9780702235269	7-9	Millie's artist mum needs a change but Millie isn't so keen. When they move, Millie must start Year 7 in a new school. Fitting in and making friends is hard but Millie is a very special girl and mum's love interest, the new boyfriend, helps.
4157	Millie loves ants French, Jackie & deGennaro, Sue (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2017	9781460751787	K-2	'My friend Millie just loves ants.' Emily is intrigued to know why Millie the echidna loves ants so much. And so Emily carefully observes Millie until she discovers her secret. Millie is collecting food for her baby puggle!

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1395154	Millie Mak makes her mark Pung, Alice & Ng, Sher Rill (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2025	9781460767009	5-6	Millie at fourteen wants to be independent and involved with building her Fru-Gals business Ahem Creations. The holidays are perfect for all their ideas except they also have their siblings to look after. Undeterred by complaining neighbours and personal fears, brimming with new projects like the cloth dyeing factory. Millie makes her mark through thoughtful consideration of all her friends and Shanelle keeping it real to get their business started.
959176	Millie Mak the maker Pung, Alice & Ng, Sher Rill (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9781460716090	5-6	Nine-year-old Millie Mak has discovered she has a superpower! Using everyday objects, Millie turns them into something beautiful. Through her creativity and clever thinking, Millie also deals with different friendships, tricky family challenges and learning about her world. There are detailed instructions at the back of the book so you can make the special objects Millie creates, and best of all, nothing needs to be bought!
1209699	Millie Mak the mender Pung, Alice & Ng, Sher Rill (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2024	9781460763797	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.
1380683	Millie the cutest puppy in the world: Dance concert Whittle, Cate & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761291685	3-4	Millie is a tiny fluffy puppy with an ink-black nose and great big honey-brown eyes. She loves going to Miss Sparrow's School of Dance, and can't wait to perform with her best friends in their special concert.
1203574	Millie the cutest puppy in the world: New home Whittle, Cate & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761291678	3-4	Millie is a tiny fluffy puppy with an ink-black nose and great big honey-brown eyes. She loves going to Miss Sparrow's School of Dance, and can't wait to perform with her best friends in their special concert.
10052	Millie's special something Cox, Tania & Miller, David (ill)	Working Title Press	2012	9781921504389	K-2	Big, bad Reggie loves to scare Millie. He thinks it's fun. But, not for Millie, it's frightening. All her friends have a special something to make them feel brave. Millie wonders why she doesn't have a special something too.

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28875	Million shades of grey, A Kadohata, Cynthia	Simon & Schuster	2010	9781847388230	7-9	Thirteen year old Y-Tin is an elephant trainer. His life revolves around Lady and the other elephants in their small herd. But, this is Vietnam in 1975 and, now that the American forces are gone, the North Vietnamese threaten the Dega people of the Central Highlands. When the feared attack comes, Y-Tin is captured. He must risk his life and save his elephants by fleeing into the jungle.
15356	Millions Boyce, Frank Cottrell	MacMillan	2004	9780330433310	5-6	When a bag full of money drops out of the sky, Damien and Anthony find they are very, very rich. Suddenly, the brothers can buy anything they want except for the one thing they really need. Winner of 2005 Carnegie Medal.
9386	Millions of cats Gag, Wanda	Penguin Putnam	1996	9780698113633	K-2	A man goes out for one kitten but comes back with millions of cats.
895555	Milly and the mulberry tree Conley, Vikki & Hudson, Deb (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2022	9781922539120	3-4	Milly's mulberry tree is the centre of her world. He loves the magic and joy it provides her every year as she grows up. When her adult life takes her far away she still dreams of her tree and it inspires her every day.
2876	Milo and the magical stones Pfister, Marcus (ill) & Martens, Marianne (trans)	North South Books	1997	9781558586826	K-2	Milo, the mouse lives on a small mountain island and finds a glowing, gold-foil rock that provides warmth and light on a cold night. The mice will either be unselfish and caring and replace what they have taken or act with greed and envy.
12229	Milo and the mysterious island Pfister, Marcus (ill) & Martens, Marianne (trans)	North South Books	2000	9780735813526	K-2	Milo and his fellow cliff mice set off with magical stones that give light, to an island where strange, striped mice are reputed to live. The cliff mice will either be cooperative, friendly and sharing or they will be fearful and untrusting.
7185	Milo and the restart button Silberberg, Alan	Simon & Schuster	2011	9780857071903	5-6	Starting over is like pressing the reset button on a game that makes you lose all your points and wipes out any of the good stuff you've spent hundreds of hours learning. Surviving the year is all Milo has to do. Start to finish in one whole piece. But, it's not just a new school he's dealing with. It's a new house, a new neighbourhood, a whole new life. And, it's one without his mum in it.
6485	Milo armadillo Fearnley, Jan	Walker Books	2009	9781406310306	K-2	Tallulah wants a pink, fluffy rabbit for her birthday. But, she can't find one anywhere. When Gran decides to knit her a fluffy, pink rabbit, the present is not quite what Tallulah had in mind.

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2988	Milo's birthday surprise Pollard, Maureen	Mcpherson's Printing Group	2009	9780980597509	K-2	Children can search for clues in the bold illustrations to see what birthday surprises are in store for Milo. Milo is wondering who might come and play. Meanwhile, Felix the frog flips and flaps and Kylie the koala practises karate kicks. Fun to read with mum or dad or to a little brother or sister.
1874	Milo: moving story, A Riddle, Tohby	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760111632	3-4	Milo's life is almost entirely unremarkable. He lives in a solid kennel in a reasonable part of town. Every other day, he has a job delivering parcels. Milo's life is turned upside down by an argument with his friend Snombo, followed by a strange wild storm that leaves him and his kennel in a precarious place. So, begins Milo's surprisingly remarkable journey back to his friends.
20875	Mimi and the blue slave Bateson, Catherine	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2010	9781864719949	5-6	When grief strikes, you need an ally. For Mimi, that ally is Ableth, the wildly disobedient blue slave. He comes, he goes, he says and does whatever he likes, but he's always there when Mimi needs him most, offering his own brand of crooked wisdom.
9378	Min Min, The Kelly, Joy & Russell, Shane	Indij Readers	2003	9780975064047	3-4	The warm and humorous story of a family in an isolated community. Dad tells lots of scary stories but one night he scares himself.
803731	Mina and the whole wide world Clark, Sherryl	University of Queensland Press	2021	9780702263231	3-4	Mina wants her own bedroom more than anything else in the whole wide world. And it's almost ready. But when Mina's parents take in an unexpected house guest, they give her room away. At first Mina is too upset to speak. She doesn't care that the new boy, Azzami, needs a place to stay. Then she sees his drawings, and for the first time really thinks about the life of the quiet boy in front of her.
1423938	Mind blown! Ultimate science book for curious kids, The Carley, Shane	Applesauce Press	2025	9781400353026	5-6	Did you know you can taste garlic with your feet? Or that comets smell like rotten eggs? The truth is here for you and more...Blast off into a universe of discoveries - with Science Facts..
1019645	Mine!: A story of not sharing Persson, Klara & Ramel, Charlotte & Smalley (ill) , Nichola (trans)	Berbay Publishing	2023	9781922610676	K-2	Nico is coming over to play, but Sally does not want him to touch her toy squirrel. Or her train. And definitely not her favourite refrigerator. Sally's mum tells her to put the things she does not want to share in the wardrobe. It turns out that there are lots of things Sally does not want to share, including her mum. This funny book shows how complicated hiding all the things you do not want to share can be. In the end, it just might be easier to try sharing. Maybe.

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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 Woodsword Middle school was to be rebuilt and in the meantime students had to attend Ironsword Academy .The Head teacher Mr Ferris is going to pull the plug on the old server which the Minecraft gamers were worried would make things go wrong in their game. Eek is to journey through the game to the end in less than 5 days, will he let us help him and what do we need to get to the end, if the Evoker Kid is trapped in the game we need to protect him too.
1286603	Minecraft movie, A: The junior novelization Lewman, David	Farshore	2025	9780008699147	3-4	One day in a small Idaho town, a mysterious portal opens to the Overworld, a cubic wonderland where creativity - and crafting - are key. As a group of adventurers step through, they encounter familiar and fan-favourite characters, from piglins to zombies to skeletons!
	Minecraft series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
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941514	Minecraft stonesword saga: To bee or not to bee Eliopulos, Nick & Batson, Alan (ill) & Hill, Chris (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780008627157	3-4	The gang are off on another adventure to find the next missing piece of the Evoker King. What they find is buzzare! Harper and her friends tackle a real-life ecological crisis. The bees around their school and the Stonesword Library are disappearing - and a splinter of the Evoker King has taken on the form of a bee colony with a hive mind! Could there be a connection with the rip they've seen growing bigger and darker in the Minecraft sky? And will their actions make things better or worse?
1423791	Minecraft: House of horrors Colon, Angel Luis	Farshore	2025	9780008727963	5-6	Amy is pretty happy living the quiet life at home. She can mine ore, read up on oceanography, hang out with her pet cat, Tuna. What's not to love? But her brother Marc is always leaving their village to look for excitement. But when a couple of weeks go by without any word from him, Amy can't help but worry and decides to mount a solo rescue mission. She and Marc explored together all the time when they were little. How hard could it be to find him now? Turns out-it's pretty hard. After facing spiders, zombies, a roving band of illagers, and some deceptively difficult cows, Amy is beginning to realize that something is seriously off with Glory's Haven. Like why does this house seem to go on forever? And where did all these mobs come from? Amy will have to unravel these mysteries-and fast-if she hopes to find her brother and escape the spooky house unscathed. Whether she likes it or not, she's in for the adventure of a lifetime!

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1446814	Minecraft: One last quest Hoang, Brandon	Farshore	2026	9780008727994	5-6	With middle school starting, Lam Dang is officially ready for a change. He loves to play Minecraft, embarking on epic builds with his crew - Jazz, Elias, and Britt - in their beloved shared world, the Kingdom of the Killer Bunnies. But Lam also wants to try new things and meet new people. So maybe going into sixth grade with a little distance from his old friends wouldn't be such a bad thing... Lam's plans change, though, when mysterious letters show up in the gang's lockers. Someone calling themselves The Griefer is threatening to destroy everything the Killer Bunnies worked so hard to build in the Overworld, from their magnificent castle to the surrounding village. If they don't play The Griefer's twisted game, everything will be lost. Lam may be ready for something new, but he's not prepared to give up the old just yet. Following clues in both the real world and the Overworld, Lam and his friends race to beat The Griefer and save their kingdom, all while trying to puzzle out the identity of their new enemy. Who could do this to them? And, more important, can The Griefer be stopped before it's too late?
855796	Ming & Flo fight for the future French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2022	9781460760208	5-6	Twelve-year-old Ming Qong is convinced that girls must have changed the world, even if they are rarely mentioned in history books. So when Ming gets the chance to go back in time, she imagines herself changing destinies from a glittering palace or an explorer's ship. Instead, she ends up in Australia in 1898, living a tough life as Flo Watson on a drought-stricken farm. Luckily, Ming is rescued by Flo's Aunt McTavish. Wealthy Aunt McTavish belongs to Louisa Lawson's Suffragist Society, who are desperately and courageously fighting for women's rights. And Ming is determined to get involved, to make a difference.

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959188	Ming & Hilde lead a revolution French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2023	9781460763445	5-6	Ming Qong is convinced that girls have changed history throughout the world. She has faced danger and adventure when Herstory sent her to the past to witness girls' bravery in the incredible feats left out of 'histories'. Now Ming asks Herstory for another time travelling quest. Ming finds herself in relative luxury, heading to an unknown destination on a ship carrying royal Saxon sheep, travelling with the girls who care for them. What do female shepherds have to do with history? Is it even possible for sheep to be royal? As Ming knows only too well, change is never easy. So how can one girl and a sheep change the world?
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.
895461	Ming & Marie spy for freedom French, Jackie	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9781460760215	5-6	Ming Qong is convinced that girls have changed the world throughout history. So when Ming is thrust back in time to Belgium during WW1, she faces a tough choice: will she send coded messages and risk her own life in this war on which the future depends? As Ming learns, change is never easy, so how can one girl change the world?

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10296	Ming's adventure on China's Great Wall Jian, Li & Wert, Yijin (trans)	Better Links Press	2015	9781602209879	3-4	Ming and his father travel to the Great Wall to learn more about the creation of the longest structure ever build by humans. On their way, they take a wrong turn, leading to a great adventure as Ming and his father get to tour the wall and encounter all sorts of important figures, including the emperor who had the Great Wall built. When the emperor runs into a tricky situation at the beacon tower, it's up to Ming and some important information to save the day.
1052159	Mini and Milo: Elephants can't jump Dimos, Venita & Curtin, Natashia (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781760656140	K-2	Mini's best friend, Milo, always gives the best birthday presents. But when Mini's birthday comes around, she is so cross about Milo's gift that she stops speaking to him and does everything she can to hide from him. But Mini soon finds out that sometimes what you avoid might be the answer you needed all along. Together they learn to deal with life's big and small problems.
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 accidently loses Mr Cuddles, Mini has to learn how to forgive, and forget.
1367124	Mini and Milo: Room for one Dimos, Venita & Curtin, Natashia (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760658434	K-2	Meet Mini and her best friend Milo. Mini's dream boat was no ordinary boat. It was silky, snuggly and soft. But when Mini's best friend Milo wants to get on board, Mini doesn't want to share. When Mini gets cross, things go wrong and she discovers her boat, and her friendship, is heading in the wrong direction.
1019714	Mini and Milo: The big flappy ears Dimos, Venita & Curtin, Natashia (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760656164	K-2	Mini's ears are bigger than big and huger than huge... but she has a problem. They aren't very good at listening. When Mini misses out on the excursion, she realises that maybe her ears aren't the problem after all. It's not the size or shape of your ears that count, but using them!

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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?
825519	Mini rabbit come home Bond, John	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2021	9780008264932	K-2	Mini Rabbit is going to have the best day ever. Building a camp in the backyard, eating marshmallows and staying up very late are a recipe for fun. But when things start to go wrong Mini Rabbit definitely will not Come Home.
751049	Mini rabbit must help Bond, John	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780008264888	K-2	Mini Rabbit has a very important letter to post. Mini Rabbit will not lose the letter, will be vary careful and definitely will not be late. What could go wrong?
6332	Mini rabbit not lost Bond, John	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780008264833	K-2	Mini Rabbit is making a cake. But he's run out of berries. No berries, no cake. So off he goes to look for some. He's not cold, not too small - no, and definitely not lost. Or is he?
25505	Ministry of pandemonium Westwood, Chris	Frances Lincoln	2011	9781847801906	7-9	Ben Harvester doesn't make friends easily, preferring to spend his time and his talent for drawing in graveyards. It is in one such cemetery that Ben discovers another of his gifts, the ability to see the newly-dead. He is drawn into a battle of good against evil, with grotesque creatures seemingly gaining the ascendency, while Ben is both the cause of the trouble and also its solution.
	Miniwings Sutton, Sally & Richards, Kirsten (ill)				3-4	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.
6828	Minna's quest Peyton, K M	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2007	9780746078815	7-9	Men and women prove their worth in this exciting adventure. Minna, a Briton and a blacksmith's daughter, raises a sickly foal, commandeered by her brother, Cerdic, when he joins the soldiers. As bloodthirsty pirates plan to waylay the tiny Roman outpost, Cerdic and Minna risk all so that she can find reinforcements to save all their lives and that of her beloved defender, Theo.
12424	Minnie and the super guys Godwin, Jane	Puffin Australia	2004	9780141310657	5-6	Eleven year old Minnie has no intention of allowing three little troublemakers into her life. But they come anyway, uninvited and unannounced, expecting something from Minnie that she can't possible give.

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24077	Minnie Pearl and the undersea bazaar Prior, Natalie Jane & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	ABC Books	2007	9780733320149	3-4	Minnie Pearl and her parents own the Undersea Bazaar where all the fashionable mermaids shop. Minnie helps in the shop when she's not attending school and learning what to do if she should ever encounter a human. When the wide-smiling Manta Ray opens her Marine Emporium next door, everything changes. All the mermaids flock to Manta's shop and Minnie determines to save the family business.
2380	Minnow, The Sweeney, Diana	Text Publishing Co	2014	9781922182012	9plus	Following a flood which has taken the lives of her family, a girl called Tom lives with Bill, with whom she falls pregnant. Many know her secret, including her grandmother and her good friend Jonah. Together, they will ensure the safe arrival of the Minnow. Contains mature themes and some language in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
12460	Minou Bingham, Mindy & Maeno, Itoko	Ashton Scholastic	1987	9780868963662	3-4	Minou, a pampered cat, has a lovely life as Madame Violette sees to her every need. All seems wonderful until tragedy strikes and Minou suddenly finds herself on her own.
2882	Minpins, The Dahl, Roald & Benson, Patrick (ill)	Puffin UK	2001	9780140568219	3-4	Magical tale of a small boy, Billy, who journeys into the forest and encounters the Minpins who are extraordinary, little people. They are in fear of an evil creature and Billy must help them defeat it.
6628	Minton goes sailing Fienberg, Anna & Gamble, Kim (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2001	9781864485929	3-4	Minton can't wait to make a boat so that he and his friend, Turtle, can sail to an island on the horizon. There, they meet Bouncer, the acrobat, who has been stranded since she made the most gigantic, enormous jump and flew right out of the city and over the ocean.
	Minton series Various				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.
10684	Minty and Tink Chichester Clark, Emma	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842707203	K-2	When searching for a birthday present for her baby brother, Minty finds a tiny, toy bear who can talk. Instantly, they become the very best of friends and Minty decides that she does not want to give Tink away to her little brother.

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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.
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75696	Miracle of the little wooden duck, The Wild, Margaret & Huxley, Dee (ill)	Working Title Press	2010	9781921504129	K-2	Once upon a time, there was a little wooden duck that sat on the windowsill of Annie's bedroom. Every day, Annie stroked the little green duck, wishing it could see and hear and speak to her. But, the little green wooden duck continued to sit silently on the windowsill until, one day, a great gust of wind blew it into the river.
6393	Miracle on Separation Street Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2010	9781406324617	3-4	Jack and his family go everywhere on foot until his mother gets a cleaning job and saves up the money for a car. They are all very excited about the trips they can do now they have a car. But, the excitement disappears on the second day when the car is gone.
18418	Miraculous journey of Edward Tulane, The DiCamillo, Kate & Ibatoulline, Bagram (ill)	Candlewick Press	2006	9780763625894	5-6	Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him. He travels across the country, acquiring new owners and learning some valuable lessons.
1076338	Miraculous sweetmakers, The: The frost fair Hastings, Natasha & Smith, Alex T (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2023	9780008496067	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.

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28763	Mirror Baker, Jeannie	Walker Books	2010	9781406309140	5-6	This innovative picture book is two stories designed to be read simultaneously. We experience a day in the lives of two boys and their families - one from inner city Sydney, Australia and the other from a small, remote village in Morocco, North Africa.
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.
1557623	Mirror Woven Cser, Bori	Harper Fire	2026	9780008757816	9plus	Del has given herself two rules. One: stay away from royalty. Two: don't fall in love. The first--because Del is secretly a runaway princess. After the death of her sister at the hand of her boyfriend, Del flees her family, home and all the responsibilities that come with being the queendom's new heir. With a magically constructed mirrorwoven face, Del is now unrecognisable and disappears to the faraway opaline lagoon-city of Salato. The second rule--because the enchantment hiding Del's identity can only be unravelled by true love's kiss. But that's just fine. Del's had enough of love anyway. When Del breaks Rule One and becomes court bard to the newly widowed First of Salato, she is resolved to keep her head down. But Clara is naïve and trusts too easily, and soon Del finds herself having to guide Clara through the shoals of court life, somehow without revealing her own secret. As Del grows closer to both Clara and Nasca, Clara's brilliant, dangerous sister-in-law, it will only take a push to bring Del's house of cards tumbling down. Like, for example, breaking Rule Two.
259	Misery guts Gleitzman, Morris	Pan MacMillan	1991	9780330272315	7-9	Keith's parents have become morose because of the grey, English weather. Keith intends to cheer them up with a trip to tropical, northern Australia.

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6179	Misfits Calonita, Jen	Sourcebooks Inc	2018	9781492651284	5-6	Devinaria dreams of becoming the best creature caretaker in the kingdom of Enchantasia. She can communicate with animals and they already seek her out for help. There is one problem: Devin is twelfth in line for the throne and her invitation to go to the Royal Academy has just arrived, but Devin isn't interested. She really doesn't want to be there, but she has special gifts and is even taken to school in a pumpkin carriage. Will she get along with her roommates? Will she wear her velvet gown? Most importantly, will she follow the rules or search deeper into the mysteries of the Royal Academy?
1380646	Misfits, The: A Royal Conundrum Yee, Lisa & Santat, Dan (ill)	Random House Children's Books	2024	9781984830296	5-6	Olive Cobin Zang has . . . issues. And they mostly aren't her fault. (No, really!) Though she often slips under the radar, problems have a knack for finding her. So, imagine her doubts when she's suddenly dropped off at the strangest boarding school a former castle turned prison that's now a "reforming arts school"! But nothing could've prepared Olive for RASCH (not "rash"). There, she's lumped with a team of other kids who never quite fit in, and discovers that the academy isn't what it seems-and neither is she. In fact, RASCH is a cover for an elite group of misfits who fight crime . . . and Olive has arrived just in time. Turns out that RASCH is in danger of closing, unless Olive's class can stop the heist of the century. And as Olive falls in love with this wacky school, she realises it's up to her new team to save the only home that's ever welcomed them.
18577	Misha's treehouse Hurst, Elise	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2006	9780734408624	3-4	Misha is messy and her older brother, Paul, can't stand sharing their cluttered room. He begins to rebuild the old treehouse in the yard so she can make her mess there instead.

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1362585	Mismatched: A graphic novel Camlin, Anne & Zeferino, Isadora (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2025	9781839136047	7-9	A queer retelling of Jane Austin's Emma. This novel is a mix of if Emma and Clueless had a queer cousin. Evan Horowitz is obsessed with three things in life: makeup, social media, and matchmaking! When shy new girl, Natalia, starts at his school, Evan begins work on his newest and most ambitious matchmaking project yet. Who better than him to give her a push in the right direction? With so many matches to choose from and Natalia hopelessly clueless when it comes to love, it's not long before Evan sets his plan into motion (much against the better judgment of his best friend, Davi). But he takes things too far, creating a web of drama that spirals out of his control. Can he learn to put the people closest to him before his misguided ambition? Or will he lose them, and his chance at romance, too?
1009281	Miss Franklin: How Miles Franklin's brilliant career began Hathorn, Libby & Lesnie, Phil (ill)	Lothian Books	2019	9780734417879	3-4	The story of iconic Australian writer Stella Miles Franklin, namesake of two major literary prizes, during her brief but formative time as a teenage governess in rural NSW. Forced to work to help support her family, Stella hates her job and longs for the freedom and excitement of city life. While working, she meets a young orphan girl, Imp, who is almost as feisty as Stella herself, and who inspires the older girl to follow her dreams.
5434	Miss Hazeltine's Home for Shy and Fearful Cats Potter, Alicia & Sif, Birgitta (ill)	Walker Books	2016	9781406362381	K-2	Miss Hazeltine's Home for Cats helps all kinds of felines. Cats scared of mice, cats scared of birds, cats who can't pounce, and cats who won't purr. Miss Hazeltine runs lots of different lessons and emphasises holding tails high, arching backs and thinking good thoughts. But, under the rug or in the inky-black of under-the-bed lurks little Crumb, the most fearful feline of all. He longs to be brave and courageous.
653196	Miss Kraken Greenberg, Nicki	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760637743	K-2	The minute we saw Miss Kraken, we all knew it was going to be a bad year. She's cranky. She's strict. She's just plain ... weird. Miss Kraken is definitely not the teacher the kids were hoping for. But she might have a surprise or two up her sleeves. A hilarious tale of bad behaviour and unexpected consequences.
12081	Miss Lily's fabulous pink feather boa Wild, Margaret & Argent, Kerry (ill)	Claremont	2002	9780734304582	K-2	Last Potoroo (a rare and endangered long-footed potoroo) is incredibly lonely, but lacks the courage to search for others of her kind. Shy and timid, her trip to the tropical north is a milestone and a bright pink feather boa changes her life.

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54744	Miss Llewellyn-Jones Forrestal, Elaine & Court, Moira (ill)	Fremantle Press	2008	9781921361173	K-2	Miss Llewellyn-Jones lives in a windy place and has a lot of trouble keeping her washing on the line. She loses jeans, tops, socks and knickers. But, when she hangs out Teddy, things take a surprising turn.
5930	Miss Llewellyn-Jones goes to town Forrestal, Elaine & Court, Moira (ill)	Fremantle Press	2010	9781921696046	K-2	Miss Llewellyn-Jones takes Teddy shopping, with disastrous results. Teddy takes off on an adventure of his own and it takes all his ingenuity to find his way home.
877963	Miss Mary-Kate Martin's guide to monsters: The wrath of the Woolington wyrm Foxlee, Karen & Chiu, Freda (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526627	3-4	Mary-Kate is accompanying her archaeologist mother on one of her digs to investigate some interesting bones found in a well. The locals are afraid - there are mysterious noises, earth tremors and a terrifying legend. Is there a beast that lives in the well? Mary-Kate might be anxious but she is not afraid to get to the bottom of this monstrous mystery.
73486	Miss McAllister's ghost Fensham, Elizabeth	University of Queensland Press	2008	9780702236464	9plus	When Cassandra and her brothers climb the garden wall hoping to spot the ghost in the old house, they discover an old woman living without electricity in a decaying house. They are drawn into her world long lost, and their developing relationship with Miss McAllister helps them cope with their parents' preoccupation with work, alcohol and their own lives. Some strong language may offend some readers. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
774208	Miss Molly's school of kindness Davidson, Zanna & Reeve, Rosie (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2020	9781474983211	3-4	Frankie, Felix and Freddie fox are driving their parents wild. They are always arguing or being nasty. Their parents decide that some fresh air will do them good. And it did. In the forest they found Miss Molly's School of Kindness. The foxes aren't sure at first, but learn to be kind to others, themselves and the planet. Come and visit Miss Molly's School with the foxes to see what you could learn, and maybe your parents too!
1019782	Miss Penny Dreadful & the mermaid's locks Rushby, Allison & Marando, Bronte Rose (ill)	Walker Books	2023	9781760655747	5-6	Penny and her Aunt Harriet, a writer of penny dreadfuls for the newspapers, explore the mysterious Mermaid of the Thames. Meanwhile another cryptic postcard arrives from Penny's missing parents. Nothing is as it seems. Will she be able to piece together all the clues?
886445	Miss Penny Dreadful & the midnight kittens Rushby, Allison & Marando, Bronte Rose (ill)	Walker Books	2022	9781760654030	5-6	Penny Pickering is a creative girl with an imaginative, fanciful mind which doesn't quite fit her school for enquiring minds. When her Aunt, a famous authoress, turns up at her school to whisk her away on an adventure, it is like a dream come true for Penny. Penny and her Aunt are fascinated by a group of bewitched kittens who have tea parties, but not all is as it seems.

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	Miss Peregrine's peculiar children series Riggs, Ransom				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
36943	Miss Understood Roy, James	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2012	9781864718607	5-6	Lizzie is in trouble again. This time it was bad enough to get her expelled from school. Lizzie never sets out to make trouble but seems to find it without trying. She is willing to try her hardest to show she is worthy of returning to schools and knows that it will take a lot to prove this to her school principal.
5551	Miss Wolf and the porkers Condon, Bill & Magerl, Caroline (ill)	Penguin	2001	9780141311142	3-4	Tiny Miss Wolf runs the school library and does it very well, despite a few problems with lizards, rats and cockroaches. She is lucky to have the loyal help of the three Porker children, until one day Miss Wolf arrives to find something terrible.
30857	Missile mouse: the star crusher Parker, Jake	Scholastic US	2010	9780545117159	5-6	Well-illustrated, sophisticated comic or simplistic graphic novel, in which Missile Mouse, risk taker and rule-breaking, secret agent for the Galctic Security Agency, takes on his sworn enemies at RIP. They use diabolical gadgets, violent weapons and every sneaky trick possible to save or destroy the universe.
5456	Missing Whiting, Sue	Walker Books	2018	9781760650032	7-9	Mackenzie's world has been turned upside down with the disappearance of her mother following a scientific journey photographing bats in Panama. Her father's sudden and rash decision for Mackenzie to join him in searching for Maggie where she was last seen becomes even more unsettling when he becomes ill and Mackenzie must decide what to do when she comes across some potentially helpful information.
22671	Missing Marvin DeGennaro, Sue	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742769509	K-2	Marvin loves his job. He has never missed a day of work. Sometimes his friends play jokes to pass the time. Sometimes the jokes are on Marvin. Then, one day, Marvin isnt where he usually is. Where is Marvin?
1484263	Missing Pencil Case, The McGaughey, Jasmin & Goodwin, Jade (ill)	Affirm Press	2026	9781923419315	K-2	Lea has lost her pencil case. It's full of money she has collected for charity. Lea must search all over her apartment block for the missing pencil case. Where could it be?

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	Mission Fox series D'Ath, Justin & McKenzie, Heath (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.
	Mission Survival series Grylls, Bear				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.
68733	Mission Telemark Mitchison, Amanda	Walker Books	2010	9781406311044	5-6	In 1942, four teenagers, trained as Special Operations Agents, are sent deep into Nazi-occupied Norway. Their mission is a dangerous act of sabotage to prevent the Nazis from making the atomic bomb. If they succeed, they must survive for weeks in the frozen wilderness. But, if they fail, Europe faces destruction.
885977	Mission total resilience Middleton, Ant	Farshore	2022	9780755503810	5-6	Ant Middleton shares his top tips and tricks for building resilience whilst providing practical exercises for important life lessons for young adults.
6478	Mister Cassowary Wheeler, Samantha	University of Queensland Press	2015	9780702253881	5-6	City boy, Flynn, goes to Mission Beach with his Dad to prepare Grandad Barney's banana farm for sale. Flynn has never been north before, even when his Grandad was alive. When Flynn meets local girl, Abby, and finds two lost baby cassowaries, he is determined to find out about Grandad's mysterious death, and why his Dad refuses to talk about. And, he wants to know why his Dad is so scared of cassowaries.
21190	Mister Cleghorn's seal Kerr, Judith	HarperCollins Children's Books	2015	9780008157302	3-4	When Mr Cleghorn finds an abandoned seal pup on a rock in the middle of the sea, he decides he can't leave it. He brings it home to his flat. This is the story of what happened to Mr Cleghorn and Charlie, the seal, in their determination to find a home for Charlie and, incidentally, happiness for them both.
16798	Mister Creecher Priestley, Chris	Bloomsbury	2011	9781408827987	7-9	Suitable for mature readers. We follow the growing relationship between a young pickpocket and 'the creature', as together they pursue the elusive Dr Frankenstein. Set in 1800s London.

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10476	Mister Magnolia Blake, Quentin	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1999	9780099400424	K-2	Mr Magnolia has many things including an old trumpet that goes rooty-toot, some very fat owls that are learning to hoot, a big purple dinosaur who's a magnificent brute and a swimming pool. But, he only has one boot.
13440	Mister seahorse Carle, Eric	Puffin Australia	2004	9780140569896	K-2	Mister seahorse carries his babies about and meets other male baby carriers in the ocean.
957	Mister Whistler Mahy, Margaret & Bishop, Gavin (ill)	Gecko Press	2012	9781877467912	3-4	Mr Whistler is a joyful man, always very finely dressed, and who is forever challenged by an urge to sing and dance. When he arrives at the train station he cannot help but dance along to the music in his head to the delight of his fellow commuters. But as the train approaches, just where did he put that train ticket.
260	Mistress Masham's repose White, T H	Antique Collectors Club	2001	9781851497003	7-9	Maria discovers a group of Lilliputians and must protect them from her governess and a cunning vicar.
1066726	Mitchell Itches: An eczema story Kelly, Kristin & Jones, Amelina	EK Books	2024	9781922539724	3-4	'Have you ever had an itch? Imagine having a never-ending itch? Mitchell was born with eczema, a skin condition which causes him to itch all the time. There are some things that make it worse and some things that help. Things that don't help are friends at school calling him names or not wanting to be near him in case they 'catch' it. But Mitchell is strong, courageous, determined and with the help of his parents can educate his friends, so they can understand that eczema doesn't make Mitchell who he is. Do you want to learn more? Check out this story and be prepared to be amazed.
1209833	Mitchell Starc: The incredible true story Gifford, Clive	Farshore	2024	9780008608903	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.
8372	Mixing it Hayes, Rosemary	Frances Lincoln	2007	9781845074951	9plus	Fatimah is a devout Muslim. Steve has never given much thought to faith. Both are in the street the day a terrorist bomb explodes and their lives are changed forever. While their families are breaking down barriers, the terrorists have another target in mind. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
18419	Mo McCaughrean, Geraldine	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2005	9780340911099	3-4	Mo is no ordinary mobile phone. She can't do what she should but she can tell the future and there's danger ahead. Mo is on the run from an alien planet. When Shane offers to mind her while she's on Earth, he gets more than he bargained for.

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774463	Mo and Crow Kasch, Jo & Bentley, Jonathan (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760631758	3-4	Mo is content. He has a house and a wall to protect him. When persistent Crow arrives and breaks down Mo's wall, he is awakened to the world beyond the wall. A tale of the power of friendship.
6040	Mobile phone detective, The Moloney, James	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780143304838	5-6	Renton is visiting his dad in France and everything is brilliant until they stumble across a suspicious meeting by the beach. When his father disappears, it's up to Renton to save the day even though he doesn't speak French and can't drive. Luckily, Renton has his mobile phone.
4902	Moby Dick Melville, Herman & Needle, Jan (pres) & Benson, Patrick (ill)	Walker Books	2006	9780744586220	9plus	The classic tale of Captain Ahab who has sworn vengeance on Moby Dick, the white whale that took his leg, told through the eyes of the sailor, Ishmael. Ahab's bitter hatred threatens to destroy everyone. Evocative drawings, the gorier practices of nineteenth century whaling and insightful notes on Melville's deeper themes compellingly invite readers to discover the full text. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
660763	Mog the forgetful cat Kerr, Judith	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780007171347	K-2	A very special 50th anniversary edition of the very first adventure of Mog the Forgetful Cat! Fifty years ago, everyone's favourite family cat, Mog, first got into trouble for her forgetfulness, and she has been loved ever since for her funny and warm-hearted escapade.
18695	Mokie and Bik Orr, Wendy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2006	9781741145502	3-4	Mokie and Bik live on a boat with Laddie, the dog, Slow, the sleepy turtle, and Ruby who sings all day. Dad is on his ship at sea, Mum is busy arting. But, underfoot or overboard, the twins have twice as much fun as anyone else.
85890	Mole hunt Collins, Paul	Ford Street Publishing	2011	9781921665264	9plus	In a galaxy of cutthroat companies, shadowy clans and hidden agendas, spy agency RIM barely wields enough control to keep order. Maximus Black, a cold-blooded killer, is RIM's star cadet but he has a problem. Someone is after him. One of RIM's best agents, Anneke Longshadow, knows there's a mole in the organisation. And, Maximus has a lot to hide. Includes violence and murder. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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7045	Moli det bigibigi (Molly the pig) Manbulloo, Karen	Indigenous Literacy Foundation	2018	9780648260424	K-2	Written in Kriol and English, this is the story of Molly, a little pig who is rescued from the bush. She's taken back to the community where she finds a happy home. Happy that is apart from the local dogs who keep chasing and frightening her. Moli is greatly loved in her community but what she loves most is Weet Bix. She loves it so much that it's not too long before little Moli is a very big pig indeed. So big, she now chases and frightens the local dogs. All in good fun, of course.
13329	Molly & Mae Parker, Danny & Blackwood, Freya (I'll)	Little Hare Books	2016	9781742975276	K-2	Friendship is like a train journey. There are happy moments, boring moments and exciting moments. There's also anger and loneliness. And, there is forgiveness.
90027	Molly and her dad Ormerod, Jan & Thompson, Carol (ill)	Little Hare Books	2008	9781921272554	K-2	Molly loves to tell stories especially about her Dad who lives a whole plane ride away. When Molly finally gets the chance to meet him, she and the kids at school wonder what he will be like. A tender story about modern families.
8675	Molly and Pim and the millions of stars Murray, Martine	Text Publishing Co	2015	9781925240085	5-6	Molly has a strange life. At dawn, her mama collects herbs and makes potions, and her house feels like a gypsy caravan. Molly wishes she could be more like her best friend, Ellen, who has a normal life. But, she is also drawn to Pim, who is inquisitive and odd and a little bit frightening. When Molly's mama makes a potion that has a wild and shocking effect, Molly and Pim look for a way to make things right.
47245	Molly the pirate Teece, Lorraine & Seden, Paul (ill)	Magabala Books	2017	9781925360660	K-2	Young Molly's imagination knows no bounds when she transforms her Australian backyard into an adventure playground on the high seas. Molly conjures up a pirate ship on her inland horizon and takes her loyal cat and dog along for the ride as she rows across the choppy ocean to the unsuspecting pirates. On board, she meets a feisty crew of salty buccaneers who look suspiciously like her own farmyard chickens. They are no match for Molly's daring exploits as she walks the plank, dances jolly jigs, scrambles up the rigging, or is that a clothesline? And steers the ship like a true seafaring adventurer.
94615	Molly's memory jar Spaulding, Norma & Grantford, Jacqui (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2010	9781921042355	3-4	Molly feels lost after the death of her dog, Lucy, so her dad creates a colourful Memory Jar with her, to always remind her of the good times.

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130926	Mom and dad are palindromes Shulman, Mark	Chronicle Books	2006	9780811843287	3-4	A humorous look at palindromes, although with some American spelling. Bob is surrounded by palindromes, indeed he is one himself. Palindromes are everywhere and there seems to be no escape from them.
846181	Monarchs, The Morgan, Kass & Paige, Danielle	Hodder & Stoughton	2022	9781529363883	7-9	The Ravens sorority are witches. They need to protect themselves and their secret. After the last semester's disaster, they are determined to restore the balance and get back to being the ruling sorority on campus. When magic starts to go wrong, and a rival sorority is gaining power, their future could be in jeopardy. Scarlett, Vivi and their sisters need to protect their coven and Westerly from an unknown evil.
1308094	Mondays are murder Guron, Ravena	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2025	9781805075707	7-9	Seventeen-year-old Kay left her sleepy hometown after the devastating death of her friend, Ivy. But when her parents go on holiday without her, Kay is forced to come back to stay with her cousin. And her return comes with a bang. Because when Kay arrives, it's to find an anonymous letter on her bed. The letter tells her that there will be a thrill on Tuesday, a wreckage on Wednesday, treachery on Thursday, a fire on Friday, sabotage on Saturday, a stabbing on Sunday and her murder on Monday. And if Kay can't figure out who is behind the threats, the worst day of the week is about to get deadly.
1987	Monkey and me Gilman, David	Penguin	2014	9780143308232	5-6	Beanie, nicknamed due to hair loss during leukaemia treatment, is a normal, intelligent almost ten year old, getting up to mischief with the best of them. When Beanie, with his older brother's gang, explores the derelict Black Gate, an overhead thumping spooks them. Beanie discovers the cause - a chimpanzee. With the gang's help, in particular their new deaf, signing female member, he attempts to hide Malcolm with hilarious consequences.
8118	Monkey come home Gallate, Bernard	ABC Books	2007	9780733320996	5-6	When Avery finds Earl, the monkey, he hides him in his room. His parents are surprised at how much fruit Avery is eating and his mother thinks he needs deodorant. Avery must help Eric before he is discovered by the wrong people.
5409	Monkey hill gold Bernard, Patricia	Cool Dude Books	1992	9781862911338	5-6	A miner from the 1860s and his nine year old companion find themselves in contemporary Sydney after their mining blast coincides with 20th century excavation.

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10792	Monkey puzzle Donaldson, Julia & Scheffler, Axel (ill)	Koala Books	2001	9781580482028	K-2	Monkey has lost his mum and a butterfly tries to help him find her. Monkey's descriptions of her lead the butterfly to lots of animals but not mum. Monkey thinks he will never find his mum, but butterfly is persistent.
44537	Monkey Red Monkey Blue Greenberg, Nicki	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9780618462643	K-2	The house is quiet and everyone is asleep except for Monkey Blue, Monkey Red and their friend Chameleon, who is quick to suggest a midnight feast. Soon, the monkeys are feasting on popcorn, spaghetti, hot dogs, fruit and more. Chameleon is a little too enthusiastic and, soon, there is a big foody mess everywhere.
941510	Monkey who fell from the future, The Welford, Ross	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780008544744	7-9	The year is 2425. Centuries after a catastrophic meteor collision, nature has retaken the earth. In a small town in what was once England, young Ocean Mooney and the monkey-owning Duke Smiff have just dug up a 400 year-old tablet computer. Meanwhile, in the present day, Thomas Reeve and his genius cousin Kylie create the Time Tablet - a device which they hope will allow them to communicate with the future. But when the Time Tablet malfunctions live on television, Thomas and Kylie are sucked into the year 2425 - and have only 24 hours to return home, and save the future of humanity...
3584	Monsieur Albert rides to glory Smith, Peter and Graham, Bob (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781742376806	K-2	Monsieur Albert enters the Grand Cycle Race, but he's up against Francois, the champion of France. Can he possibly win?
3992	Monsieur Chat Robaard, Jedda	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2017	9781760405007	K-2	Josephine and Pierre live on different floors in the same old building, but have never met. Each spends their days alone, until a very determined little cat arrives, with a plan of his own.
19518	Monster Daddo, Andrew & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2010	9780733322754	K-2	Some monsters are scary, with pointy teeth and snuffly grunts, and they smell. You would never invite them to sleep over. But, there are other monsters that are cute and full of surprises.

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	Monster Blood Tattoo series Cornish, D M				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.
48515	Monster calls, A Ness, Patrick & Kay, Jim (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781406311525	9plus	The monster showed up just after midnight. But, it isn't the monster thirteen year old Conor has been expecting. He expected the one from his nightmare, the one he's had nearly every night since his mother started her treatments for cancer. This monster is different, it's something ancient and wild, and tells Conor three stories. The monster wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor, it wants the truth. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
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.
4287	Monster chef Bland, Nick	Scholastic Australia	2014	9781742838250	K-2	Marcel was a monster who was lumpy and grumpy and just not scary. But one day, Marcel discovers that his cooking can give kids a fright, so his perfect new job begins.
2921	Monster fish, The Thiele, Colin & Smith, Craig (ill)	Omnibus Books	2009	9781862913912	3-4	It's time for the Big Boomer Fishing Contest and Ben's family is taking part. His cousin, Andy, wants to come too but Dad thinks Andy is clumsy and will fall overboard. But, Andy surprises them all and so do two, big fish.
13880	Monster Hole, The Small, Mary & Harvey, Roland (ill)	Penguin	2003	9780143300267	3-4	Mr and Mrs Snottygobble want a beautiful garden so they can win the garden competition. When a monster hole appears in their garden, they don't know how to get rid of it.
825542	Monster hunting for beginners Mark, Ian	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780755504367	3-4	Monster Hunting isn't as easy as it looks. And Jack should know. Because an ogre has just appeared in his garden and tried to EAT HIS AUNT. After defeating the ogre, Jack finds himself apprenticed to a grumpy monster hunter called Stoop and heading off to Cornwall, where more ogres are causing havoc. All he has are his wits, his catapult and a magical book called Monster Hunting for Beginners. Jack's a bit worried he might not be the hero everyone's waiting for. But then again, how many terrifying, bloodthirsty monsters can there really be?

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950231	Monster island Ivanoff, George	Puffin Australia	2023	9781761047244	3-4	When Bernie follows his mum to her new top secret job, he finds himself on Monster Island, where extinct and mythical creatures are alive. Bernie and his newfound friend Ivy must solve the mysteries of where all the mushrooms come from, and who is spying on the island with drones. Danger is around every corner in this action-packed adventure.
18754	Monster machine, The Robinson, Nicola L.	Pavilion	2012	9781843652007	K-2	When a boy and his dad build an amazing monster-making machine, all sorts of monsters come tumbling out. They discover that other monsters live far away so once again it is time to make an amazing machine. One to take them to the land of monsters.
50790	Monster maintenance manual, The: A spotter's guide Macinnis, Peter & Thomas, Adele K (ill)	Pier 9	2010	9781741968088	3-4	If you have ever wondered why a sock mysteriously disappears after the wash or why your shoelaces get tangled into tricky knots, then you probably have a monster problem. Or, more specifically, two monster problems with a gobblesock living behind your washing machine and a shoelace monster under your bed.
660627	Monster nanny Tolomen, Tuutikki	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760525590	3-4	Halley, Koby and Mimi have been sent a nanny to look after them while their parents are away. The only problem is that their nanny is actually a monster. Their monster, Grah, is enormous, hairy, dust and does not talk. The children begin to wonder if others have monster nannies as well. With no parents around the children must all help each other to solve the many mysteries surrounding the monsters and help them if they can.

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803484	Monster of her age, The Binks, Danielle	Lothian Books	2021	9780734419736	7-9	Ellie Marsden was born into the legendary Lovinger acting dynasty. Grandmother of the infamous Lottie Lovinger as a child Ellie shared the screen with Lottie playing the child monster in a cult indie horror movie. The experience left her traumatised and estranged from family members. Now 17, Ellie has returned home to Hobart as Lottie is dying and Ellie wants to make peace with her before it's too late. Ellie meets Riya, a young film buff who leads a feminist horror film club. Is this someone she could show her true self to and at last come to terms with her family's legacy. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Danielle Binks read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/7-9-book-list#the-monster-of-her-age-danielle-binks
578085	Monster party The Children of Rawa Community School & Lester, Alison & Godwin, Jane	Magabala Books	2018	9781925360554	K-2	Monsters have a party at Dora Lake and go galumphing all over the place.
773	Monster republic Horton, Ben	Corgi Books	2010	9780552560573	7-9	On a school visit to a nuclear power plant, Cameron Reilly and other students are killed by an explosion, created by a mad scientist to gather more subjects for genetic experimentation. Cameron and the others are physically altered, with scavenged body parts and bionic implants, to create an army of superhuman soldiers.
7624	Monster who ate darkness, The Dunbar, Joyce & Liao, Jimmy (ill)	Walker Books	2008	9781406308679	K-2	Jo-Jo is afraid of the dark, so a monster comes and eats all of the darkness until there is none left. Perhaps Jo-Jo will be able to sleep now.
18561	Monster wrote me a letter, A Bland, Nick	Scholastic Australia	2005	9781865046013	K-2	When a boy replies to a letter meant for the monster who lives under his bed, he discovers that another monster is coming to play. The boy studies up on how to appeal to a monster, while the monster is panicking about how to play with a boy.

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29836	Monsters Fienberg, Anna & Gamble, Kim & Axelsen, Stephen (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760293369	5-6	Tildy knows there are monsters - lolling on her cushions, reading her books, hiding under her bed. They're everywhere! So why can nobody else see them? They make Tildy monstrously miserable, until the new boy comes to school. Hendrik knows there are monsters too, and he knows exactly what to do about them.
897	Monsters love colors Austin, Mike	Harper	2013	9780062125941	K-2	Explosions of colour erupt from every page where the monsters demonstrate the mixing of colour to create new ones. The primary colours are also described with rhyming sounds which creates much fun.
1010419	Monsties: the lost bunny Louise, Zanni & May, Kyla (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2023	9781760509965	K-2	Meet Orla, Pearl, Mig, Boo and Oops - they are the Monsties! Mig has lost Bunny somewhere in Scaryland, which is a big problem because Mig can't sleep without her! Can the Monsties work together to find Bunny?
24015	Monstroso Higson, Charles	Puffin UK	2010	9780141328454	3-4	Oscar is not looking forward to Grandad looking after him. It means endless rounds of chess or Monopoly, instead of war games on his computer. When he finds Dad's ancient laptop in the study, Oscar logs on to something called Project X and creates a real live warrior, who is programmed to obey Oscar's every command. But, Monstroso's wires are more than a little crossed and Oscar is in all sorts of trouble.
923399	Month that makes the year, The Zahri, Inda Ahmad	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761068423	3-4	This is the first time that Deenie will fast for Ramada. She shares the reasons why her family and other Muslims fast during this time and shares the joy and warmth of the special occasion.
1211450	Monty and Mandy Take on Camp Spaloonka Wallace, Adam & Atze, Dave	Larrikin House	2025	9781922804921	3-4	Best friends Monty and Mandy get excited over EVERYTHING, including the PING of a microwave! Imagine how excited they are to go to Camp Spaloonka, their first ever school camp. Will they outsmart Samson O'Reilly and win the Talent Show? Will they survive Whitewater Mania? Most importantly, will everyone else survive their camp hijinks? A fun, loveable book about what it takes to be best friends forever!
750980	Monty's island: Beady Bold and the yum-yams Rodda, Emily & Gifford, Lucinda (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760529864	3-4	Everyone loves Bring-and-Buy Day, when Trader Jolly visits the island with all the supplies Monty and his friends need. But this Bring-and-Buy Day is different. Instead of Jolly, there's a sneaky new trader called Beady Bold. And he's arrived with a boatload of trouble. The yum-yams are yummy, but they're hiding a very scary secret.

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665695	Monty's island: Scary Mary and the stripe shell Rodda, Emily & Gifford, Lucinda (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760529857	3-4	Scary Mary, the pirate, is looking for a new island home. An accidental brush with magic has turned Monty's Island into a beacon of red and white stripes. Monty, Tawny and their friends will need to find a way to save their home.
587847	Monuments Kostakis, Will	Hachette Children's Books	2019	9780734419224	7-9	All 16-year-old Connor is trying to do is avoid his ex-best friend when he stumbles upon a trapdoor to a secret chamber under his school. But when Sally Rodgers breaks into the same secret chamber looking for an ancient being, things take an unexpected turn and Connor's life will never be the same again. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
4441	Moo and Moo and Little Calf too Millton, Jane & Hinde, Deborah (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781877505928	K-2	It's the middle of the night, and the big super moon is high in the sky. All the cows are fast asleep, until...the earth begins to shake and quake! Uh-oh! This is the true story of the famous Kaikoura cows and their remarkable adventure.
40125	Moo and Moo and you can guess who? Millton, Jane & Hinde, Deborah (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760631611	K-2	The famous Kaikoura earthquake cows are back! What have they been up to since they were rescued? Nine months on, Moo and Moo are about to embark on yet another remarkable adventure.
31332	Moo: Talk to the farm animals Lester, Alison	ABC Books	2007	9780733318467	K-2	Make all the noises of the farm animals. Lots of rhyme and colourful illustrations.
28739	Moon at nine Ellis, Deborah	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760111977	9plus	With the overthrow of the Shah in Iran, the very conservative, religious government controls every facet of life. Fifteen year old Farrin must keep quiet about her mother's political activities and lavish lifestyle. When Farrin meets funny, outgoing Sadira and they fall in love, the relationship takes a dangerous turn. It is against the law to be gay, the punishment is death. Some violence, usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
129371	Moon bear rescue Dale, Kim	Lothian Books	2006	9780734409386	5-6	A village opts to send a lost bear cub to a rescue sanctuary rather than sell it to a bear farm, where it would have died of chronic infections after being ""milked"" of bile for Chinese medicines, the plight of Asiatic black bears in Southern China.
69236	Moon over Manifest Vanderpool, Clare	Delacorte Press	2010	9780385738835	7-9	It's the Great Depression, and Abilene and her dad have moved around a lot, just trying to survive. Abilene is sent to stay in Manifest, a small town in Kansas, where her dad lived as a boy. When Abilene discovers a box of mementos under the floorboards, she begins to solve many mysteries about her Dad's past and the town of Manifest, and to come to terms with her own personal questions.

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42474	Moon shines out of the dark, The Dowrick, Stephanie and Spudvilas, Anne (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781742375656	K-2	Harry loves to know when things are going to happen. Exactly. Mum usually says 'Time to get up', 'Time for the bus' and 'Time to sleep now, Harry'. But Mum's been away for ages. And Harry has had to guess what's coming next. One cold, cloudy night, Harry stays awake, thinking and wondering... Will the moon shine out of the dark?
27074	Moon station Flynn, Rachel & Watson, Judy (ill)	Puffin Australia	2009	9780143304524	3-4	For his Grade Five project, Williams must design a moon station. He has just one week to finish it and wonders if his parents can do a good enough job to win him a prize.
3542	Moon's messenger Kroll, Virginia & Celej, Zuzanna (ill)	Cuento De Luz	2015	9788416147205	3-4	Moon knew it was unusual to see a green turtle. Out of all the sea turtles in the world, they were the species that was most at risk. But when the turtle beckoned her to come, Moon knew it wanted to show her something.
1304552	Moon, The: A visitor's guide Lerwill, Ben & Corrigan, Patrick (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529517309	3-4	Discover everything you need to know about the Moon in this entertaining visitor's guide! What's this floating high in the starry sky? We call it the Moon. But has it always been there? What's the weather like? And how many giraffes would it take to reach it?
76640	Moon: Apollo 11 and beyond Stewart, Ross	Oxford University Press	2009	9780199116911	7-9	The Moon is the only natural satellite of the Earth and, since prehistoric times, it has been an object of fascination. Even after man has walked on the moon, it has retained its romantic appeal. The fortieth anniversary of the Moon landing provides an opportunity to look at that historic journey and to view the Moon from historic, scientific, artistic, literary and musical angles.
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?

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610433	Moonfish: Poems to make you laugh & think Laing, Harry	Ford Street Publishing	2019	9781925804256	3-4	This collection of poems, rhymes and raps is full of fun. It features eye catching art work from Australia's best illustrators. The raps and rhymes are designed to be performed, try reading some of them without turning into a rapper.
12221	Moonlight Ormerod, Jan	Lothrop Lee & Shepard	1982	9780688008468	K-2	As two parents attempt to help their child fall asleep at bedtime, they find they are becoming more and more sleepy. A book without text that tells the story through pictures.
1277886	Moonlight and dust McGaughey, Jasmin	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181337	9plus	There's something dangerous in the air. It shimmers in the night, wrapped in the warm, humid breeze. I stand on the kerb outside my cousin's house waiting for my sister. Zillah has always been a good girl - nothing like her rebellious big sister Nik. After Nik has an accident that leaves her comatose, Zillah has to find a way to navigate life and high school in Cairns without Nik's guiding light. Determined to fit in, Zillah seeks out the secrets of her school's after-hours party scene and discovers Moondust - a sparkling elixir with magical properties. Could this have something to do with Nik's accident? To find out, she must plunge further into a world of moonlit parties and take out-of-character risks. As Zillah unravels what might be going on at Craigmont High, she forges friendships with other Island students and starts falling for a boy who might know more about Nik than he lets on. But Zillah is not entirely sure who she can trust. And she has no idea of the danger they're all in. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Jasmin McGaughey read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/9plus-book-list#moonlight-and-dust-jasmin-mcgaughey

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43484	Moonrise Crossan, Sarah	Bloomsbury	2017	9781408878439	9plus	Joe hasn't seen his brother for ten years and it's for the most brutal of reasons. Ed is on death row. Now Ed's execution date has been set and this might be the last summer they have together. A novel that uses the beauty of lyrical verse to represent the ethical issues surrounding an ugly part of the American justice system but more importantly it is a story about knowing who someone is beyond the public perception of their guilt. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
647142	Moonwalkers Greenwood, Mark & Denton, Terry (ill)	Penguin	2019	9780143793557	3-4	When Apollo 11 blasts off for the moon, the whole world is watching. On the other side of the planet, Billy, Mickey and Buzz decide to be astronauts too. Dream astronaut dreams, and celebrate Australia's role in one of humanity's greatest achievements, the moon landing of 1969. Moonwalkers is a joyous story of imagination and play - the greatest bedtime story ever told.
7163	Moose is loose, The Carthew, Mark & Stanton, Matt (ill)	ABC Books	2013	9780733331015	K-2	When the sneaky, slippery and sly animals on the train escape, it's up to Mac and Bruce to get them back onboard.
3847	Mopoke Bunting, Philip	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781742991658	K-2	This is a mopoke. Mopoke loves peace and quiet. He is about to find out that you can't always get what you want.
570746	More and more and more Mutch, Ian	Fremantle Press	2018	9781925591545	K-2	Henry Harper loves collecting. But what happens when more and more becomes too much?
11114	More caps for sale Slobodkina, Esphyr & Mulhearn Sayer, Ann Marie	Harper	2015	9780062405456	K-2	After finally getting his caps back from a group of mischievous monkeys, the peddlar begins to walk home. He does not look back. He does not see the monkeys following him. Right foot, left foot, right foot, all in step. Now, those pesky monkeys are sitting in a tree in the pedlar's backyard.
9440	More giggles and dreams Kosseris, Annette	self-published	1997	9780646298740	3-4	An illustrated collection of poems from an Australian poet.
689227	More than a kick Harris, Tayla & Castles, Jennifer	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760525804	7-9	AFLW player Tayla Harris was at work on the footy field when she kicked a goal. A photo of the kick, taken by Michael Wilson, showcased her incredible ability and was posted online. What happened next was an extraordinary turning point in Tayla's life. The photo quickly became iconic as Tayla stood strong against the online trolls. This is the inspiring story of Tayla's stellar sporting career and her hard-earned advice for navigating the ups and downs of social media.

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2937	More than gold Heffernan, John	Margaret Hamilton	2000	9781876289478	7-9	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.
751055	More than maybe Hahn, Erin	Wednesday Books	2020	9781250231642	9plus	Luke and his twin brother Cullen are podcasters. In their final year of high school, their podcast has reached a cult level following. When Cullen and his boyfriend (also Luke's best friend) Zack release a recording of Luke singing a love song to an unnamed girl on the podcast, the whole listenership wants to know who this mystery girl could be. Luke is furious. Meanwhile, Luke's colleague Vada has a solid five year plan. Falling in love with Luke is not part of that plan. But with the release of this song, she starts to wonder if he could be part of her life. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
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.
581524	Morris the mole Greenberg, Nicki	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760630829	K-2	Down and be digging! Into the dirt! Beetles for breakfast and worms for dessert! With a twirl of his spade and a twitch of his nose, Morris makes tunnels wherever he goes. How much mayhem can one mole make? Dive in with the ever-exuberant Morris and find out!
12275	Morris's disappearing bag Wells, Rosemary	Puffin UK	2000	9780142300046	K-2	Morris's older siblings share each other's noisy toys but no-one wants to play with Morris until he finds a very special present left under the tree and disappears. Now, everyone wants to play with Morris's present.
3323	Mort Chatterton, Martin	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2012	9781742753157	5-6	By a quirk of DNA and luck, Mortimer De Vere and his family live for millennia. It has its advantages, even when you've lived for ten thousand years longer than the average ten year old. When unwelcome visitors arrive, Mort and his sister have to deal with some of the stranger hobbies they've tried to keep secret from one another and the outside world. Today, might be one of the most eventful in Mort's very long life.
855	Mortal combat: time's running out Chatterton, Martin	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2012	9781742753164	5-6	Mort, a mere 10 000 year old boy is on a time-travel adventure and causing chaos as he hurtles through history in his Retro, from World War II to the time of dinosaurs, Vikings and Spanish galleons, having ignored the warnings of his cloned friend Oppy about the possibility of causing a catastrophic rift in time.

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	Mortal engines series Reeve, Philip				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1118	Mortal fire Knox, Elizabeth	Gecko Press	2013	9781877579530	9plus	Sixteen year old Canny has always been a little different and able to see something 'Extra'. When she joins her stepbrother to research a strange coal mine disaster, Canny discovers an enchanted valley with children who can perform a strange type of magic. With the help of the alluring Ghislain, Canny starts to untangle the mysteries of the valley, only to find out that its secrets are hers, too. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
	Mortal instruments series Clare, Cassandra				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
35796	Mortified Chatterton, Martin	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9781742758886	5-6	Mortimer DeVere and his sister Agnetha are 10 000 years old and desperate to avoid school. They use a time traveling machine to flee from the strict teacher who would enslave them. As they travel through time and other lands they meet historical figures who are all eccentric. How are they going to navigate between crocodiles, zombies, weird authors and Queen Victoria.
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.
12456	Moses the kitten Herriot, James & Barrett, Peter (ill)	Pan Macmillan London	1988	9780330293174	K-2	Moses is a lost, bedraggled kitten who goes to live on a farm. He adopts a very unusual mother.

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	Mosquito Advertising series Hunter, Kate				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.
18377	Mosquito bite Siy, Alexandra & Kunkel, Dennis (ill)	Charlesbridge Publishing	2005	9781570915918	5-6	As children play hide-and-seek on a hot summer night, a mosquito, Culex, hides and seeks as well. She must find foodblood to nourish the eggs in her body. Full of facts and interesting pictures.
1023709	Most amazing thing, The Robinson, Ian Hayward & Shanks, Matt	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180118	K-2	'What is the most amazing thing?', asks Henry. 'Life', says his sister. 'The mind', says his brother. 'The universe', says his father. Henry can see these things are amazing, but are they the most amazing things? A story with a message about different ways to find wonder in the world.
7801	Most beautiful lantern, The Heinrich, Sally	Lothian Books	2007	9780734408600	3-4	The Chinese mid-autumn festival is celebrated with a parade through streets with colourful lanterns. Mei-Ling has trouble choosing her lantern because she wants it to be the most beautiful lantern in the parade.
2944	Most colourful frog in the world, The Morris, Julie D	Scholastic Australia	2000	9781865042343	3-4	A discontented, brown frog discovers the advantage of an unobtrusive skin colour in this appealing story about self-acceptance.
1019642	Most delicious soup and other stories, The Ruiz Johnson, Mariana & Harvey, Rosalind (trans)	Berbay Publishing	2023	9781922610683	K-2	Welcome to the Villa Verda, where there's always something happening and new friends to meet. This vibrant community is bursting with stories to share. Come along for five little adventures!
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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35554	Most important thing, The: Stories about sons, fathers and grandfathers Wortis, Avi & Wilkins, Sarah (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781925381634	5-6	In this compellingly honest collection of stories, Avi introduces seven boys seeking acceptance, guidance, or just someone to look up to. Luke sees the ghost of his father. Paul takes a camping trip with the grandfather he's just met. And Ryan has some surprising questions for his potential stepfather. Each story shines a different light on the question, 'What's the most important thing a father can do for his son?'
485	Most loved monster Downey, Lynn & Davis, Jack E (ill)	Penguin	2004	9780143501596	3-4	Mama loves all her little monsters no matter how disgusting their personal habits or special talents are. Hair balls wrapped in seaweed are pretty disgusting.
43423	Most magical girl, A Foxlee, Karen & MacKay, Elly (ill)	Knopf Publishing Group	2016	9780553512861	5-6	In 1867 London, twelve year old Annabel Grey is primed for a life as a proper young lady. But, when she is placed in the care of two ageing great aunts who run a magic shop, Annabel is thrust into a world of potions, broomsticks, wands and wizards. Evil Mr Angel and his terrifying dark magic extracting machine want to put an end to good magic for ever. The wizards have dreamt of Annabel, the most magical girl, to save London. But, Annabel doesn't even believe in magic or understand the strange powers inside her.
12389	Most magnificent mosque, The Jungman, Ann	Frances Lincoln	2004	9781845070120	3-4	Three naughty boys, Rashid, Samuel and Miguel, plague visitors to the mosque at Cordoba with their tricks. As punishment, the boys are forced to work in the mosque gardens. Later, the three friends reunite to save the church.
23491	Most marvellous spelling bee mystery, The Abela, Deborah	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2017	9780143786689	5-6	India Wimple won the Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee and is now invited to London for an international spelling showdown. The town of Yungabilla join forces to help her and her family travel to London. India and her family are invited to Buckingham Palace and she meets old friends and new spellers. When some mysterious incidents threaten to jeopardise the finals, the group sets out to discover who is involved and why.
659105	Most ungrateful girl in the world, The James, Petra & Zabel, Anna (ill)	Penguin	2019	9780143793670	5-6	Izzy Winkle has to learn to be rude, really rude. It's the only way she can win the Most Ungrateful girl in the world competition and save the world. Sounds easy, but Izzy's grandmother teaches manners, and insists children use them. Will Izzy be able to break the habits her Grandmother has taught her?

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7656	Most wonderful thing in the world, The French, Vivian & Barrett, Angela (ill)	Walker Books	2015	9781406339680	K-2	When a king and a queen promise to marry their daughter, Lucia, to the man who can show them the most wonderful thing in the world, suitors descend on the palace, bearing ever more amazing and exotic gifts. But, nothing feels quite right, and the king and queen are exhausted. When a shy, young man, who isn't a suitor, steps forward, the king and queen finally understand what the most wonderful thing in the world really is.
15430	Mostly true story of Matthew and Trim Golds, Cassandra & Axelsen, Stephen (ill)	Penguin	2005	9780143302179	5-6	Mostly true account of the tragic but inspiring life of Matthew Flinders and his cat, Trim. They relate their adventures, as they map and explore Australia, and their eventful return to England. Graphic novel.
1423833	Moth dark Hatzopoulou, Kika	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2025	9780241733097	9plus	Six years ago, vicious creatures began to crawl out of the dark crevices of the world, and with it Sascia's fascination with the darkness was born. Now that fascination has become an obsession, and while exploring an area known for its connection to the Darkworld, Sascia - impossibly - pulls out a person from the shadows. But Nugau is no ordinary person, they're the heir to the Darkworld, with one mission . . . to kill Sascia. Except, the second time they meet, Nugau is younger and doesn't recognise Sascia. And the third time, Nugau stumbles out of the darkness with poison running through their veins, expressing their undying love for her. Piecing together the puzzle, Sascia makes two shocking discoveries: the timelines of her world and Nugau's are not linear, and she is inexplicably entangled in a war between humanity and the Dark. But with their worlds at battle, is it worth fighting for each other . . . ? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
965839	Mother Earth: Poems to celebrate the wonder of nature Hathorn, Libby & Booth, Christina (ill)	Hachette Australia	2023	9780734421555	3-4	Let's dream of what we can become, Mother Earth. Explore this collection of beautifully illustrated poems about nature to celebrate the wonder of our precious world.
5952	Mother fox and her cubs, The Momenceau, Amandine	Thames and Hudson (Australia) Pty Ltd	2016	9780500650899	K-2	At the edge of the forest, Mother Fox gazes fondly at her young frolicking in the snow. But, the cubs venture a bit too far and, all of a sudden, they vanish. Mother Fox sets off in search of them but there are so many trees and the snow is very deep. Finding them is going to be tricky. Maybe, you can help.

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12001	Mother Goose remembers Beaton, Clare (ill)	Barefoot books	2000	9781841480732	K-2	Childhood favourites illustrated with hand-sewn designs, using antique fabrics, felt, beads, braids, lace, buttons, and bric-a-brac. In each scene, a single stitched feather floats for young readers to discover.
2194	Motormouth Clark, Sherryl	Puffin Australia	2010	9780143304432	5-6	Since Chris lost his best mate, Dave, cars are all he really cares about. Then Josh Carter moves to town. His dad is a famous racing car driver and everyone wants to be Josh's friend. But as Chris soon discovers, Josh is a bit of a motormouth, and that's where the trouble begins.
785304	Mountain arrow Hennessy, Rachel	MidnightSun Publishing	2020	9781925227741	9plus	Pandora has returned to her village. She is haunted by both her failure to bring her friend home and the vision she has seen of the last few days, The Burning, when creatures swarmed the city. How did these creatures come into being in the first place? Are the last remnants of humanity really safe from them? The River People and the Mountain People have survived for another season. But at what cost? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
12949	Mountain biking: extreme sports Osborne, Ian	Raintree	2003	9781844430901	5-6	One of a series of books about extreme sports. With action photographs, diagrams and a glossary of terms, this book tells you about the history, the clothing and equipment, and basic techniques of mountain biking.
12947	Mountains: extreme sports Chapman, Garry	Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780732964597	5-6	One of a series of books about extreme sports. With action photographs, extreme facts, mountain jargon and a glossary of terms, this book tells you all you've ever wanted to know about climbing mountains.
262	Mouse and his child, The Hoban, Russell	Faber & Faber	2000	9780571202225	5-6	Here is a sweet tale about a pair of wind up mechanical mice, a father and son, who embark on a quest to become self-winding.
833195	Mouse and the egg, The Worthington, Michelle & Ferre, Adyna (ill)	Daisy Lane Publishing	2021	9780648825371	K-2	Baby bird is coming. Mouse wants to help. Can she get used to the responsibility of babysitting before Mama Bird gets back?
9463	Mouse and the motorcycle, The Cleary, Beverly	HarperCollins US	1990	9780380709243	3-4	A reckless, young mouse, named Ralph, makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.
1836	Mouse bird snake wolf Almond, David & McKean, Dave (ill)	Walker Books	2013	9781406322897	5-6	In a safe and calm world, three children conjure, from twigs and leaves and stones, a mousy thing, a chirpy thing, and a twisty legless thing. But as the children's ideas grow bolder, the power of their visions proves greater and more dangerous than they, or the gods, could ever have imagined.

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1452903	Mouse can't stop! Blake, Beck & Gordon, Shiloh	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2026	9781761212550	K-2	Bear and Mouse can't wait for their trip to the Amazing Mountain. But Mouse is in such a hurry, he doesn't have time to stop - not for this, not for that, not to play, not to chat! Will Mouse find what he's looking for on top of the mountain? Or will he need some help from Bear to slow down ...
7875	Mouse mansion: Sam & Julia Schaapman, Karina	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781743312995	K-2	Julia lives on the sixth floor of Mouse Mansion in a tiny room with her mother. Julia is super curious and very stubborn. Sam lives in the middle of Mouse Mansion with his mum, dad, brothers and sisters. Sam is super shy and very well-behaved. But when he is with Julia, Sam finds himself doing things he normally wouldn't dare. The two mice are inseparable. And together they get up to all sorts of fun ...
15428	Mouse opera Wolfe, Richard & Pamela	Scholastic Australia	2000	9781869434700	3-4	All the mice are preparing for a grand opera show. It is a race to see if they can get everything done from learning their lines to making sure the toilets are clean before opening night.
9379	Mousehole cat, The Barber, Antonia & Bayley, Nicola (ill)	Walker Books	1993	9780744523539	3-4	Mowser, the cat, lives at the far end of England in a town called Mousehole, with Old Tom, the fisherman. They lead a very pleasant life until the day they have to brave the Storm-Cat to bring food to the children at Christmastime.
12111	Moving house Hunter, Rebecca	Evans Bros	2000	9780237520199	K-2	Sarah tells the story of moving house. She shares her fears at leaving her old home and her joy when she discovers a new friend. Includes notes on how to prepare children for moving.
6162	Mozart question, The Morpurgo, Michael	Walker Books	2007	9781406306484	7-9	A moving tale of secrets and survival bound together by the power of music. When Lesley is sent to interview world-renowned violinist Paulo Levi, she is told that she can ask him anything at all -- except the Mozart question and that presents no problem at all because she has no idea of what that means.
1332	Mozzie and Midgie MacLeod, Doug & Okalyi, Sandy (ill)	Working Title Press	2011	9781921504310	K-2	When Mozzie and Midgie meet a colourful parrot who boasts of being the most beautiful bird on the island, the two young spoonbills set off to find out what could make them beautiful and special.
46936	Mozzie with a sharp snozzie, The Goundortseva, Irina	Big Sky Publishing	2016	9781925275964	K-2	Everyone adored the beautiful butterflies that gathered around the pond. Mozzie most of all. One day he gathered up his courage and asked if he could fly around with them. But beautiful butterflies do not hang out with ugly, boring mosquitoes. He comes up with cunning plan to become a beautiful butterfly that just might work.

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9627	Mr Archimedes' bath Allen, Pamela	HarperCollins Australia	1991	9780207172854	K-2	Mr Archimedes and his animal friends try to work out why the water always overflows when they have a bath together.
	Mr Badger series Hobbs, Leigh				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.
	Mr Bambuckle's remarkables series Harris, Tim & Hart, James (ill)				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.
812833	Mr Bat wants a hat Black, Kitty & Wood, Laura (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2021	9781922326218	K-2	Mr Bat is missing something. Something important. A HAT! He wants A HAT! Soon he finds the perfect hat. It has pretty pink roses and lots of GLITTER. But this hat belongs to someone else... Which doesn't bother him AT ALL, actually. Or does it?
8159	Mr Bean's definitive and extremely marvellous guide to France Driscol, Robin & Hease, Tony	Bloomsbury	2007	9780747589570	5-6	Mr Bean gives advice on preparing for an overseas trip in the format of a scrapbook recording his trip to France. He provides advice on how to enjoy French food and art and even suggestions on how to mix important things together.
1424132	Mr Bean's entertaining escapades Mr. Bean	Orchard Books	2026	9781408376133	3-4	Join Mr Bean in a bunch of super-fun comic adventures. Scrapyard survival, homemade electricity and a gigantic cake. Every story is packed with silliness and surprises.
1424131	Mr Bean's side splitting stories Mr. Bean	Orchard Books	2026	9781408376140	3-4	Join Mr Bean in a bunch of super fun comic adventures - mud fights, stink bombs and a missing monkey.
9585	Mr Biffy's battle Tulloch, Richard	Penguin	1997	9780140558722	3-4	Two busking clowns get into a dispute over who owns the territory they work. Their competitive antics provide much humour in this glorious romp that explores resolving conflict.
15919	Mr Billy's goat Stafford, Liliana	Windy Hollow Books	2007	9781921136948	K-2	The farm animals are left alone while Mr Billy goes off to buy new trousers. They get up to mischief while he is away and the goat eats his suit coat. Just as well Mr Billy doesn't buy the new trousers.

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1099	Mr Birdsnest and the house next door Donaldson, Julia & Shaw, Hannah (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2013	9781742837109	3-4	Elmo and his sister love to play in the jungle house next door until mean Mr Birdsnest moves in and the garden is out of bounds. But when Granny goes missing, the children decide to go to the rescue even if it means going into Mr Birdsnest's house.
2056	Mr Bliss Tolkien, J R R	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2007	9780007255337	3-4	Eccentric Mr Bliss, a man notable for his immensely tall hats and the girabbit in his garden, takes the whimsical decision to buy a motor car. But, his first drive to visit friends quickly becomes a catalogue of disasters. Some of these could be blamed on Mr Bliss's style of driving but even he could not anticipate being hijacked by three bears.
34679	Mr Bunny's chocolate factory Dolan, Elys	Oxford University Press	2016	9780192746207	K-2	Do you want to know how chocolate eggs are made? Step inside Mr Bunny's chocolate factory to find out!
	Mr Chicken series Various				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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10008	Mr Darcy Field, Alex & Carnavas, Peter (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2013	9781921928406	K-2	Mr Darcy is a rather reserved and gentle duck who lives in the best park. He feels very important and he likes to tip his very tall hat. Mr Darcy's life is a little lonely until he discovers that it's alright to let friends into his life.
1160	Mr Darcy the dancing duck Field, Alex & Carnavas, Peter (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2013	9781921928178	K-2	Mr Darcy is a very popular duck with many friends to greet as he takes his morning walk. By the end of his walk he is very unhappy because everyone is dancing in joy because it is spring and Mr Darcy can't dance. With his friends' help he gains his confidence to join in the spring dances.

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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!
11430	Mr Eight Eastaugh, Sharyn & Gordon, Gus (ill)	Puffin Australia	2011	9780143305569	3-4	Henry is in the pet shop to get himself a new pet but he doesn't want anything ordinary, like a kitten or a puppy. To his mum's dismay, he chooses Mr Eight, a giant octopus, who is more than the usual handful. And, he has a troubled past.
6664	Mr George Baker Hest, Amy & Muth, Jon J (ill)	Candlewick Press	2007	9780763633080	3-4	George is one hundred years old but he is learning to read with his pal, Harry.
	Mr Gum series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
12170	Mr Gumpy's outing Burningham, John	Red Fox	2001	9780099408796	K-2	Mr Gumpy's boat becomes a miniature ark when he takes two children and various animals for a ride. Everyone's having a lovely time until disaster strikes.
9806	Mr Huff Walker, Anna	Penguin Books Australia	2015	9780670078042	3-4	Bill is having a bad day. Mr Huff is following him around and making everything seem difficult. Bill tries to get rid of him but Mr Huff just gets bigger and bigger. Then, they both stop and a surprising thing happens.
965826	Mr Impoppable Jamieson, Trent & Wilson, Brent (ill)	Larrikin House	2023	9781922804440	3-4	True friendship is impoppable and this is why Mr Impoppable is liked by all. Are we sure Impoppable is actually a word? Without a doubt Mr Impoppable puts Gerald to the test of finding friendship in rather impractical ways!
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!

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	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.
4228	Mr Moon wakes up Sharpe, Jemima	Child's Play International Ltd	2016	9781846436932	K-2	Mr Moon always sleeps. He naps during hide-and-seek, passes out on puzzles and dozes during adventure stories. But when we go to sleep, Mr Moon wakes up and what adventures we go on.
25789	Mr Moonlight Carroll, Jane & Spudvilas, Anne (ill)	Puffin Australia	2011	9780143305552	3-4	Something is making a weird noise under the house at night. It's not a possum or a rat. Tom can't wait to find out what it is.
15121	Mr Noah and the cats Farrer, Vashti & Curtis, Neil (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2004	9780734406309	3-4	All Mr Noah wants is a bit of peace and quiet but God has told him to build an ark and take on board two kinds of every animal. With all the animals on board, life suddenly becomes very noisy for Mr Noah.
649	Mr Ouchy's first day Hennessy, B G & Meisel, Paul (ill)	Putnam	2006	9780399242489	K-2	Kids are not the only ones who stay awake, nervous and wondering about their first day at school. Mr Ouchy, who's not grouchy, finds that his new students have enough questions and energy to make him feel at ease.
574296	Mr Pegg's post Topouzoglou, Elena	New Frontier Publishing	2018	9781925594195	K-2	Anna and her parents live in a lighthouse, surrounded by the ocean, far from neighbours and friends. Their only visitor is Mr Pegg, the postman. But when Mr Pegg needs help with his deliveries, Anna comes to the rescue. Maybe she will find some friends after all?

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21915	Mr Penguin and the lost treasure Smith, Alex T	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2018	9781444932072	3-4	He has a dashing hat, a packed lunch of fish finger sandwiches and is very keen for adventure. Mr Penguin has opened his own business as Professional Adventurer. The phone rings! Boudicca Bones, owner of the Museum of Extraordinary Objects, urgently requires Mr Penguin's help in finding a long lost treasure hidden somewhere in the museum. With the help of his trusty spider friend, Colin, Mr Penguin springs into action. What follows is a hilarious adventure as they unravel the clues of great- great-great- grandfather's treasure map through the halls of the tumbled down museum. In their quest to find the lost treasure they stumble upon secret tunnels, hidden rainforests and the discovery that not everything or everyone seems to be what they appear to be! Mr Penguin learns that being a Professional Adventurer is exciting but can it also be dangerous!
916662	Mr Price's pet emporium Lewis, Millie & Bazykina, Maria (ill)	Larrikin House	2022	9781922503657	K-2	Looking for the perfect pet? Don't be tricked by Mr Price - his Pet Emporium is not all it's made out to be
2879	Mr Pusskins Lloyd, Sam	Orchard Books	2008	9781846165245	K-2	From the moment Mr Pusskins spies the prize for Best In Show, he is smitten. He just has to get his paws on that trophy and nothing is going to stand in his way, not even that mean, double-crossing poodle, Madame Fifi Foo-Foo.
5139	Mr Pusskins and Little Whiskers Lloyd, Sam	Orchard Books	2007	9781846165238	K-2	What is the fabulous surprise for Mr Pusskins? The hideous noise that was the reason for Mr Pusskins being put outside, may not have been made by him.
9577	Mr Rabbit and the lovely present Zolotow, Charlotte & Sendak, Maurice (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780099432951	K-2	A little girl doesn't know what to give her mother for her birthday but Mr Rabbit helps her with ideas based on her mother's favourite colours.
9391	Mr Romanov's garden in the sky Newton, Robert	Penguin Books Australia	2017	9780143309307	9plus	Living in the commission, Lexie is left to fend for herself. Her mother is mostly absent, out searching for something to help her forget the tragic death of Lexie's dad. After witnessing the aftermath of a shocking incident, Lexie finds solace in the most unlikely of places, a troubled old man called The Creeper. A chance, life-saving encounter on the commission's roof seeds a friendship between the two and when they enlist the help of Lexie's friend Davey, the three set off on a epic journey; one that will change their lives forever. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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35877	Mr Stink Walliams, David & Blake, QUentin (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2010	9780007279067	5-6	Chloe is a lonely girl who has a difficult family life and a hard time at school. She meets the local tramp Mr Stink and befriends him. He is the one of the few people who have ever been nice to her. So when it gets cold and Mr Stink needs a warm place to stay, Chloe invites him to live in the garden shed unbeknownst to her parents. Chloe soon discovers that secrets are not so easily kept and have a way of leading to disaster!
6268	Mr Tiger, Betsy and the blue moon Gardner, Sally & Maland, Nick (ill)	Head of Zeus	2018	9781786697172	3-4	Once upon a time, the letters of the alphabet decided to write a story about an island left off the map of the world, where a little girl named Betsy K. Glory meets the mysterious Mr Tiger. Together, they embark on an adventure filled with magical Gongalong berries, mermaids, giants, princesses, frogs and toads to try and make wishable-delicious ice cream. But will their wishes come true? This book is published in blue print to assist readers with dyslexia.
17490	Mr Trim and Miss Jumble Boxall, Ed	Walker Books	2005	9781844289554	3-4	Mr Trim is neat and tidy with a neat and tidy class. When he's sick, he's replaced by Miss Jumble who untidies everything.
4604	Mr Tripp smells a rat McKay, Sandy & Paul, Ruth (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2011	9781921529061	3-4	Lily's teacher, Mr Tripp, says everyone is good at something. Lily can hold her breath for ages. Jessie can do a cartwheel with one hand and Jamie is good at drawing frogs. Mr Tripp is good at two things. He can tell really good jokes and he has a clever nose. But, when Ricky Rider's pet rat escapes from its cage, Mr Tripp must be brave and sniff it out.
610430	Mr Walker and the dessert delight Black, Jess & Acton, Sara (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2019	9780143793083	3-4	Mr Walker lives in a grand hotel, he is a special dog and it is his job to welcome everyone. The hotel is having a special party and a famous chef will be staying at the hotel and helping to cook for the event, but the hotel already has a chef. Will the two chefs be able to work together in one kitchen? Can Mr Walker help bring peace back to the hotel?
59668	Mr William Shakespeare's plays Williams, Marcia	Walker Books	2009	9781406323344	7-9	Take your place in the Globe Theatre of Shakespeare's day to see seven of his best-loved plays in performance. Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Macbeth, Julius Caesar, The Winter's Tale and The Tempest are all brought life in comic-strip versions, which include the bard's own dialogue and the rowdy remarks of the audience.

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1019699	Mr. Chicken goes to Mars Hobbs, Leigh	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760878276	3-4	Mr Chicken is very curious. He loves meeting new people and travelling to new places. He's been to Paris, London, Rome and all over Australia, but one day, he realises that he has never been to outer space. Mr Chicken is on his way to Mars and you, the adventurous reader, are invited to join him!
12003	Mrs Armitage and the big wave Blake, Quentin	Jonathan Cape	1997	9780224046299	K-2	Mrs Armitage and her little dog paddle out to surf the Big Wave. Waiting for the wave is boring, hot and maybe even dangerous so she makes frequent return trips to shore to get things. They still may not know what to do when the Big Wave arrives.
	Mrs Honey series Adams, Pam				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.
15103	Mrs McTats and her houseful of cats Capucilli, Alyssa Satin & Rankin, Joan (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2003	9780743462068	K-2	Mrs McTats lives alone except for her cat. Soon, cats in twos, threes and fours come to her door until the house is bursting. But, something, or someone, is missing.
2968	Mrs Millie's painting Ottley, Matt	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2003	9780733608827	3-4	Mrs Millie loves to grow flowers but they never win any prizes, so she paints pictures of beautiful, exotic flowers instead. Suddenly her painting comes to life, and is trailing out the window leading to adventure.
89931	Mrs Muffly's monster Dyer, Sarah	Frances Lincoln	2011	9781847800404	K-2	Mrs Muffly lives by herself in a house on top of a hill. She's always been a bit strange but, lately, she's been acting very, very strangely. When Mrs Muffly buys huge amounts of butter, eggs, flour, sugar and jam, she must be keeping something very, very large in her house.
9707	Mrs Pepperpot again Proysen, Alf	Random House Canada	1999	9780099318002	3-4	Mrs Pepperpot has an enormous, little problem. She shrinks and finds herself facing all sorts of funny situations of giant-sized proportions. Whether it's a brown bear or a moose on the loose, clever Mrs Pepperpot is always ready.
4473	Mrs White and the red desert Boyle, Josie & Prewett, Maggie (ill)	Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd	2017	9781925360578	K-2	Mrs White was in the higgledy-piggledy garden. Suddenly billowing over the hill came a big red sand storm.

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2886	Mrs Whitlam Pascoe, Bruce & Gibbs, Tracey (ill)	Magabala Books	2016	9781925360240	5-6	Marnie Clark adores horses and helps out at the local riding stables. She dreams of owning a horse but her Dad is out of work and the family is very poor. Through sad circumstances, Marnie is gifted Mrs Margaret Whitlam, a beautiful Clydesdale, who is bold, fearless and able to jump anything. From the very first ride, Marnie and Maggie get more adventure than they bargained for. Soon, Marnie is learning to negotiate newfound friendships, the pony club and how to stand up for what she believes in.
1182	Mrs Wilkinson's chooks Peguero, Leone	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1999	9780091829360	K-2	Mrs Wilkinson is blissfully happy with her four chooks, Charlotte, Maureen, Violet and Shirley. She doesn't realise that other people don't see their behaviour and the problems they cause in quite the same way.
12129	Ms Johnstone to the rescue King, Karla	Indij Readers	2003	9780975064092	K-2	When a dog fight threatens the playground, the other teachers are not very helpful but Ms Johnstone saves the day.
701160	Ms Marvel: No normal volume 1 Wilson, G Willow & Alphona, Adrian (ill) & Wyatt, Jacob (ill)	Little Brown	2014	9780785190219	9plus	Kamala Khan is an ordinary girl from Jersey City until she is suddenly empowered with extraordinary gifts. But who truly is the all-new Ms. Marvel? Find out as she takes the Marvel Universe by storm! As Kamala discovers the dangers of her newfound powers, she unlocks a secret behind them as well. Is Kamala ready to wield these immense new gifts? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
	Ms Wiz 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.
2883	Much ado about Shakespeare Bixley, Donovan	John Reed Books	2016	9781927262023	7-9	Shakespeare has never been out of fashion. In his lifetime, he was incredibly successful and, after his death, Shakespeare's works were published to the world. This is a new interpretation of Shakespeare's stages, a play on words, which sheds light on the colourful and exuberant world of Shakespeare's life and times. You won't find the sainted genius, solemn with quill and ink-stained hand. High of brow he may have been, but never high-brow. Shakespeare was in the thick of it.

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4739	Muddle & Mo Robinson, Nikki Slade	Starfish Bay Publishers	2015	9780994100757	K-2	Muddle is a loveable, slightly confused yet enthusiastic little duckling who asks lots and lots of questions. Mo is a long-suffering, not very adventurous white goat who has lots of patience. They are best friends but Muddle is rather confused about what type of animals they are. Fortunately, during the course of their walk together, Mo helps Muddle get his identity sorted out.
12368	Muddle Earth Stewart, Paul & Riddell, Chris	Pan MacMillan	2003	9780333947999	7-9	The Baron of Muddle Earth's only hope is an incompetent wizard, a boy, his dog, a cynical budgerigar, a not-very -big ogre and an intrepid silver teaspoon. Anything could happen in the land of pink, stinky hogs and exploding gas frogs.
	Muddle-headed wombat series Park, Ruth & Young, Noela (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.
58642	Muddled-up farm Dumbleton, Mike	Red Fox	2002	9781740517331	K-2	Muddled-up farm is a special place where all the animals make peculiar sounds. Using rollicking rhyme, this delightful and humorous tale tells of a farm inspector's frustrations as he tries to fix a farm's mixed-up ways.
12422	Mudlark Stephens, Michael	HarperCollins Australia	2003	9780207199806	7-9	Jim Liddell is different from other thirteen year old boys, living in a world of imagination. He takes home the class pet, a mudlark called Mudlark. Its escape teaches Jim some lessons and helps him come to terms with his mother's death.
41509	Mudpuddle Farm: Pigs might fly Morpurgo, Michael	HarperCollins US	2017	9780007274635	3-4	Mudpuddle Farm is made up of many animals, each with their own personality. In the first of two stories, we meet Pintsize, a feisty and adventurous pig, who overhears his owner utter the words, and pigs might fly. Pintsize decides that he will take on this challenge to fly with hilarious results. The second story focuses on Jigger the sheep dog whose one day off is spent planning how to get to the small creatures hiding in the 'about to be mown' corn field, and how, somehow, they manage to outsmart him each year.

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2907	Muhammad Ali: the greatest Hook, Jason	Hodder & Stoughton	2000	9780750228190	5-6	Boxer, Muhammad Ali, is a symbol of courage and conviction, who had a great impact on the 20th century. His life is presented in a very appealing magazine style layout, using photos, text boxes and lots of great Ali quotes.
31113	Mulberry tree, The Rushby, Allison	Walker Books	2018	9781760650292	5-6	As soon as she saw the adorable thatched cottage Immy felt it calling deep within her. The house was perfect but it was the ancient, dark, fierce-looking mulberry tree standing outside in the garden that was drawing her in. There was a mystery in this house. The current owners refused to live there until their daughter had celebrated her eleventh birthday and the agent was reluctant to lease it to Immy's family. How could she convince her parents to move in? Escaping the cloud of problems that had haunted their life in Australia had they come to a whole set of new ones in the tiny village in Cambridgeshire, England? Would Immy, soon to be eleven, be safe in this house knowing the legend of the girls who went missing on the eve of their eleventh birthdays? How was the mulberry tree responsible for their disappearance? Would her family ever be whole again?
50226	Mule School Rawlinson, Julia & Chapman, Lynne (ill)	Gullane Children's Books Ltd	2007	9781862337299	3-4	Stomper can't see the point and really doesn't like Mule School with its lessons in conforming to mule behaviour. He certainly doesn't seem very good at the important lessons. Then one day, Stomper proves the value of thinking for yourself and the routine at Mule School changes.
2979	Mulga Bill's bicycle Paterson, A B (Banjo) & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	ABC Books	2005	9780733316524	5-6	A classic collection of humorous Australian poems.
17174	Mulga's magical musical creatures Mulga	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9780734416704	K-2	While he's sleeping, a musician dreams of banjo-playing owls, jazz-fluting kangaroos, trumpeting elephants and whistling toucans. When he wakes up, he's inspired to write a song.
12207	Mum goes to work Gleeson, Libby & Smith, Craig (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1992	9780868966076	K-2	It's early morning and everyone is arriving at the noisy child care centre. Mums are off to work, doing a variety of roles in different workplaces. The children are also busy, sharing activities and having lots of fun.
12841	Mum who was made of money, The Coleman, Michael & Bogdanowicz, Basia	Magi Publications	1993	9781854302526	K-2	Cleo and Jake keep pestering their mother to buy them things. She tells them that if she was made of money, this wouldn't be a problem. They both wish as hard as they possibly can and, suddenly, their mother changes.

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1424109	Mum's amazing!, My Cummings, Phil & Marks, Hannah (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761297380	K-2	My mum's amazing-it's true, I'll show it! She's a hero, but doesn't know it! A celebration of all the light, laughter and never-ending love that mums bring to the world.
1423955	Mum's busy work Ardern, Jacinda & Jones, Ruby (ill)	Penguin NZ	2025	9781776957415	K-2	Even though day care is fun, it's still hard not to miss Mum throughout the week. But despite her busy job, there's always time for stories, time for games, time for hugs, and time for love.
660690	Mum's elephant Jipyiliya Nampijinpa O'Keefe, Maureen & Booth, Christina (ill)	Magabala Books	2020	9781925936728	K-2	What is your greatest treasure? This is the story of a mother who treasured her very 'special' elephant.
69152	Mummies are amazing Hoy, Catriona & White, Annie	Lothian Books	2009	9780734411082	K-2	Mummies do many amazing things. Find out what they can do and what they are good at.
19982	Mummy Fairy and me Kinsella, Sophie	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2018	9780141377889	3-4	Ella's family have a big secret . . . her mummy is a fairy! She can do amazing spells with her computawand to make delicious cupcakes, create the perfect birthday party and cause chaos at the supermarket. But sometimes the spells go a bit wrong and that's when Ella comes to the rescue!
5475	Mummy monster game, The Pond, Roy	Scholastic Australia	1993	9781862911765	5-6	Josh, Amy and Harry are consumed by a computer game and become trapped in a terrifying adventure. They must use their wits to escape.
717578	Mummy smugglers of Crumblin Castle, The Rushby, Pamela & Pierce, Nelle May (ill)	Walker Books	2020	9781760651930	7-9	Orphaned twelve-year-old Hattie travels to the remote and mist-shrouded Fens to live with her Egypt-obsessed aunt and uncle. It is 1873 in England. Her aunt hosts ancient Egyptian mummy-unwrapping parties in London, aided by the mysterious and sinister Ravens. When the mummy supply unexpectedly runs out, the family embarks on a perilous and illegal search for more, a thousand miles up the Nile.
72831	Muncle Trogg Foxley, Janet & Wells, Steve (ill)	Chicken House	2011	9781906427030	3-4	Giants live on top of Mount Grumble, hidden from humans below. But, not all of them are big. Muncle Trogg is so small that he's laughed at by the others for being human-sized. Fed up, he decides to take a look at the 'Smallings' that he's meant to look like. But, what he discovers is very surprising indeed.
7641	Muncle Trogg and the flying donkey Foxley, Janet & Wells, Steve (ill)	Chicken House	2012	9781906427955	3-4	Muncle Trogg is a tiny giant who lives on Mount Grumble. When his home threatens to erupt, Emily, a Smalling, and Muncle Trogg enlist the wisest animal of all, the flying donkey, to convince the giants to listen to them.
130917	Mungo and the picture book pirates Knapman, Timothy & Stower, Adam (ill)	Puffin Australia	2006	9780140569742	3-4	Mungo reads his favourite book every night, an adventure about pirates. One night, when reading the book, Mungo discovers that the captain is nowhere to be found and he can dive in and take the captain's place.

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5582	Munmun Andrews, Jesse	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760523596	9plus	In an alternate reality a lot like our world, every person's physical size is directly proportional to their wealth. The poorest of the poor are the size of rats, and billionaires are the size of skyscrapers. Warner and his sister Prayer are destitute - and tiny. Their size is not just demeaning, but dangerous: day and night they face mortal dangers that bigger richer people don't ever have to think about, from being mauled by cats to their house getting stepped on. There are no cars or phones built small enough for them, or schools or hospitals, for that matter - there's no point, when no one that little has any purchasing power, and when salaried doctors and teachers would never fit in buildings so small. Warner and Prayer know their only hope is to scale up, but how can two littlepoors survive in a world built against them? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1019626	Murder in velvet Wynne, Sarah & Barrett, Laura (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2023	9781922326836	7-9	13 year old Grace loves her new charity shop coat. It is perfect! Except for one tiny thing. When she wears it, she sees visions of the previous owner's life....and their murder! Grace and her best friend, Suzy, decide to investigate but digging up the past reveals secrets some people want kept hidden. Can Grace solve a fifty-year-old murder or will she become the killer's next victim?
1423971	Murder is going down, A Emery, Kate	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761182211	7-9	This is what happens when you put a pair of unemployed teenagers in charge of a murder investigation. What we lack in investigative skills we make up for in free time. Heidi's meant to be having the time of her life on exchange in Switzerland, but instead she's cold, alone and on an involuntary dairy-free diet. So when she hears the news of her brother Felix's death, she's quick to jump on the first plane home to Perth. To be completely honest, Felix wasn't that much of a brother, so Heidi's not that sad - but she's not exactly happy either. Thanks to an epic betrayal by her (ex) best friend and (ex) boyfriend, Heidi has absolutely nothing to do and no one to talk to. No one, that is, except Patrick, the wisecracking younger brother of Felix's widow, who convinces her that they need to investigate her brother's mysterious demise. Can Heidi and Patrick get to the bottom of Felix's death - and do they really want to?

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120138	Murder of crows, A Bates, Penny	Evans Bros	2007	9780237534455	7-9	When Ben's Dad leaves home, Ben and his Mum move to the country to find a better life. Their neighbour, Luke, bullies Ben remorselessly about his city ways and his pet crow, Joe. When Luke threatens to hurt Joe, the crows take their own revenge.
23346	Murderer's ape, The Wegelius, Jakob	Pushkin Press	2017	9781782691617	7-9	Sally Jones is not only a loyal friend, she's an extraordinary individual. In overalls or in a maharaja's turban, this unique gorilla moves among humans without speaking but understanding everything. She and the Chief are devoted comrades who operate a cargo boat. A job they are offered pays big bucks, but the deal ends badly, and the Chief is falsely convicted of murder. For Sally Jones this is the start of a harrowing quest for survival and to clear the Chief's name. Powerful forces are working against her, and they will do anything to protect their secrets.
28325	Murgatroyd's garden Zavos, Judy & Zak, Drahos (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781921720529	K-2	Murgatroyd really, really hated having his hair washed. When his parents tried, Murgatroyd's screams were so loud that they could be heard by everyone, everywhere. So, his parents stopped washing his hair. Murgatroyd smiled, quiet descended and a magnificent garden began to grow on his head.
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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1019871	Murray and Bun: Murray the viking Stower, Adam	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2024	9780008561253	3-4	Meet your favourite new duo: MURRAY AND BUN! Murray is a cat. Murray loves snoozing, fluffy blankets, and peace and quiet. Bun is a bun. Bun loves everything! And together they are unstoppable! Sometimes Murray's enchanted cat flap leads to the garden - but mostly it leads to ADVENTURE! And when Murray and Bun travel through the cat flap and find themselves in a land of vikings, they are given a very important mission: to travel to Troll Island and rescue Eggrik the Viking - if he hasn't already been gobbled up by the trolls, that is.
84867	Museum of Mary Child, The Golds, Cassandra	Puffin Australia	2009	9780143304142	7-9	Heloise lives with her godmother in an isolated cottage and, next door, is a sinister museum dedicated to the memory of Mary Child. Visitors enter it with a smile but depart with fear in their eyes. When Heloise finds a doll under the floorboards, she keeps it against her godmother's advice. That's when the delicate truce between Heloise and her godmother begins to unravel.
1356333	Mushroom in the sky, The French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2025	9781460766057	5-6	Japan has bombed Sydney Harbour. Sixteen-year-old Ossie lies about his age to protect his country, even though it means abandoning his only family, a one-eyed dog named Lucky. Kind-hearted Mrs Plum is already looking after forty-six dogs belonging to soldiers who've gone to war. She can't possibly care for another. But just when she's becoming desperate to find a way to feed them, help arrives: thirteen-year-old Kat Murphy volunteers to care for Lucky and persuades the girls at school to help, too. As Kat and Lucky grow closer, Kat realises he can still see Ossie, the master he loves. And somehow, Kat and Ossie catch glimpses into each other's lives, too. This extraordinary connection helps Ossie survive when he is taken as a prisoner of war to Japan. There, he witnesses a strange mushroom cloud rise above Nagasaki, the result of a bomb that will take, save and change lives, and forever leave the question: was it worth it

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1307702	Music camp Tangey, Penny	University of Queensland Press	2025	9780702269028	5-6	Miley and Juliet have nothing in common, apart from a love of music. Miley lives in a caravan because she lost her home in a flood the year before, so she's excited to win a scholarship to attend the five-day Music Camp. This is her chance to prove to everyone that the recorder is a serious musical instrument. Flautist Juliet comes from classical music royalty. Her late father was an esteemed clarinet player and she wants to honour his legacy. She's also keen to make friends with people who don't know about her tragic past - though perhaps not with that girl who thinks the recorder is a serious musical instrument. Over the week, Miley and Juliet don't always see eye to eye, especially when they both audition for the only woodwind solo at the final night's concert. But with torrential rain threatening to flood the camp, their dreams might get washed away too. Can they put their differences aside and face the music together?
728149	Music from another world Talley, Robin	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9781867202257	9plus	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. 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. Usually read by student sin years 9, 10 or above.

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579453	Music our bodies can't hold Jackson, Andy	Hunter Publishers	2017	9780994352880	9plus	What use is music your body can't hold, that can't take you from this world? Each of these poems is a portrait of someone with or reputed to have had Marfan Syndrome. Many of the poems emerge out of personal interviews, while others are portraits of public figures: Abraham Lincoln, Akhenaten, Mary Queen of Scots , Edith Sitwell, Niccolo Paganini, John Tavener, Sergei Rachmaninov, and Robert Johnson, among others. Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 & above.
10644	Music tree, The Hoy, Catriona & Jaunn, Adele (ill)	Lothian Books	2006	9780734408518	3-4	Liam's mother hangs a saucepan lid to a tree to stop him from being destructive. In time the tree is well decorated with noisy household objects. Liam is inspired by a storm to create even more melodic music.
18696	Mustara Hawke, Rosanne & Ingpen, Robert (ill)	Lothian Books	2006	9780734408990	3-4	Taj longs to take his young camel, Mustara, with explorer Ernest Giles' expedition to find a way across the Australian desert. But, like a storm in the ocean, the desert can turn wild, and Mustara is thought to be too young and not strong enough. Taj and Mustara must prove their strength and courage.
130950	Mustard, custard, grumble belly and gravy Rosen, Michael & Blake, Quentin (ill)	Bloomsbury	2006	9780747587392	3-4	Michael Rosen's witty and clever verses are brought to life by Quentin Blake's detailed art in a beautifully produced book. An audio version of the book is available. Gems include 'Don't put mustard in your custard'.
9512	Muster me a song: the Anne Bell reciter Bell, Anne	Triple D Books	2002	9780957868113	3-4	Anne Bell writes with love about Australia, the country and the city, the old and the new, young people and old timers. She has a keen sense of history, an eye for details and an ear for the music of words.
15149	Mutt dog King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781865046365	K-2	A scruffy dog is brave and fast and smart but he's all alone. A heart-warming, waggly tale of resilience and belonging.
1423380	Mutt dog! 21st anniversary edition King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761723780	K-2	Mutt Dog! The scruffy dog is brave and fast and smart ... but he is all alone. No-one feeds him. No-one wants him. No-one loves him. Until one day ...
1424117	Muttonfish magic Simms, Ruth & Robertson, Lucy & Seymour, Jasmine (ill)	Magabala Books	2026	9781922864130	3-4	Aunty Ruth remembers a day out with her late mother and brothers at the cove near their home at La Perouse. Mummy gets the kids together to learn traditional fishing and abalone hunting and cooking ways. After a day on the rocks watching mummy work her magic, they return home with a feed for their family.

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7789	My (most excellent) pet project McCombie, Karen	Walker Books	2008	9781406302875	3-4	Indie Kidd is potty about pets and her school project is crawling with them. Pore over these crazy pages for Indie's animal advice and pet stories. There are freaky facts, too, such as alligators having a food radar in their cheeks and a group of hippos being known as a bloat.
20774	My amazing Dad Kwaymullina, Ezekiel & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Little Hare Books	2015	9781921894862	K-2	Dad isn't very handy around the house but he's brilliant at turning the everyday into something exciting.
587761	My Aunty Chook the vampire chicken French, Jackie & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2015	9780207200793	3-4	Drackie lives on Vampire Island, where every night is dark and stormy. Soon he'll be old enough to turn into a bat and live in his own castle. Drackie has just had the best birthday ever. His parents have given hima vampire toad called Fang. Then the unthinkable happens, Fang is toad-napped and a ransom of $100,000 is asked for by the International Society of Toad Thieves. The only clue is a bright pink feather. A clue that leads to Auntie Chook. But who is Auntie Chook? And why doesn't anyone in Drackie's family wish to talk about her?
5760	My Australia Murphy, Julie & Fleming, Garry (ill)	NLA Publishing	2018	9780642279163	K-2	This is my country...this is my home. Come on a poetic journey that celebrates the beauty and diversity of Australia's landscapes. Relish the visual delights of our continent - from dry deserts to lush rain forests, high mountains to stormy seashores, and winding rivers to fertile swamp lands - all the magical places that are my Australia.
33	My Australian story: A banner bold, The diary of Rosa Aarons, Ballarat Goldfield, 1854 Wheatley, Nadia	Scholastic Australia	2000	9781865042640	7-9	Rosa goes to the Ballarat goldfields with her parents in 1854, during the lead up to the Eureka Stockade. She keeps a daily journal of her experiences - a fresh and interesting minutiae of daily life on the goldfields.
1436	My Australian story: A different sort of real, The diary of Charlotte McKenzie, Melbourne, 1918-1919 Greenwood, Kerry	Scholastic Australia	2001	9781865043838	7-9	As the horrors of the First World War are drawing to a close, an influenza pandemic has arisen that will kill more people around the world than the Great War. Charlotte McKenzie, assisting the doctor, finds herself experiencing first hand the effects of this devastating disease. This is Charlotte's diary, written in post World War I Melbourne in 1918.

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25771	My Australian story: A marathon of her own Savvides, Irini	Scholastic Australia	2013	9781741699043	5-6	Times are tough in Crete and Sophia's father has decided to make a fresh start in Melbourne. Sophia struggles to learn English and to get used to the strange new customs. No matter how hard she tries, no-one at school wants to make friends with a foreigner. Then, her talent for running starts to make a difference. With Olympic fever gripping Melbourne, Sophia's courage and determination is rewarded in unexpected ways, and the 1956 Olympic Games surprises everyone.
3047	My Australian story: A tale of two families, The diary of Jan Packard, Melbourne, 1974 Pausacker, Jenny	Scholastic Australia	2003	9781865042657	9plus	Set in the seventies, Jan Packard is a Melbourne thirteen year old growing up in changing times. She discovers the sexual revolution, politics, the anti-Vietnam moratorium, the impact of war service, boys and that parents are fallible and human. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
32104	My Australian story: Archer's Melbourne Cup, The diary of Robby Jenkins, Terara, NSW, 1860-1861 Farrer, Vashti	Scholastic Australia	2007	9781865049410	5-6	It is 1861 and a major horse race, the Melbourne Cup, is about to be run for the first time. Thirteen year old Robby Jenkins is working as a stable hand and is convinced that his favourite horse, Archer, can win. This is Robby's diary about his love of horses, life at the stables and his dreams to become a top jockey.
30792	My Australian story: Atomic testing, The diary of Anthony Brown, Woomera 1953 Tucker, Alan	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781741692174	5-6	Anthony and his family move to Woomera for his father's job in the army. His mother cares for Anthony as he recovers from polio. At school, one of Anthony's friends has photos of the rockets at the Woomera munitions base. When a small business arises for the boys, the townspeople become suspicious of Anthony and the police become involved.
3011	My Australian story: Bridging Sydney Farrer, Vashti	Scholastic Australia	2012	9781741699531	5-6	It's 1932 and Sydney has hit hard times during the Great Depression. But, the construction of a bridge that will reach across the harbour is setting spirits soaring. Alice and Billy, whose fathers are working on the bridge, tell the story, through their diaries, of building the spectacular Harbour Bridge, which will unify a separated city from the north shore to the working class suburbs of the south.
6772	My Australian story: bushfire Murphy, Sally	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781742994307	5-6	Amy loves to read about real life heroes. When she is faced with a life threatening situation at her Gran's house, her understanding of what it takes to be a hero might just save her life, and her Gran's. Summer in Australia means bushfires, and when Amy and her Gran are faced with a bushfire far too close for comfort, Amy knows just what to do.

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36214	My Australian story: Claw of the dragon, The diary of Billy Shanghai Hamilton, Broome, Western Australia, 1899-1900 Bernard, Patricia	Scholastic Australia	2008	9781865048611	7-9	Billy Shanghai Hamilton has been snatched by pirates in the Torres Strait and forced to work on a pearling boat. Greed for pearls drives men mad and the seas are full of danger. Soon Billy is fighting for survival in a dangerous world of assassins, treasure hunters, deep-sea diving, underworld crime and mutiny.
2451	My Australian story: Convict girl Michaels, Chrissie	Scholastic Australia	2014	9781743620151	5-6	Mary Beckwith has been sent to the penal colony at Port Jackson, transported with her mother, having stolen some fabric. She describes the hardships endured as well as the growth of the settlement and meeting the indigenous inhabitants. Her story is unlike most others as she joins Nicolas Baudin, the French scientific explorer, as he explores New Holland's coastline in direct competition with Matthew Flinders.
60043	My Australian story: Cyclone Tracy, The diary of Ryan Turner, Darwin, 1974 Tucker, Alan	Scholastic Australia	2006	9781865049168	7-9	A fictionalised account of the devastation wrought by Cyclone Tracy on Christmas Eve, 1974. Fourteen year old Ryan shares his perspective of life in Darwin with stories of his family life, his friendships and his first girlfriend.
46962	My Australian story: Escape from Cockatoo Island Poshoglian, Yvette	Scholastic Australia	2013	9781742832456	5-6	It is 1879 and life in the Biloela Industrial School is tough for eleven year old Olivia Markham. Her windswept days are filled with sewing, washing and avoiding the girls from the Reformatory School. Sydney is rapidly growing and modernising but Olivia can only imagine what life is like beyond the shores of Cockatoo Island. She dreams of freedom, friendship and, above all, family.
15442	My Australian story: Flying ace, Jack Fairfax, Royal Flying Corps, 1915-1918 Eldridge, Jim	Scholastic Australia	2003	9780439977371	5-6	An insight into the world of Jack Fairfax, a nineteen year old fighter pilot in World War 1. Jack takes to the skies and faces the skill of the German ace pilots over the Somme.
12450	My Australian story: Fords and flying machines, The diary of Jack McLaren, Longreach, 1919-1921 Bernard, Patricia	Scholastic Australia	2003	9781865045627	7-9	Jack McLaren, a fourteen year old, is offered a mechanics apprenticeship in Longreach, Queensland. He gets to travel north with two World War 1 pilots in a model T Ford, finding the best route for an air race. The beginning of QANTAS.
52241	My Australian story: Gallipoli Tucker, Alan	Scholastic Australia	2013	9781742836935	7-9	Victor March is 14 years old and looking for adventure. He lies about his age and enlists in the 10th Battalion to fight in the Great War. He is among the first soldiers to land at Anzac Cove in 1915 and his world will forever change.

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9288	My Australian story: Hunt for Ned Kelly, The Masson, Sophie	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781741695649	5-6	Jamie and Ellen Ross are alone in the world after the death of their father. Determined to make their fortune, they head to Beechworth, straight into the midst of the search for Ned Kelly, the most notorious bushranger of all time. There are two views of Ned Kelly, a hero wronged by the police or a cold-blooded murderer.
25287	My Australian story: Kokoda Tucker, Alan	Scholastic Australia	2014	9781743622056	7-9	During World War II, Archie's two brothers are fighting the Japanese in the jungles of New Guinea. In his diary, Archie records how Townsville becomes a base for the pacific campaign, as the Australian coastline reels under Japanese bombs. Archie also records his own battle against the local bully.
51036	My Australian story: My father's war Masson, Sophie	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781741698282	5-6	Marie's dad has been away for two years, fighting on the Somme battlefields in northern France. There hasn't been any word from him for months, no letters or postcards. Marie and her mother decide to travel to France, to try and find out what has happened to him. Marie experiences first-hand what war is like, as she tries to piece together the clues behind her dad's disappearance.
17687	My Australian story: New gold mountain, The diary of Shu Cheong, Lambing Flat, New South Wales, 1860-1861 Cheng, Christopher W	Scholastic Australia	2005	9781865048512	5-6	Shu Cheong, with his father and uncle, sets off on the arduous journey to Australia's goldfields, hoping to bring back wealth for their village. But, following their deaths, Shu cannot return home without his father's body so must stay in Australia alone. Relations between the European miners and Chinese are tense and violent attacks against the Chinese are common.
9240	My Australian story: On board the Boussole, The diary of Julienne Fulbert, Laperouse's Voyage of discovery, 1785-1788 Edwards, Christine	Scholastic Australia	2002	9781865044354	7-9	Adventures on the high seas for an accidental stowaway with a mysterious and frightening past. But, it is yet to be established if the stowaway is Jules, or Julienne.
16093	My Australian story: Our Don Bradman, The diary of Victor McDonald, Sydney, 1932 Allen, Peter	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781865045917	5-6	Like many Australian boys in the 1930s, Victor McDonald is cricket mad. Life is hard during the Great Depression, Victor's father has lost his job and the family is moving to Sydney. Victor keeps a diary that includes his meeting with Don Bradman.
15128	My Australian story: Our enemy, my friend, The diary of Emma Sheldrake, Adelaide Hills, 1915 Blackman, Jenny	Scholastic Australia	2005	9781865045269	5-6	Told in diary form by a young girl in an Australian village. It is 1915 and Australia is involved in World War 1. Emma writes of the perils and difficulties of wartime and the hatred against the German settlers in the area.

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4189	My Australian story: Our race for reconciliation Heiss, Anita	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781760276119	5-6	It's 2000 and the Olympics are going to be held in Australia. In a year of surprises, enthusiastic runner Mel finds out that her hero Cathy Freeman is coming to talk at her school, and her family is heading to Sydney! It becomes an unforgettable journey to Corroboree 2000, bringing together all Australians as they march and sing to celebrate Australia's Indigenous heritage, and to acknowledge past wrongs.
63454	My Australian story: Outback, The diary of Jimmy Porter, Central Australia, 1927-1928 Harris, Christine	Scholastic Australia	2005	9781865048505	5-6	Jimmy Porter has moved to central Australia, to the middle of nowhere, to live with his uncle's family who are three days walk from the nearest neighbour. Life in the outback in 1927 is tough but people cope and Jimmy learns to adjust. When disaster strikes, Jimmy and his cousins must get help. This is Jimmy's diary, which tells how he adjusts, about the characters he meets and his experiences.
316	My Australian story: Plagues and federation, The diary of Kitty Barnes, The Rocks, Sydney 1900 Farrer, Vashti	Scholastic Australia	2001	9781865042664	7-9	Kitty wrote her diary living in the slums of the Rocks in 1900. She describes the harsh experiences of her surroundings and details of life in early twentieth century Sydney.
58992	My Australian story: Refugee, The diary of Ali Ismail, Woomera, 2001-2002 Sunderland, Alan	Scholastic Australia	2006	9781865049199	7-9	The Taliban in Afghanistan are seeking out young boys to become fighters. Fourteen year old Ali is smuggled out on a small boat. After a gruelling journey, Ali is rescued and transferred to Woomera Detention Centre in the Australian desert.
14839	My Australian story: Riding with Thunderbolt, The diary of Ben Cross Baillie, Allan	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781865045801	5-6	Life on the run with Captain Thunderbolt, famous Australian bushranger. Based on true story of young Ben Cross and the historical figures that he meets. Although his life is exciting, Ben reflects on the ethics of the choices he has made.
3046	My Australian story: Surviving Sydney Cove, The diary of Elizabeth Harvey, Sydney, 1790 Alexander, Goldie	Scholastic Australia	2000	9781865042671	7-9	Life in the early days at Sydney Cove is told through the diary of a young girl.
7554	My Australian story: The bombing of Darwin, The diary of Tom Taylor, 1942 Tucker, Alan	Scholastic Australia	2002	9781865043630	5-6	Strong family and community ties are tested in this fictionalised account of the days prior to the bombing of Darwin.
26045	My Australian story: the Phar Lap mystery Masson, Sophie	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781741697278	5-6	Prior to the 1930 Melbourne Cup horse race, an attempt was made to kill Phar Lap, the horse who won the race. Eleven year old Sally Fieldling's father is investigating and she documents the case, or what she learns of it, in her diary.

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3731	My Australian story: The rum rebellion, the diary of David Bellamy, Sydney Town, 1807-1809 Gleeson, Libby	Scholastic Australia	2001	9781865043623	7-9	David Bellamy is afraid. He fears the strange new land of New South Wales, its inhabitants and its wild creatures. He fears his relatives who have taken him in and the swearing, cursing Governor Bligh. And then, on Anniversary Day, 26th January, 1808, David and his new friends, Kitty and Ralph, are on the streets of Sydney Town when the military march on Government House.
3740	My Australian story: Vietnam Challinor, Deborah	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781743628003	5-6	It's 1969, many social changes are underway and man is headed for the moon. Twelve year old Davey lives to surf with his older brother, Tom, and listen to the latest hits. His cherished goal is to win the inaugural Under-14 Surf Championship with his best friends, Johnno and Pete. But, when Tom is drafted into the army and sent to Vietnam, everything changes and the far-away war creates waves very close to home.
461	My Australian story: Who am I, The diary of Mary Talence, Sydney 1937 Heiss, Anita	Scholastic Australia	2006	9781865043616	7-9	Mary is ten when she begins to write in her diary. She documents her life as an Aboriginal child who was taken from her natural parents and raised by a non-Aboriginal foster family. Mary doesn't fit in and starts to question why.
15429	My bedtime book of favourite princess stories Rupnik, Louise	St Martin's	2005	9780312494339	K-2	Four classic fairytales including Cinderella, The Little Mermaid, The Frog Prince and Sleeping Beauty. Large text with beautifully embroidered picture clues.
614625	My Beijing: Four stories of everday wonder Jun, Nie	Graphic Universe	2018	9781541526426	3-4	Yuer and her grandfather spend a lot of time together in the hutongs, or alleyways, of Beijing. As we follow these two in their everyday life, we meet some of the unusual people of the neighbourhood and their unusual stories. The past and the present come together in these disappearing neighbourhoods of one of the world's largest cities
5236	My best book of nibbles Brian, Janeen & Caisley, Raewyn & Dubosarsky, Ursula & Godwin, Jane & Lawrinson, Julia	Puffin Australia	2011	9780143306337	3-4	If you've ever wanted to go on a magical adventure or been to an unusual party, then you'll love the five stories included in this book.
59049	My best friend is a vampire Rippin, Sally	Puffin Australia	2006	9780143302391	3-4	David is a loner who finally finds a best friend. Despite Vincent being a half-vampire, eating fresh worms, centipede sandwiches and crispy pigs' ears, the two boys form an instant friendship. But, the friendship is not without problems.
15431	My big book of animals Voce, Louise	Walker Books	2005	9781844280742	K-2	A collection of animals, categorised and well-illustrated.

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1331630	My big secret Arena, Felice	Penguin Books Australia	2025	9781761349706	K-2	Everyone in my family goes for the RED team. My dad goes for the RED team. My mum goes for the RED team. Everyone goes for the RED team. Well, ALMOST everyone... A fun story about love and acceptance, no matter what team your heart belongs to.
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.
628169	My book (not yours) Sanders, Ben	Lothian Books	2019	9780734419040	3-4	Lento is so excited you are reading his book. He has a big story to tell you. First, though, he needs a little nap. But if you snooze, you lose. Enter Fox, stage right, to steal the show.
23911	My brilliant body with the gross bits left in MacDonald, Guy	Buster Books	2008	9781905158911	5-6	This book tells you everything you need to know about your body from head to toe plus things you probably don't want to know. Find out about the inner workings of the human body in a very funny way.
30982	My brother Huxley, Dee & Huxley, Oliver (ill) & Huxley, Tiffany (des)	Working Title Press	2016	9781921504853	5-6	When a grieving brother sets out to find his lost sibling, his quest takes him on an ethereal journey across land and sea. He visits fantastic, floating cities and medieval towns, vast open grasslands and eerie, silent forests. Eventually, he arrives in place of timeless beauty and light.
846120	My brother Ben Carnavas, Peter	University of Queensland Press	2021	9780702263330	5-6	Luke and his big brother Ben spend the summer on the banks of Cabbage Tree Creek. Quiet Luke sketches birds, while Ben leaps off the Jumping Tree. The boys couldn't be more different but they share the same dream: winning a boat so they can explore the creek properly. Then Ben starts high school and the boys drift apart. When Luke catches Ben sneaking out at night, he knows his brother's up to something, but what? A timeless story of birds and boats and of brotherly love that is bigger than a wedge-tailed eagle, bigger than the sky.

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1424083	My brother Otto Laguna, Ingrid	Text Publishing Co	2026	9781923058729	5-6	Quinn's not happy about all the fuss her mum and Alex are making about the new baby. She's sick of their excitement. She likes things the way they are: just the three of them, and Disco, her lop-eared rabbit. She doesn't want a baby brother. And she definitely doesn't want to share a bedroom with him. But when Otto is born three months early things change more than anyone could have expected. Quinn meets her little brother in the hospital neonatal intensive care unit surrounded by tubes and beeping machines. And she becomes the best sister any baby brother could have.
1153323	My brother, Finch Gordon, Kate	Simon & Schuster	2024	9780645869347	5-6	How does a family move on when a member suddenly disappears? Can they? Finch and Wren are less than a year apart and they have a strong bond even if Wren sometimes resents her brother for always being the centre of attention. Three years later, Wren is about to start high school but the loss of her brother and the mystery surrounding his disppearance still occupies so much of her time and thoughts. Fortunately, Wren meets a new and mysterious girl in high school who Wren must learn to trust with her family's sad story and her own intense grief if they can be good friends.
12043	My cat likes to hide in boxes Sutton, Eve & Dodd, Lynley (ill)	Hamilton	1973	9780140502428	K-2	All the exotic cats from around the world might like to do exciting things but this cat, a plain, ordinary cat, likes to hide in boxes.
12428	My cat Maisie Allen, Pamela	Puffin Australia	1990	9780140542370	K-2	Andrew doesn't have anyone to play with. The dog next door is too rough. When a scruffy, ginger cat arrives at his house, Andrew learns how to be gentle with her.
2749	My Chinatown Mak, Kam	HarperCollins US	2016	9780064437325	K-2	Chinatown in New York is a place of dragons, dreams, memories, fireworks and delicious food on every corner.
33130	My contemporary art book Ryan, Kate & Bennett, Cally (ill)	National Gallery of Victoria	2017	9781925432466	5-6	Meet some of today's leading artists and designers from different parts of the world. Read their stories, find out what inspires them and discover the ideas behind their works of art. Each artist has included an art activity for kids to make at school or at home.

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829775	My Country Kwaymullina, Ezekiel & Morgan, Sally (ill)	Fremantle Press	2026	9781760996260	K-2	Come and explore a land of soaring birds, rushing rivers, wide open skies and amazing animals through an Indigenous perspective. Through simple yet powerful language and vibrant illustrations, this beautiful picture book celebrates the beauty, diversity and wonder of Australia and the deep connection between people and Country. Young readers will be inspired to look closely at the world around them and discover the many treasures that make this country special.
14651	My country Mackellar, Dorothea & McLean, Andrew (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781862917309	5-6	The poem, My Country, is widely regarded as the universal statement of why Australians love their country. Stunning watercolour illustrations capture the diversity of the landscape and its colours.
1289044	My cousins, my world Attai, Shahara & Pereira, Michelle (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761180972	K-2	I have more cousins than I can count on my fingers. And toes. I have cousins who are near. And some who are far. A joyful celebration of the rich and unbreakable bonds we share with our cousins.
642921	My culture and me Dreise, Gregg	Penguin Books Australia	2019	9780143789376	5-6	Feel the rhythm of the music, from your heart down to your feet. Enjoy the movements of melodies, as clapsticks keep a strong beat. This is my culture. This is me.
12020	My dad Browne, Anthony	Transworld	2002	9780385602907	K-2	In this lovingly told story, a son proudly describes and exaggerates his father's accomplishments.
4067	My Dad is a giraffe King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781743625941	K-2	If your Mum and Dad were animals, I wonder what they would be.
1138106	My dad is the best McPickle, Nic & Doyle, Tommy (ill)	Albert Street Books	2024	9781761180507	K-2	A book that celebrates dads of all varieties. Are there funny sayings that your dad has, or things he does that are amusing? Then this is the book for you.
13366	My dad the dragon French, Jackie & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2004	9780207199509	3-4	At King Arthur's School for Knights, Horace's homework is to catch and kill a dragon. The task is especially difficult for Horace as his dad is a dragon.
877889	My dad thinks he's a pirate Germein, Katrina & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Walker Books	2022	9781760653460	K-2	My dad thinks he's a pirate but not the scary kind. He has a treasure trove full of silly sea jokes and shares them all day while we have fun at the beach. I know why pirates are funny, because my dad says they arrrgghh!
92409	My dad thinks he's funny Germein, Katrina & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Black Dog Books	2010	9781742031217	5-6	My Dad thinks he's funny. Whenever I say, 'I'm hungry', Dad says, 'Hello Hungry. Pleased to meet you.' My Dad thinks he's funny. But he's not. A book for anyone whose dad has made them laugh, or cringe.

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2340	My dad's a birdman Almond, David & Dunbar, Polly (ill)	Walker Books	2007	9781406313246	3-4	Lizzie is a very special little girl with an extraordinary dad, and both are trying to cope with the loss of Lizzie's mum. Lizzie is growing up very fast while dad is acting very strangely. Mr Poop parades the streets encouraging dad to go in The Great Human Bird Competition; Auntie Doreen and Mr Mint try to help Lizzie in their own ways; meanwhile, Lizzie and dad make themselves beautiful.
11778	My dad's a wrestler Zurbo, Matt & Gorissen, Dean (ill)	Lothian Books	2009	9780734410603	K-2	A young boy is the number one fan of his Dad who is a storeman by day, and a keen but unsuccessful wrestler by night. Known as The Percolator, Dad is far from pretty but, to his son, Dad is a hero just like those in the Greek myths he learns about at school.
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.
25690	My dad, the hero Gurney, Stella & McEwen, Katherine (ill)	Walker Books	2008	9781406306989	3-4	Tariq loves his funny, clever Dad more than anything. His Dad drives a taxi and can make anything you like out of wood. When his Dad is selected to give a talk at school about his job, Tariq is worried about his Dad's accent and the mean Tom Morley. But, Tariq's dad is cleverer than Tariq thinks.
92940	My daddy snores Rothstein, Nancy H & Gilpin, Stephen (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2007	9780545028349	3-4	When daddy snores, walls rumble and things tumble and poor mum has to try to find another comfortable place to sleep. The hamster doesn't like the noise and certainly doesn't want to share his bed with mum. There must be a cure.
903365	My deadly boots Merrison, Carl & Hustler, Hakea & Samantha, Campbell (ill)	Lothian Books	2022	9780734421456	5-6	Spikes on the bottom boots, my favourite colour boots, making me too deadly. Can the shoes on your feet really make you jump higher? Walk taller? Dream bigger? A joyous, empowering story about finding confidence within yourself, boots or no boots,
9030	My dearest dinosaur Wild, Margaret & Rawlins, Donna (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2005	9781865048345	3-4	Notes from a mother dinosaur to her husband, who is off searching for food for the family. This nurturing dino describes her new babies and their day by day existence, with its prehistoric difficulties.

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89128	My dinosaur ABC Adam, Emma & Turner, Nadia (ill)	Brolly Books	2008	9781921346927	3-4	A great book for dinosaur enthusiasts. The descriptions and drawings of twenty six dinosaurs provide interesting facts and details. Each letter of the alphabet, clearly written in lower and upper case, corresponds with a dinosaur name, which is shown phonetically to assist pronunciation.
1355843	My dog Wakeford, Olivia & Litchfield, David (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780008658588	5-6	When Rhys finds a lost black Labrador with big conker eyes and ears like soft velvet, he can't quite believe his luck. He names the dog Worthington, and jumps at the chance to prove he's a good owner. But as his dad HATES dogs, Rhys decides to keep Worthington hidden and soon discovers that looking after a secret dog is anything but easy ...
4364	My dog Bigsy Lester, Alison	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9780670078936	K-2	Meet my dog Bigsy. He's only small but everyone knows he's the boss. Each morning, he visits the animals on the farm. What a lot of noise. And, all because of Bigsy.
42520	My dog Dash Greenberg, Nicki	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760110673	K-2	Dash is badly behaved at puppy school. He chews things that he shouldn't, he makes puddles on the floor, he wrecks the garden and steals food off the bench when no one is looking. Perfectly standard behaviour for a puppy but Dash is far from an ordinary pet.
2578	My dog doesn't like me Fensham, Elizabeth	University of Queensland Press	2014	9780702250170	5-6	On his eighth birthday Eric is allowed to choose a puppy from the dog shelter. Ugly, so named because of a comment made by his sister, lives up to all of Eric's expectations for a little while but soon he realises that Ugly wants to be with mum, he is growing rapidly and becoming difficult to control as well as destroying everything he can get his mouth into.
4208	My dog gets a job Fensham, Elizabeth	University of Queensland Press	2017	9780702259593	3-4	At almost ten years of age, Eric is now the responsible owner of his dog Ugly. But when Ugly is involved in a series of mishaps including the theft of a roast chook and a bedroom decorated with duck poo, it is clear Eric needs to do something to keep his dog out of trouble. Luckily, Eric knows exactly how to solve the problem...Ugly needs a job. But how can Eric find a job for a dog, even if his dog is a genius?

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751033	My dog is a winner Fensham, Elizabeth	University of Queensland Press	2020	9780702262951	3-4	Eric Bright and his doggy best mate, Ugly, have a big challenge. They are attempting to solve the serious problem looming over Eric's mean and miserable big sister, Gretchen. It's lucky that Ugly is the friendliest dog ever. He's surely going to rescue Eric's sister. He's a star companion pooch, working with the kids at school. On top of that, he will win almost every category at the upcoming pet show. Surely.. This is a paw-some tale about friendship, compassion and what it takes to be a real hero.
43491	My dog socks Osborne, Robyn & Konchi, Sadami (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2017	9781925272826	K-2	An ordinary dog becomes extraordinary through the magic of a child's imagination. While most people think Socks is just an ordinary dog, through a child's eyes he becomes an enchanted character of many disguises - a chameleon who changes with his environment. One day he's a contented cow rolling in grass, the next a sleek seal basking on rocks, or even a terrible tiger, sprinting from hunters and searching for prey. However, regardless of his many guises Socks offers a dog's unconditional love and loyalty, for 'when he is by my side, he is my best friend'.
11999	My dog's a scaredy cat Ball, Duncan & Smith, Craig (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2001	9780207198199	K-2	Stanley is scared of everything - big dogs, little dogs, cars, water, butterflies and even cats.
1423788	My dream holiday Barty, Ashleigh & McGaughey, Jasmin & Goodwin, Jade (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460765173	K-2	Every sizzling summer, my family travels to Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) for our dream holiday. SPend time with Ash Barty on her dream family holiday! There's fishing, whale spotting and paddleboarding at the beach, plus games, exploring and animals to see in the bush. At night, there's a campfire, stargazing and thrilling stories until everyone falls asleep in their tents ... to be ready for another fun-filled day! Visit the sun and the sand and the sea with the bestselling creators of the Little Ash series, Ash Barty, Jasmin McGaughey and Jane Goodwin.
264	My family and other animals Durrell, Gerald	Penguin	1964	9780140013993	7-9	The author's life on the island of Corfu with his family and an assortment of animals.

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1209730	My family and other suspects Emery, Kate	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781760529215	7-9	"What happens when your closest family are the prime suspects in a murder mystery? 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." LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Kate Emery read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/7-9-book-list#my-family-and-other-suspects-kate-emery
936306	My Father is a Polar Bear Morpurgo, Michael & Sala, Felicita (ill)	Walker Books	2023	9781406365863	5-6	Andrew thinks he has seen his long lost father dressed as a polar bear on a show poster. The boys have so many questions and are understandably curious, so they try to find a way to get to the theatre and find out for sure if the polar bear is their dad.
265	My father is not a comedian Dubosarsky, Ursula	Penguin	1999	9780141302089	5-6	Claudia gets herself and her father into a predicament and has to help her father get out of it.
12335	My father's boat Garland, Sherry	Scholastic Australia	2002	9780590478687	5-6	A Vietnamese-American boy spends a day with his father on his shrimp boat, listening as he describes how his own father fished on the South China Sea. They talk about going back to Vietnam one day.

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3598	My father's shadow Jones, Jannali	Magabala Books	2019	9781925936704	9plus	Kaya is completing her HSC when she is woken in the middle of the night by her mother. They are to pack immediately and go to their holiday home in the Blue Mountains. Her father is not coming back, after giving evidence against some dangerous criminals in court. Months later, they are still in hiding and the mysteries are multiplying. Kaya is not sure who to trust: her mother'd new friend, the policeman or her new friend, Eric, from the local store. She is also recovering from memory loss caused by PTSD after a chilling encounter with the criminals. She is seeing a psychologist in an attempt to recall the evidence she might have to give in a forthcoming trial. Will she remember - and what dangers will her memories lead to? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
871577	My favourite teachers Feiner, Beck & Robin	HarperCollins Children's Books	2022	9780733342332	3-4	This book is a celebration of school teachers and the great variety of other people in children's lives who teach important life lessons in other ways on other days.
1470643	My feelings, my rules Gill, Nicki Esler & Desai, Kruti (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761721786	K-2	You're precious when you're happy, and you're precious when you're blue. With all your different feelings, it's just part of being you! Learn about all the different emotions you might feel throughout the day and ways you can express your feelings safely - even when they get messy!
6337	My first computer coding book Dickins, Rosie & Nielsen, Shaw (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2018	9781474943604	3-4	This easy to use guide to computers and how they work will have you quickly coding in Scratch jr - a free downloadable app. Step-by-step instructions are easy to follow. There are 7 detailed projects, from simple coding to building a game. Beginner coders will love this book.
12113	My first pet Hunter, Rebecca & Fairclough, Chris (phot.)	Evans Bros	2000	9780237521448	K-2	A boy experiences all the joy and responsibility of having a first pet. He chooses a guinea pig. The story comes with notes on guinea pigs and advice from the vet.
660389	My folks grew up in the 80's Feiner, Beck & Robin	HarperCollins Australia	2019	9780733339417	3-4	Welcome to the 1980s -- a time when crimped hair and perms were cool, kids listened to cassette tapes, thought dancing on your head was the ultimate, and synth-pop ruled the school. My Folks Grew Up in the '80s is a stroll down memory lane for the kidz who grew up then, and a hilarious chance to share the decade's downright weirdness with a whole new generation.

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19971	My friend Ernest Allen, Emma & Sommerville, Hannah (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2016	9781460750537	K-2	It's the first day of school and Oscar is trying hard to be brave. Oscar's mum feels sure he will make lots of friends. But, Oscar isn't so sure, particularly when Ernest the dragon seems so mean and scary.
7422	My friend Flicka O'Hara, Mary	HarperCollins US	2006	9780060512620	5-6	Ken is a daydreamer and a disappointment to his demanding father. When Ken finds Flicka, a wild filly, his growing love for the horse helps Ken to grow up and gain self-assurance.
616971	My friend Fred Watts, Frances & Yi, A. (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760290948	K-2	My friend Fred eats dog food for breakfast. I think dog food is disgusting. My friend Fred howls at the moon. I don't know why. He does a lot of funny things. But even though we are different, Fred is my best friend.
4044	My friend Tertius Fenton, Corinne & Swan, Owen (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760113827	3-4	This is the true story of two lives brought together by chance. Arthur Cooper, working in intelligence for the British Government in pre-war Hong Kong, rescues a small gibbon and names him Tertius. Together they escape to a safe place - but is it for always?
2941	My Gallipoli Starke, Ruth & Hannaford, Robert (ill)	Working Title Press	2015	9781921504761	7-9	From the shores of Anzac Cove and beyond, the Gallipoli peninsula was the place where thousands of men fought, suffered, endured or died during the eight months of occupation in 1915. For each of them, their nurses and their families, Gallipoli means something different.
266	My girragundji McDonald, Meme & Pryor, Boori Monty	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1998	9781864488180	7-9	When a boy has bullies, a scary monster lurking about at night, and a strange noise outside his window to contend with, the last thing he expects is for a little green tree frog to be his saviour. But he names the frog Girragundji and together they learn how to be brave and face the world together.
916612	My gran does karate Deverall, Michel & Demchenko, Anna (ill)	Larrikin House	2022	9781922503787	K-2	My gran does Karate. She knows how to block and chop and how to kick and spin. Don't let her wrinkles and old skinny bones fool you - my gran is REALLY strong! This legendary lady is about to Hi-Yah her way into your heart and show you what grannies are really made of. But who will be in the firing line when Gran chops and blocks her way all over town?
12446	My gran's different Lawson, Sue & Magerl, Caroline (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734405005	3-4	Charlie's gran is different - she doesn't go to the football, make cakes or work in the garden. The story of Charlie and his gran is one of love and complete acceptance told through soft, watercolour illustrations.
18389	My grandad marches on Anzac Day Hoy, Catriona & Johnson, Benjamin (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734408457	K-2	Anzac day and it's significance as seen through the eyes of a young girl. She goes to the pre-dawn Anzac Day service with her father where they watch her grandad march in the parade.

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846183	My grandma is like the sea Franceska, Natalie & Kolenko, Sanja (ill)	self-published	2021	9780645025422	3-4	Imagine standing at the edge of the sea, closing your eyes and remembering the wise words of your grandmother. Love knows no boundaries in this inspiring story about the special moments shared in a relationship between a granddaughter and her grandmother.
10120	My grandma lived in Gooligulch Base, Graeme	Penguin	2002	9780734304506	K-2	Grandma's adventures romp along in rollicking, rhyming verse with bright illustrations of Australian animals, especially birds.
820	My happy life Lagercrantz, Rose & Eriksson, Eva (ill)	Gecko Press	2012	9781877467806	3-4	Dani is the happiest person she knows, especially when she makes a best friend when she starts school. They share friendship bracelets, sit together in class and have sleepovers. But how will Dani return to her happiness when Ella moves away.
2935	My happy sad mummy Vasiliu, Michelle & Masciullo, Lucia (ill)	JoJo Publishing	2015	9780987358592	K-2	Sometimes, Mummy has happy days, other days can be sad days. Sometimes, Mum is so sad, she has to go to hospital.
1019882	My heart McKelvey, Katrina & Hudson, Deb (ill)	EK Books	2024	9781922539571	K-2	Celebrate a journey of memories and emotions in this tribute to mothers everywhere.
15150	My hen is dancing Wallace, Karen & Jeram, Anita (ill)	Walker Books	2010	9781406318623	K-2	Let's see what happens in the hen house. They do lots of interesting things. Softly coloured pictures and lively, poetic text.
34405	My Henry Kerr, Judith	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2011	9780007388110	3-4	When Henry dies, his wife can't see why they should stop doing things together, as they've always done. In fact, she can't help going a little bit over the top, imagining all sorts of wonderful outings, including dinosaur rides and dolphin-drawn water ski sessions.
15351	My Hindu year Senker, Cath	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2003	9780750240567	3-4	A colourful introduction to the Hindu religion and celebrations, with a festival calendar and glossary.
267	My Hiroshima Morimoto, Junko	HarperCollins Australia	1995	9780207188732	5-6	Recollections of life before and during World War 2, and the horrific aftermath of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Provides a potent warning of the dangers of nuclear warfare.
18584	My home in Kakadu Christophersen, Jane & Christophersen, Christine (ill)	Magabala Books	2005	9781875641932	3-4	Respected elder, Jane Christophesen, reveals the beauty of the changing seasons in Kakadu National Park to her granddaughter, Tarrah, as Tarrah and her family collect bush tucker, hunt and fish.
32350	My horrible cousins and other stories Alexander, Goldie	Teaching Solutions	2009	9781921454721	5-6	The short stories feature girls as the main characters, girls who are strong and resourceful, overcome adversity, solve problems, and are determined and passionate about causes.

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51414	My island home Murray, Neil & children from Papunya & Galiwinku (ill) & Hudson Peter (ill)	One Day Hill Pty Ltd	2010	9780980564334	5-6	Everyone who loves Australia can appreciate the beauty and diversity of our wonderful country, shown through Neil Murray's song lyrics and beautiful landscape illustrations by the school children of the Kintore and Galiwinku communities.
1229325	My language rights: A child's right to their langauge Thompson, Judy & Garcia, Tete (ill)	Scribe Publications	2024	9781761380488	3-4	What makes us human is our ability to think and use language to communicate. Language connects us to our past, to our self and each other. Each year hundreds of languages are becoming extinct. This book helps us spread the word about the importance of celebrating and protecting all languages. It is a must read for families and classrooms that value inclusivity.
4369	My life as a hashtag Williams, Gabrielle	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760113681	9plus	What's a girl to do when her parents have split up; her dad has a new girlfriend, her mum is internet dating and one of her best friends has decided not to invite her to the biggest party of the year (which she then has to watch the party unfold on everyone's else's social media!). If you're a girl called MC, you get mad as hell, that's what you do. But what begins as one girl's private no-holds-barred rant soon snowballs in the most public way possible. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
49510	My life as an alphabet Jonsberg, Barry	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743310977	5-6	Candice's home is a bit hard, with her baby sister no longer with them and her parents both depressed. Her only friend, Douglas Benson from Another Dimension, wants to leave and return to the universe he claims he came from. Her penpal is not returning any of her letters and she just doesn't know what to do about her teacher's lazy eye.
268	My life in dog years Paulsen, Gary	Thorndike Press	2000	9780786227402	5-6	The author's real life adventures, and the dogs he shared them with, make fascinating and absorbing reading.
	My life Tom Weekly series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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73789	My little world Cooke, Julia & Crosby-Fairall, Marjorie	Omnibus Books	2011	9781862917903	3-4	When a little wanderer goes out walking with her gran and her brother, she doesn't see many of the things that are too tall or too fast. But, the small child can see other things, such as the tiny insects, the lizard hiding under the brush, the insect that looks like a twig and the fuzzy zigzag pencil lines, scribbled on the bark of a tree.
18441	My map book Fanelli, Sara	Walker Books	2006	9781844280766	3-4	A treasure map, a map of a face, a map of a neighbourhood, a family tree and even a map of a heart are included in these maps of life. Children will be inspired to draw some maps for themselves.
4202	My meerkat mum Paul, Ruth	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781775434894	K-2	Up. Down. Dig. Play. Meerkat Mum leads the way. Snuggle up, little pup, join them in a meerkat day!
73786	My mother's eyes: the story of a boy soldier Wilson, Mark	Lothian Books	2009	9780734410894	5-6	William was only 16 years old when he enlisted for the First World War. Like many other under-age boys at the time, he was accepted into the Australian Imperial Force and sent to the battlefields of France. His letters home from the front reveal how, for the boy soldiers, the 'great adventure' became a tragedy.
15029	My mum Browne, Anthony	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2005	9780385608213	K-2	My mum is skilled in many areas. I love her and know that she will always love me.
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.
569244	My Mum is a magician Young, Damon & Carnavas, Peter (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2018	9780702259944	K-2	Some mums gulp green tea, with bitter barley blends. But my mum is a magician, her cup of coffee never ends. All mums are different. But what if your mum was really different? What if your mum was a magician?
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!
587760	My mum the pirate French, Jackie & King, Stephen Michael (ill)		2007	9780207199493	3-4	Cecil's mum wears long black boots and an even longer sword, and she makes her enemies walk the plank. All Cecil wants is a normal life. But with parent-teacher night coming soon, Cecil is worried. Will his mum embarrass him in front of all of his friends? Will people realise that his family isn't normal? When flood waters rise and Bandicoot Flats Central School is in danger, who will save the students and teachers from the perils of the deepening waters? And is Cecil's mum really a pirate?

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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.
10170	My name Is Lizzie Flynn: A story of the Rajah quilt Saxby, Claire & Newcomb, Lizzy (ill)	Black Dog Books	2015	9781922179913	3-4	Lizzie Flynn has nothing but her name when she boards the Rajah, a ship sailing from England to the penal colony of Australia. She has been sentenced to seven years for stealing a shawl. On board, the convict women are given a useful bag containing fabric, needle and thread.
34300	My name is Mina and I love the night Almond, David	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2010	9780340997253	7-9	Mina empties her thoughts, stories and dreams into her notebook, creating an extraordinary journal of her transition from school to homeschool and of life in her neighbourhood. Prequel to Skellig, also on 7-9 booklist,
8437	My name is Rose Grindley, Sally	Bloomsbury	2011	9781408814024	5-6	Rose is a young Romany gypsy girl who travels around Romania and Europe in a caravan with her family. Her life is happy, playing music with extended family and friends, until Rose suddenly finds herself an orphan after a dreadful car accident.
91222	My name is Will Thompson Newton, Robert	Penguin	2008	9780143303343	7-9	Will Thompson is a bit of a misfit. He verges on dyslexia, provokes numerous family problems and has something of a bizarre view of life. He rises to a degree of fame, if not notoriety, when he and two of his friends take on the state to stop the closing of the Goongara Learning Centre.
2051	My nanna is a ninja Young, Damon & Carnavas, Peter (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2014	9780702250095	K-2	Some nannas dress in pink when they jog around the track. But, my nanna is a ninja, so she dresses up in black.
43452	My new room Stickley, Lisa	Pavilion	2017	9781843653271	K-2	Moving into a new room is a real adventure. In Edith's room, she's found space for each of her favourite toys. Major Ted, the bad dream soother, is on the bed; Clarissa the Cow, entertains everyone from the desk; and Sebastian Snake gets a bit shivery by the door. And that's just some of the gang. See how they all settle in and make Edith feel really at home.
1485680	My Nonna loves Frittitta, Adelle & Frittitta, Claudia	Little Hare Books	2026	9781761214486	K-2	My nonna loves golden sunrises, sharing biscotti, and making passata with the whole family. But, most of all, my nonna loves me!
1458260	My Nonno Loves Frittitta, Adelle & Frittitta, Claudia	Little Hare Books	2025	9781761214479	K-2	My nonno loves being in his garden, with a coffee in hand and songs in the air. But most of all, my nonno loves me.

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569140	My outback childhood: Growing up in the Territory Tapp Coutts, Toni	Lothian Books	2018	9780734418333	5-6	Toni Tapp Coutts was raised on a remote cattle station in the Northern Territory. Her descriptions of life on the land, battling snakes, spiders and goannas as well as the weather will enthrall readers.
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.
269	My place Morgan, Sally	Fremantle Press	2000	9780949206312	9plus	An autobiography of three generations of Sally Morgan's Aboriginal family that traces her search for identity. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
270	My place Wheatley, Nadia & Rawlins, Donna (ill)	Pearson Education Australia	2000	9780582811072	5-6	Using maps, the author traces the history of one special Australian neighbourhood back two hundred years.
9256	My place in space Hirst, Robin & Sally & Harvey, Roland (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1992	9781741754049	5-6	When an arrogant bus driver asks Henry and his sister, Rosie, if they know where they live, Henry tells the driver a good deal more than just his address. He launches into a lengthy and lucid explanation of the solar system, solar neighborhood, galaxy and supercluster to which Earth belongs. A clever blend of fact with fiction in this unusual picture book.
588173	My polar dream Hameister, Jade	Pan MacMillan	2018	9781760554774	7-9	Jade Hameister is a truly remarkable Australian. At fourteen she decided on a goal: To be the youngest person in history to complete the Polar Hat-Trick. In this book you will be taken on her journey as she travels through polar lands hostile to human life and accomplishes something truly remarkable. An inspirational true story that might very well change your perspective on the limits on what is possible.
2936	My pop is a pirate Young, Damon & Carnavas, Peter (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2015	9780702253614	K-2	Some pops drive big trucks over hills of rock and sand. But, my pop is a pirate and he steers his ship on sharky seas.
751147	My possum plays the drums Meatheringham, Catherine & Hamilton, Max	Windy Hollow Books	2020	9781922081841	K-2	Night-time falls and the possum orchestra begins. Drums bang, violins scratch and I can't sleep.
641207	My real friend Hunt, David & Masciullo, Lucia (ill)	ABC Books	2019	9780733334894	K-2	It's not easy being imaginary... Rupert isn't real, but he has a real friend, William. They both love sport, painting and music and have amazing adventures together in William's imagination. But why can't they have the adventures that Rupert wants? And what will happen if William no longer wants an imaginary friend?

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18516	My scary fairy godmother Impey, Rose	Orchard Books	2005	9781843626831	5-6	Isabella goes to live with her scary but glamorous cousin, Maxine. Maxine takes one look at mousy, little Isabella and decides the one thing she needs is a complete makeover.
1059	My secret war diary by Flossie Albright Williams, Marcia	Walker Books	2008	9781406309409	5-6	Flossie is just nine years old when, in 1939, Britain declares war on Germany and her father leaves the family home to join the army. Flossie is left to bring up her baby brother and to face a whole host of new experiences on her own. Her diary becomes an outlet for relaying all the news from at home and abroad.
751246	My shadow is pink Stuart, Scott	Larrikin House	2020	9780648728757	K-2	Inspired by the author's own little boy, 'Shadow's' main character likes princesses, fairies and things 'not for boys'...he soon learns (through the support of his dad) that everyone has a shadow that they sometimes feel they need to hide.
879801	My shadow is purple Stuart, Scott	Larrikin House	2022	9781922503817	K-2	My Dad has a shadow that's blue as a berry, and my Mum's is as pink as a blossoming cherry but my shadow is purple and this sometimes makes me feel quite alone until I realise that many of us have different coloured shadows - and that's okay. A heartwarming and inspiring book about being true to yourself.
271	My side of the mountain George, Jean Craighead	Puffin USA	2001	9780141312422	5-6	Sam is determined to survive in the woods and keeps a journal to describe the birds and animals with which he learns to live. A tale of the determination and bravery of a city boy who refuses to give in.
	My side of the story series Various				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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27302	My silent world Hilton, Nette & Agostino, Vincent	Hachette Children's Books	2009	9780734410375	3-4	The world is a very different place when you are deaf. The power of sight and the beauty of colours and textures are heightened. How will things change when technology allows a deaf child to hear?
5627	My sister Young, Joanna	New Frontier Publishing	2018	9781925594041	K-2	Who looks just like you and is your mummy's too? A heart warming picture book showing the special relationship between sisters.
14068	My sister has a big black beard & other quirky verses Ball, Duncan & Millard, Kerry (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2009	9780207200892	5-6	Sisters with beards, exploding bullies, a nightmare driving test, a girl whisked away by aliens and poor old Uncle Norm who got sucked up in a lightning storm. A collection of quirky, delicious and outrageously funny poems.
5084	My sister is a superhero Young, Damon & Carnavas, Peter (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702253928	K-2	Some sisters sprint in shorts as they twist and twirl their kites. But, my sister is a superhero, she wears undies over tights.
41483	My sister is an alien Bright, Rachel	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2010	9780141502656	K-2	Alfie is crazy about space. His favourite things are aliens, rockets and the moon, in that exact order. He doesn't really think much about anything else, until his new baby sister comes along. Then, Alfie notices that she looks a bit funny, she talks funny and she sometimes smells funny. He thinks his new sister is an alien who must be returned to the moon.
42400	My sister Jodie Wilson, Jacqueline	Doubleday	2008	9780385610124	9plus	Pearl and Jodie, boy-mad sisters and best friends, are full of teen and pre-teen angst. Mum just can't cope with little girls who don't do as they're told, especially precocious Jodie whom, in her frustation, she often lashes out at physically. Pearl can't believe that Jodie would ever choose to leave her but perhaps her story won't have a happy ending. Coarse language used in context. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
6321	My sister lives on the mantelpiece Pitcher, Annabel	Orion	2011	9781444001839	7-9	Since the death of his sister, Rose, in a terrorist attack, life for ten year old Jamie has been torn apart. A move to the country with his dad and older sister only increases Jamie's torment. His father mourns through alcohol and a wild rage against the killers. Jamie is bullied at his new school and yearns for his absent mother. Jamie knows he should feel sadder but he barely remembers his sister.
8760	My sister Olive Russell, Paula & Chapman, Gaye (ill)	Little Hare Books	2010	9781921272882	K-2	A younger sister looks up in awe to her older sister, Olive, marvelling that she is the best in the world at nearly everything. But, Olive knows that her younger sister is also the best at something.

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69818	My sister Sif Park, Ruth	University of Queensland Press	2009	9780702237010	5-6	Fourteen year old Erika and her sister, Sif, are desperately homesick and flee the city to return to their island home. However, they find the locals are frightened by the changes occurring and the cracks forming in their once-perfect home. Erika and her family also feel the threat of the encroaching world. When a young American shell-collector uncovers a long-held family secret, Erika must prevent his revealing it.
1228289	My so-called family Gordon, Gia	MacMillan	2024	9780374392055	7-9	Sixth-grader artist Ash, who has been in foster care most of her life, struggles with an ancestral tree assignment, but soon discovers the true meaning of family.
877964	My spare heart Thomas, Jared	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760631833	9plus	Phoebe's non-Indigenous mother, a busy event manager, and her father, an Aboriginal man and uni lecturer, have split up and she's moved to sleepy old Willunga with him and his new health-obsessed girlfriend. It's only a few kilometres from Phoebe's old friends and the city, but it feels like another world. Her new school is full of hippies, but some of the kids are cool and the local basketball team is tight, and before long Phoebe's fitting in. But as her mum becomes increasingly unreliable, Phoebe's grades begin to suffer, her place on the basketball team is under threat and her worries spiral out of control. Phoebe can't tell her friends and is worried her dad will get angry, but pretending everything is fine is breaking her heart. How can she help her mum without tearing her family apart? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1426168	My spinning anxious brain Vee, Dani & Smith, Ruth-Mary (ill)	Larrikin House	2026	9781923345324	K-2	What is it like to experience anxiety? This beautiful picture book explores the challenges of experiencing anxiety while providing strategies to help keep kids calm. Celebrating the resilience and courage it takes to have anxiety, this is a positive story that encourages kids to accept their brains and love who they are!
569923	My storee Russell, Paul & Aska (ill)	EK Books	2018	9781925335774	K-2	A young boy has a mind full of wonderful stories but when he writes them down, day after day, they come back covered in red pen after his teachers have corrected his spelling. It seems his dyslexia will always hold him back from sharing his creativity the way he longs to. Then a new teacher arrives at the school.

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13399	My story: Agincourt, Jenkin Lloyd, France 1415 Cox, Michael	Scholastic UK	2003	9780439982665	7-9	Jenkin Lloyd is fourteen and about to embark on the adventure of his life when he goes off to war, as an archer, for King Henry V to fight against the 60,000 strong French troups at Agincourt. Jenkin knows there is not much chance of surviving the day.
9316	My story: flying ace, the story of Amelia Earhart Bull, Angela & Forsey, Chris	Dorling Kindersley	2000	9781740330770	7-9	Amelia Earhart was the first female aviator to cross the Atlantic. This courageous pilot disappeared in terrible weather conditions after flying out of Australia. She believed women must attempt the same challenges as men.
4393	My story: hunger, the diary of Phyllis McCormack, Ireland 1845-1847, The Drinkwater, Carol	Scholastic UK	2001	9780439997409	7-9	When the potato blight strikes Ireland, fourteen year old Phyllis McCormack goes into service to help feed her family.
13123	My story: Snowy, the diary of Eva Fischer McHugh, Siobhan	Scholastic Australia	2003	9781865045634	5-6	Eva Fischer has moved from Sydney to Cabramurra, the highest town in Australia. She is surrounded by people of every nationality, with different languages, food and customs, who have come to work on the Snowy Mountains Scheme.
17388	My story: Spy smuggler, Paul Lelaud France 1942-1944 Eldridge, Jim	Scholastic UK	2004	9780439968843	7-9	Now Paul Lelaud has turned fourteen years old, he can escape from his Nazi sympathising teacher, Monsieur Armignac. He desperately wants to do something to free France of the Germans so his Uncle Maurice takes him into the French Resistance.
9763	My story: the trenches, Billy Stevens, the Western Front 1914-1918 Eldridge, Jim	Scholastic Australia	2002	9780439994224	5-6	Two sixteen year olds put their ages up to join the Armed Forces and fight in the Great War of 1914-1918. An honest account of the horrors of war in the trenches, particularly sensitive and heartbreaking. Fictitious, with historical notes and photos.
3048	My story: the Yankee whaler, the diary of Thomas Morris Lisson, Deborah	Scholastic Australia	2001	9781865044385	7-9	Thomas Morris thinks something mysterious is going on in Bunbury. The telegrams he delivers carry cryptic messages and strangers are acting in odd ways. Tom writes down his exciting adventures as he becomes part of a mysterious and amazing plot.
102917	My story: U-boat hunter, Peter Rogers, HMS Arum 1939-1945 Perrett, Bryan	Scholastic UK	2005	9780439959384	7-9	Peter is the son of a merchant sailor during the Second World War whose father survives a bombing by a German U-Boat. This motivates Peter to be more actively involved in the English war effort.
104760	My story: war nurse, the diary of Kitty Langley, 1939-1940 Reid, Sue	Scholastic UK	2005	9780439959025	7-9	Kitty is a VAD (Voluntary Aid Detachment) nurse stationed at Standhaven military hospital. She doesn't know if she has it in her to nurse the young wounded soldiers coming in from France but they desperately need her help.

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927633	My strange shrinking parents Sworder, Zeno	Thames and Hudson (Australia) Pty Ltd	2022	9781760761233	5-6	It goes without saying that we all believe our parents to be strange, but growing up while my parents were shrinking is definitely unusual. A heartbreaking and heart-warming story of the sacrifices parents make for their children.
751157	My summer with Grandad Tinn-Dinsbury, Tom	New Frontier Publishing	2020	9781922326140	K-2	Eric loves spending the summer holidays with his grandad. This year was going to be really special because Eric was going to learn how to work on his Grandad's fishing boat. But Eric was not a good fisherman. His grandad gave him a special job of Chief Seagull 'Shoo-er'. Eric was good at his new job until he found a baby seagull trapped in a fishing net. Eric and his Grandad rescue the little seagull and take care of him. Eric called his new friend Beaky and took special care of him until it was time for Beaky to fly away. It was the right thing to do but how could Eric say goodbye to his new friend? It seems Beaky had another idea. Read the story and find out.
1326117	My super charged ADHD brain Vee, Dani & Layton, James & Smith, Ruth-Mary (ill)	Larrikin House	2025	9781923345041	K-2	What is it really like to have ADHD? This picture book explores the strengths and challenges of having a different kind of brain. Celebrating diversity and being unique, the story encourages young readers to love who they are. Written and illustrated by creatives who have ADHD and/or children with ADHD this story celebrates sparkly supercharged brains.
1208	My super hero Owen, Chris & Court, Moira (ill)	Fremantle Press	2013	9781921888977	K-2	Kaboom, kapow, kabam, kasplat, my superhero's not like that. Which animal is the real superhero.
571294	My super special granny Morley, Jedidah & Erasmus, Karen (ill)	Empowering Resources	2017	9781925592047	3-4	Amelia Arbuckle and her family are moving away. Amelia is sad because they are moving away from Granny. Amelia visits her granny every day before moving and together they have amazing adventures and lots of laughs.
1424061	My super uncle Patterson, Dannika & Walsh, Seantelle (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2026	9781922696540	K-2	My friends all love my uncle when he jokes and fools around. To me, he's super special 'cause he never lets me down. I don't need x-ray vision, to see the way he cares. I don't need super senses, to know he'll be right there.

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5027	My turn Rankin, Laura	Bloomsbury	2016	9781599901749	K-2	Pammy and Wyatt are best friends. They always have lots of fun playing together. But today... when they put on a parade, Pammy rides in the float and Wyatt pulls it. When they on the swing, Pammy flies high while Wyatt pushes her. And when they play school, Pammy's the teacher. Wyatt has to raise his hand. Wyatt wants to know, when will it be his turn to do all the fun things.
39062	My two blankets Kobald, Irena & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Little Hare Books	2014	9781921714764	3-4	A young girl leaves her war-ravaged homeland and arrives in Australia. Everything looks and sounds strange, even the wind. She doesn't speak the language and feels intimidated and lonely. To cope, the girl wraps herself in a beloved blanket and takes comfort in the memories of her homeland. One day at the park, a local girl smiles and waves at her.
32205	My uncle's donkey Riddle, Tohby	Viking Children's	2010	9780670040339	K-2	My uncle's donkey is allowed in the house. And in the house, the donkey gets up to all sorts of mischief. He is so much more than just an ordinary pet.
12219	My very first Mother Goose Opie, Iona (ed) & Wells, Rosemary (ill)	Walker Books	2001	9780744568677	K-2	A picture book for children who are learning to read. A collection of quirky, sly, sweet, gentle, rollicking and silly rhymes of childhood with charming illustrations.
1597	My village: rhymes from around the world Wright, Danielle (comp) & Moriuchi, Mique (ill)	Gecko Press	2008	9781877467103	3-4	A delightful selection of simple poems for the young to read. Beautiful illustrations complement the translations, with each poem in English and its original language. Languages include Chinese, Japanese, Norwegian, Jamaican, Iranian, Samoan and more.
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.
15352	Mysteries & marvels of nature (Usborne) Dalby, Elizabeth	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2003	9780746052983	5-6	Spectacular animal and plant photographs with interesting information about the wonders of nature.
9248	Mysteries of Harris Burdick, The Van Allsburg, Chris	Houghton Mifflin	1996	9780395827840	5-6	Fantasy black and white illustrations provide inspiration for readers to create stories of their own.
272	Mysterious ruins: lost cities and buried treasure Prior, Natalie Jane	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1996	9781864482478	7-9	From the True Stories series, here are tales of hidden treasure and lost temples deep in the rainforests.

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1195	Mysterious traveller Peet, Mal & Graham, Elspeth & Lynch P.J. (ill)	Walker Books	2013	9781406337075	3-4	Although now aging, Issa, is the best African desert guide in the region. During a journey he discovers a camel protecting a baby girl during a sandstorm. Issa raises the child, sharing his love and understanding of the desert and together they continue to guide travellers, even as Issa goes blind. When they save a group of travellers during a sandstorm, the truth of her past is revealed.
	Mysterious world of Cosentino series Cosentino & Heath, Jack & Hart, James (ill)				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.
7047	Mystery at Manyallaluk Manyallaluk School	Indigenous Literacy Foundation	2015	9780992478063	5-6	When all the pawpaws go missing from a pawpaw tree in the school garden, and then all the bananas from the banana trees too, each student at Manyallaluk School has a theory. It has to be the crows! Or could it be wild pigs? Or even an emu? Who or what is stealing fruit from their beautiful garden? How will the mystery be solved?
17147	Mystery of Eilean Mor, The Crew, Gary & Geddes, Jeremy (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734407955	7-9	The keepers of the Eilean Mor lighthouse all disappeared without a trace. Find out what secrets the lighthouse hides in this picture book for older readers.
1424114	Mystery of Mystic Mountain, The Fox, Janet	Simon & Schuster	2025	9781665956673	5-6	Becca Soloway's perfect summer goes up in smoke when her mom flees a looming divorce by dragging Becca to a Montana resort. To make matters worse, her mom's hasty booking lands them not at a spa, but an aging dude ranch called Far Away. Becca is miserable until she meets the wrangler's son, Jon, who shows her what might be the first clue to a century-old mystery: the lost treasure of a Robin Hood-like outlaw known as Pearlhandle Pete. As they slowly uncover the true history of Pete, venture into the mountains, search haunted ghost towns, and are threatened by a treasure-hunter-social-media-star, Becca discovers that treasure is in the eye of the beholder and the important things in life are always worth fighting for.

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567942	Mystery of the colour thief, The Jozefkowicz, Ewa	Zephyr	2018	9781788546492	7-9	After a frightening car accident, Izzy's mum is in a coma. Her family is in pieces. Her best friend at school has dumped her. And her nightmares are haunted by a shadowy man stealing all the colours from her world. She's trying so hard to be brave, but Izzy thinks everything is her fault. Then she meets her new neighbour, Toby, paralysed after a skateboarding accident, and together they find a nest of cygnets who need rescuing. Particularly the odd one out, called Spike. Will saving Spike save Izzy? Will she and Toby solve the mystery of the colour thief and bring hope and happiness back to Izzy's life? Written with insight, compassion and empathy - an authentic story about real life and how to survive it.
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.
78662	Mystery of the mummy's mask, The Holper, Paul & Torok, Simon & Axelsen, Stephen (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2007	9780330423373	5-6	Zac and Hannah are at the Clairesville Museum when the museum's most exciting exhibit, the gold burial mask of the famous pharaoh, Ramses II, is about to be unveiled. But, the mask has vanished. Follow the clues and the red herrings, collect the evidence and check out the suspects to solve the crime of the missing mask.
16271	Mystery of the ruby glasses, The Cripps, Lindsay	Lothian Books	2007	9780734408044	7-9	Shey can't resist exploring the locked room in Uncle Ruben's house. Looking through a pair of antique opera glasses, Shey is transported to a strange land depicted in one of Ruben's paintings where there are lots of clues to be followed.
15354	Naked bunyip dancing Herrick, Steven	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2005	9781741146554	5-6	Funny and, sometimes, poignant verse novel about the kids in class 6C. They get a new male teacher, a pony-tailed hippy, who helps them put on an end of year concert.
8024	Naked mole rat gets dressed Willems, Mo	Walker Books	2009	9781406321371	3-4	Naked mole rats do not wear clothes. They hate hats, scorn socks and turn their noses up at trousers. That is, all naked mole rats except Wilbur.

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64076	Naked penguin, The Lardner, Kym & Lardner, Oliver (ill)	ABC Books	2008	9780733320729	K-2	A little penguin doesn't have any friends because he is different. Unlike the other penguins, he is black all over without a patch of white on his chest. But, when he decides to leave his home, he sees there are other creatures that are different too.
751036	Nala the koala Min Ferguson, Penny	Penguin Random House Australia	2020	9781760898830	K-2	Nala has lost her home. She sets out to find a new one but there is nothing that will work for her, until she finds a tree. She notices that there are no other animals around. What will bring other animals to this area and who will help? Will Nala find some friends?
2500	Name at the end of the ladder, The De Roo, Elena	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2014	9781922244475	5-6	Everyone has to wait until their twelfth birthday for the Name Bank to decide each person's name. Usually, safe botanical names are chosen. September wants a special, unique name and is enticed by spooky Madame Alcina to be able to choose her own name by playing a board game. What she is not told is that, so far, no one has managed to win and some players have not reappeared. Every dice roll leads to danger.
15513	Nan and dad and me at the zoo Russelly, Dylan & McDougall, Wendy (phot)	Indij Readers	2004	9780975064146	K-2	A young boy spends the day at the zoo with his father and grandmother. Photographs support the text and provide lots of additional information about Taronga Zoo and some of its inhabitants.
6881	Nanberry: black brother white French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2011	9780732290221	9plus	In 1789, the new colony in Sydney is established. Nanberry is an Aboriginal boy who is raised by Surgeon John White and witnesses the struggles of the colonists to survive in the wilderness. Follow Nanberry and his white brother as they make their way in the world, as well as the young convict woman who becomes a lady in her own right. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
9787	Nancy Bentley: the first Australian female sailor Hawkins, Tracey & Grantford, Jacqui (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2011	9781921042768	3-4	Based on the true life story of Nancy Bentley, who was born in 1914 and lived with her family in Port Arthur, and due to unusual circumstances, related in this book, was inducted into the Royal Australian navy at the age of six years.

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2828	Nancy Wake FitzSimons, Peter	HarperCollins Australia	2002	9780732274566	9plus	In the 1930s, Australian Nancy Wake was a young woman enjoying a bohemian life in Paris. After witnessing an horrific scene of Nazi violence, Nancy decided to help rid Europe of the Nazis. What began as a courier job became a highly successful escape network for Allied soldiers, perfectly camouflaged by Nancy's high-society life in Marseille. A compelling story. Coarse language may offend some readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
43472	Nanette's baguette Willems, Mo	Walker Books	2017	9781406376210	K-2	Nanette, is on a mission to buy a baguette. It's Nanette's very first solo trip to the bakery. But will Nanette get the baguette from baker Juliette? Or will Nanette soon be beset with regret?
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 knowns exactly what everything needs. But what will she do when she finds a friend in need?
4479	Nanna's button tin Wolfer, Dianne & Potter, Heather (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781922077677	K-2	Nanna's button tin is very special. It has buttons of all shapes and sizes and they all have a different story to tell. But today, one button in particular is needed. A button for Teddy.
2859	Nannie loves Dunstan, Kylie	Working Title Press	2016	9781921504839	K-2	Nannie lives on a farm with rolling hills, a muddy creek and lots of animals. Nannie loves her farm and all her animals. But, what Nannie loves most is when her family comes to stay.
	Nanny Piggins series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
855819	Nano: the spectacular science of the very (very) small Wade, Dr Jess & Castrillon, Melissa (ill)	Walker Books	2021	9781406394603	5-6	Everything is made of something... but the way we make things, from the materials we use to the science and technology involved, is changing fast. Learn how nanotechnology is the way of the future!
3868	Nara and the island Ungureanu, Dan	Andersen Press Ltd	2016	9781783443420	K-2	My home is so small, you can't lose anything. At least, that's what my dad says. But sometimes, I feel like getting lost.

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15355	Nardika learns to make a spear Fry, Chris	Magabala Books	2001	9781875641703	3-4	With his father's help, Nandika, an Aboriginal boy, learns how to make a chittabutta, a fishing spear, so he can catch his own fish.
273	Nargun and the stars, The Wrightson, Patricia	Puffin Australia	1988	9780140307801	5-6	Simon lives with his cousins in Australia. He sees a star-like creature that moves at night and becomes involved in a life and death struggle.
1424113	Narm-jaap: A Flinders street station history Fogarty, Melissa-Jane & Finney, Dylan	Lothian Books	2026	9780734423399	5-6	A comprehensive history of one of Australia's most prominent landmarks, Flinders Street Station, and the land on which it is built.
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.
9356	Natalie Imbruglia Gott, Robert	Reed Library	2000	9781863919371	7-9	Natalie Imbruglia is an internationally renowned singer and songwriter, who has won many music industry awards.
	Nathan Nuttboard series Eaton, Anthony				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.
9155	Nation Pratchett, Terry	Corgi Books	2009	9780552557795	9plus	Mau is the sole survivor of a primitive tribe, wiped out by a terrible natural disaster. He is young but brave and visionary, in this upside-down and dangerous world. He gathers around him, and defends, a strange group, including a feisty young girl and a foul-mouthed parrot. Strong language used in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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	National Geographic kids series level 1 and level 2 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.
	Natural disasters series Park, Louise				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.
43056	Nature explorer Burnie, D & Morgan, B & Walker, R & Woodward, J	Dorling Kindersley	2010	9781405354042	5-6	Become an expert nature explorer with fifty easy-to-do activities, which can be done in the park, the garden or at home. From studying bird behaviour to growing crystals, you will discover lots about bugs, birds, rocks, fossils and many other wonders of nature.
1470699	Nature knows Farmer, Yvette & Harris, Chloe Jasmine (ill)	Thames & Hudson	2026	9781760765293	K-2	Sometimes life gets busy - too busy. Mum calls it feeling foofy. Dad calls it time-to-go-camping! Journey into the wild and discover what nature knows about calming busy minds and bringing us home to ourselves. Includes scientific facts based on current research into children's wellbeing through nature-based play.
274	Nature of the beast, The Howker, Janni	Walker Books	1996	9780744543506	7-9	A community in Yorkshire, England, devastated by unemployment, has another problem to contend with. An unknown beast is roaming the moors.
	Nature storybooks series Various				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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	Nature storybooks 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.
4807	Nature's day Maguire, Kay & Kroll, Danielle (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2015	9781847806086	5-6	Discover the world of wildlife on your doorstep. Beginning in spring, this book revisits nine different places, during each of the four seasons, and explores the changing scenery and animal life found there.
5595	Nature's lullaby fills the night Leone, Dee & Engel, Bali (ill)	Sterling Publishing Co	2018	9781454921394	K-2	Spiders spin their silky treads to the tune of raindrops, and crickets put on a chirping concert. Flower petals curl up for the night as willow branches dance in the breeze. Sleepy little fishes swim through starlit waters, and a stately stallion nuzzles its yearlings by its side. From land, to sky, to sea...this is how nature wishes you goodnight.
1017797	Nature's song Vescio, Robert & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2023	9781922326782	K-2	A little girl sets off on a quest to find an irresistible gift to help bring the outside in for her homebound brother. Nature's Song is an invitation to discover the wonders of nature. It looks at how nature creates and touches our lives for the better
18401	Nature's way A to Z Brian, Janeen & Leitch, Helen (ill)	Crawford House Publishing	2005	9781863333061	3-4	Combining humorous verse through the twenty-six letters of the alphabet. This book shows nature's ways and how the environment works.
909576	Naturopolis Frenkel, Deborah & Bartkowaik, Ingrid (ill)	Storytorch Press	2022	9780645191530	5-6	Look closer, look with care and you may find a forest.... Among the steel and stone canyons of the city, nature flourishes in tiny, tenacious ways.
4066	Naughty naughty baddies, The Sperring, Mark & Tazzyman, David (ill)	Bloomsbury	2017	9781408849736	K-2	The Naughty Naughty Baddies like nothing more than being wickedly wicked, awfully awful and diabolically dreadful. But will their latest naughty plan land them into a right spot of bother?
60802	Naughty Nigel Ross, Tony	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842707449	3-4	Naughty Nigel creates mayhem with his bad behaviour until he has his just rewards in a bad dream and is taught a lesson.
3103	Naughty nine and the mystery of Benito's treasure, The Milne, Christopher	Milne Books	1996	9780646288697	3-4	The naughty nine go in search of the treasure.

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6391	Navigating the stars Snyder, Maria V.	Harlequin	2018	9781489252746	9plus	Year 2471. A new discovery. Those three words thrill my parents - the galaxy's leading archaeologists - but for me, it means another time jump to a different planet. One so big, my friends will be older than my dad when we arrive. And I'll still be seventeen. Thanks, Einstein. Usually read by students in year 9, 10 & above.
	Navigators series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
275	Nearest the whiteman gets, The Robinson, Roland	Hale & Iremonger	1994	9780868063799	9plus	A collection of narratives retelling Aboriginal traditions are written by a non-Aboriginal poet who was made a member of Aboriginal language groups in two Australian states. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
2423	Nearly impossible dreams Finn, Tara	Green Olive Press	2013	9780987209993	5-6	Tara Finn has always loved books and reading. When she was five, she told everyone she was going to be a writer, and at age ten she has published a collection of over thirty of her poems.
9641	Ned Kelly's helmet Stafford, Paul	Crawford House Publishing	2008	9781863333269	5-6	Every month, Mrs Bracker has an historical theme for Years 5 and 6 to study, and there's always a prize for the best project. This month, the class are bushrangers holding up local businesses for donations. The prize is a state-of-the-art billy cart so Robbie and the McGoogly will do anything to win, even trying out some ancient technology to locate a real souvenir of the bushranger period.
16844	Ned Kelly's secret Masson, Sophie	Scholastic Australia	2012	9781742830322	7-9	Hugo and his father have come to Australia to research life in the gold fields. When the coach they are travelling on is bailed up by a bushranger, they decide to find out all they can about bushrangers. Little does Hugo know that when he befriends fifteen year old Ned Kelly, he is much closer to bushrangers that he expected. His comfortable travels with is father are about to lead to exciting and dangerous places.

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23016	Ned Kelly: The man behind the mask Dolan, Hugh	NewSouth Publishing	2016	9781742234496	7-9	The tale of Ned Kelly told as never before. Readers will enjoy not only the tale of the Kelly Gang and those who sought to imprison them but the faithful recreation of historical landscape on which this most amazing of stories was played out. Beautiful full colour illustrations bring the story to life and the addition of period newspaper clips make this a valuable study for readers of all ages with an interest in bushrangers or Australian history.
587815	Ned's circus of marvels: The darkening king Fisher, Justin	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780008124588	7-9	The Armstrongs are both predator and prey, hunting for clues to help them fight the Darkening-King, while constantly watching their backs. This time it's not just the world of the Hidden searching for them: the Josser world is intent on capturing the family too. Leading the search is the curious Mr Fox and his agents in grey, and they've found an ally who knows Ned's every move. As the world of the Hidden begins to fall apart, its horde of Demons and Darklings threatens to spill out of the shadows at any moment. With his trusty mouse and Familiar, Lucy and George, Ned must travel from the snow-swept forests of Siberia to the cliffs of Dover in a desperate attempt to rally allies for a final stand. Fearsome enemies will become allies and old allies enemies, as Ned prepares himself for the final battle.
25466	Ned's Circus of Marvels: The gold thief Fisher, Justin	HarperCollins Australia	2017	9780008124557	7-9	Ned and his family are trying to be ordinary - except they aren't. When the world's gold goes missing and a thief appears at his house, Ned is forced to slip back behind the veil. Reunited with his old friends, they must uncover the villain and a secret which could end the world.
9426	Ned's Kang-u-roo Farrer, Vashti	Otto Books, www.vashtifarrer.com	1997	9780850918557	3-4	Twelve year old farm boy, Ned Wattrous, runs away to sea on Captain James Cook's HMS Endeavour. Ned tells how they save the ship and sail into shore for repairs. Then they must find a way out through the shallow and treacherous water.
846788	Need a House? Call Ms. Mouse! Mendoza, George & Smith, Doris Susan (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781761066016	3-4	All the animals want to live in a house designed by Henrietta. She is the only mouse in the world who understands exactly what makes a squirrel or a rabbit, a caterpillar or a frog feel at home. She furnishes each home lovingly down to the tiniest detail. Each house represents not just a life but a lifestyle. Welcome to the enchanting world of Henrietta.

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12939	Neil Armstrong: first man on the moon Goldsmith, Dr Mike	White-Thomson Publishing Ltd	2001	9780750238854	5-6	On 20 July 1969, hundreds of millions of people watched on television as Neil Armstrong stepped onto the powdery surface of the moon. This book provides an insight into his life.
9407	Nellie Melba Irvine, Nance	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1986	9780340397299	5-6	Words and illustrations tell the story of the famous opera singer's life.
1799	Nelly gang, The Axelsen, Stephen	Walker Books	2013	9781921977916	3-4	Fun, dastardly plans, at least one villain and a pet goat entertain amid the danger. Can Nelly rescue her father from the clutches of Captain Sunbeam. Will the children escape each of several close shaves with their lives. And who will get the gold.
47244	Nelly Jelly and the magnificent tree Limbrick, Lisa & Trappel, Jemima (ill)	Wombat Books	2017	9781925563184	3-4	There is only one thing that Nelly dislikes more than jelly and that's heights. In fact, she is terrified of high places. But when she has to climb the magnificent tree to rescue her younger sister's doll, Nelly has to not only face her greatest fear but a series of soggy, squishy and sticky things.
	Nelly the monster sitter series Gray, Kes				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.
276	Nelson Mandela Connolly, Sean	Heinemann	2000	9780431086361	5-6	The life and work of a political activist, his imprisonment and election as the president of South Africa.
979	Nelson Mandela Nelson, Kadir	HarperCollins Children's Books	2013	9780062246363	5-6	The text shows the path taken by Nelson Mandela, raised in a small community, to defence lawyer, to public protester, through jail and how he became a great political leader. It traces the change in South Africa from apartheid to free state.
15151	Nelson Mandela: father of freedom Adi, Hakim	White-Thomson Publishing Ltd	2001	9780750233200	7-9	South Africa's famous freedom-fighter struggled for race equality all his life and won. He became president of the people he helped to free and, in so doing, earned love and respect worldwide. It concludes with his life in retirement.
833192	Nelson: Eggplants and dinosaurs Levins, Andrew & Kear, Katie (ill)	Penguin	2021	9781761042294	3-4	Nelson's nemesis - vegetables - is actually the key to his superpowers. But when he's called on to track down the worst thief in town, trialing the effects of eating eggplant has disastrous consequences.....Will Nelson be able to control his inner beast and use it to get out of danger?

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635013	Nema and the Xenos: A story of soil cycles Wild, Ailsa & Reed, Aviva & Barr, Briony & Crocetti, Gregory & Stock, Patricia, S.	CSIRO	2019	9781486312160	5-6	The tale of a tiny worm, the bacteria that live inside her, and a tree being munched on by a grub. When a tree cries out in pain, some unexpected heroes come to the rescue. Nema and her gang of young nematodes (tiny worms) embark on a dangerous journey underground. The Xenos, a group of wise but deadly bacteria, hitch a ride. The story of how they help the tree is full of action, life-or-death challenges and microscopic warfare. It is a story of co-operation and ancient partnership, about events happening all over the Earth, in the hidden worlds beneath our feet.
4372	Nemesis Reichs, Brendan	MacMillan	2017	9781509860302	9plus	Unbeknownst to them both, Min and Noah share a terrible secret. Each year, on their birthday, they are murdered by a man in dark sunglasses and a black suit. This has happened every birthday since their tenth. No one will believe them. After all, they're always found safe and sound without injury of any kind. Now, with the world in the path of a killer asteroid, will they be able to put aside their differences and solve the mystery of their own murders before something even more terrible happens? Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 and above.
15048	Neptune's nursery Toft, Kim Michelle & Sheather, Allan	University of Queensland Press	2002	9780702231124	3-4	A hide-and-seek game through a tropical underwater world to discover which is the mystery sea creature that we all know, yet rarely see. Beautiful illustrations.
26544	Neptunia Alexander, Goldie	Five Senses Publications	2013	9781741308716	5-6	Cassie is a great swimmer but has to move to a country town with no swimming pool. But when asked to deliver an important message to the underwater city of Neptunia, Cassie has to use all her strength and skill to survive a marathon swim.

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1124956	Nerd herd, The Luff, Nathan and Kennett, Chris (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781760971069	3-4	Barny the lamb and his two friends Shaama and Billy are sick and tired of being picked on at the petting farm where they live. They decide to form a gang - THE NERD HERD. But how will they ever show the other animals how brave they are, when they are faced with a gigantic cat, vicious dog, a raging bull and a fox that is outsmarting everyone and stealing all the chooks? Read the first instalment of this hilarious series to venture into the world of punny wisecracks, sheepishly great friends, wooly adventures and baaaarmy ideas, all in one book. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Nathan Luff read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/3-4-book-list#the-nerd-herd-nathan-luff
1019908	Nerd Herd, The: Pig Out Luff, Nathan & Kennett, Chris	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781761128516	3-4	Barny and his friends have escaped from Mrs Fox, but now they have a new problem: Kevin Bacon has a job for them. He wants them to help him impress the new pig on the farm, Barbie Q. Will a swine-dining experience win her over? Or the new musical show, Mo-hair? Join Barny and his friends for their wackiest job yet!
1019906	Nerd herd, The: Raging wool Luff, Nathan & Kennett, Chris	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781760974619	3-4	Barny the Lamb and his friends may have scared off the fox. But now they have a new problem. A gigantic bull (with behavioural issues) is on the loose. Can Barny and his gang get the bull back in his pen and earn the respect of the petting-zoo farm? Or will this be another big mis-steak?
964881	Nerd Herd, The: Kitty Litter Luff, Nathan & Kennett, Chris	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761205002	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 Barny the Lamb, Shaama Llama Ding Dong and Billy the Kid succeed on their mission? And will they finally get the farm cred they deserve?

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751221	Nerdy babies: rocks Kastner, Emmy	Roaring Book Press	2020	9781250312198	K-2	Do you like rocks? Follow our intrepid nerdy baby explorers to the center of the earth. Check out the variety of landforms that occur around the world. Plus, learn about the layers of rock that make up the ground we walk on!
2992	Nerdy dozen, The Miller, Jeff	Harper	2015	9780062272638	5-6	Neil Andertol is a hero...Just not in real life. In video games, Neil - or as his online friends know him, ManofNeil - is a superstar. He's just one spot away from the top score on Chameleon, the cool new jet-flying game where the plane supposedly goes invisible at the highest level. But while ManofNeil can take out a whole squadron of enemy planes, regular Neil still gets picked on by the class bully. Until now. When Neil mysteriously wakes up at an undisclosed military base along with eleven other kids, he learns that Chameleon isn't just a game - it's the training simulator for a real fighter jet! Now the Air Force needs their help piloting the jets on a top-secret rescue mission. Can Neil put his gaming skills to the ultimate real-life test? Because this time Neil isn't just playing for points - he's playing to save the world!
1019858	Nerra: Deep time traveller: The broken rainbow Walton, Tasma & Campbell, Samantha (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781760264567	3-4	When Nerra's great-grandmother passes away, she leaves a box of artefacts to Nerra. Nerra is drawn to the clapsticks which glow red hot, and when she picks them up, she is transported back in time. Dreaming is out of balance and a hero needs to help. Bineal and Pirnbial, husband and wife of the rainbow, have been split apart and captured by the evil Devour'ena. With the help of the Keeper of Clean Sand and Clear Water and the cleverman, Bobbinary, can Nerra reunite the rainbow and bring Dreaming back into balance?
56832	Nest for Kora, A Saxby, Claire & Rossell, Judith (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2007	9781921136030	K-2	Kora is searching for the best place to lay her egg. She is very particular and nothing seems to be right. Eventually she takes Granny Hen's advice and lays her first egg.
903352	Nesting Cole, Henry	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780063021709	K-2	In the Spring, a robin sings to find another robin. Together they build a nest with twigs and grass. The mother robin lays beautiful blue eggs. She will keep the eggs warm in the nest until they hatch into baby robins. The father robin protects the babies until they can fly on their own. The perils the babies encounter are many, including snakes and storms.. The nest is always their safe place.

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	Netball gems 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.
3116	Netball or nothing Hellard, Bernadette & Gibbs, Lisa	HarperCollins Australia	2000	9780207199608	7-9	Rachel's goal is to play netball for Australia but she has a lot to learn about being a team player.
1017883	Never a hero Len, Vanessa	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760878351	7-9	Despite all of the odds, Joan achieved the impossible. She reset the timeline, saved her family--and destroyed the hero, Nick. But her success has come at a terrible cost. She alone remembers what happened. Now, Aaron, her hard-won friend--and maybe more--is an enemy, trying to kill her. And Nick, the boy she loved, is a stranger who doesn't even know her name. Only Joan remembers that a greater and more dangerous enemy is still out there. When a deadly attack forces Joan back into the monster world, she finds herself on the run with Nick--as Aaron closes in. Torn between love and family and monstrous choices, Joan must find a way to re-gather her old allies to face down the deadliest of enemies, and to save the timeline itself
20942	Never ever before King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781741694666	K-2	In the drifting, swirling land of small, Big is born. Big stands solid, strong and predictable until the day a breeze, bigger than never ever before, begins to blow.
669567	Never forget Hallifax, Clare & O'Carrigan, Simon (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781743835050	3-4	Commemorating the families who served and sacrificed in a war far from home, movingly illustrated with art inspired by original Anzac war artists. Never forget the sacrifice these soldiers made for our country.
677623	Never lose hope: The story of Australia's first school Wilson, Mark	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9780734416797	5-6	John, a convict child, is transported to the penal colony of NSW. Starving and alone, he is taken in by Australia's first schoolteacher, Isabella Rosson. In her simple classroom, John learns to read and write. He never forgets Isabella's lessons, the power of words and the hope for a brighter future.

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1263721	Never thought I'd end up here Liang, Ann	Penguin Books Australia	2025	9781761351495	7-9	After an incident at a cousin's wedding, Leah's parents realise she has forgotten how to speak Mandarin and send her on a travel program to immerse herself in the language and culture. Unfortunately for Leah, her childhood nemesis Cyrus is also on the trip and is annoyingly more handsome than the last time she saw him. Leah quickly plots to seek her revenge on Cyrus while on this trip, surely he won't suspect a thing.
574736	Never too young! 50 unstoppable kids who made a difference Weintraub, Aileen & Horton, Laura (ill)	Sterling Publishing Co	2018	9781454929178	5-6	From Picasso, who changed the art world forever, to Malala Yousafzai, the brave teen who was shot for advocating education for girls, the 50 kids profiled in Never Too Young! will inspire and empower young readers. Some, like Anne Frank, Ruby Bridges, and Stevie Wonder, are prominent figures, while others are lesser known though their achievements are just as compelling. They come from a variety of historical periods and backgrounds, and have made an impact in politics, sports, the arts, science, and more.
9235	Neverending story, The Ende, Michael	Penguin	1991	9780140317930	5-6	Fantastica is slowly decaying, its childlike empress dying. Only a human can set things right. Unicorns, dragons and sprites inhabit this enchanted world, into which Bastian ventures through the pages of an old book.
904421	Neverlanders Taylor, Tom & Sommariva, Jon (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2022	9781761049071	5-6	Bee and her fellow runaways are their own found family. So when a stranger named Paco saves her life, Bee invites him to join their crew, thinking he's another lost teen. Someone else the world has overlooked. The truth is Paco's not just a lost teen, he's a Lost Boy from Neverland. And he needs Bee and the others to come back with him. When the group is then spirited away by a foul-mouthed Tinker Bell, they discover that Neverland is not some fun-filled hideaway. It's a war zone under siege by a horde of pirates with a merciless new leader who will stop at nothing to steal the land's magic. Tink leads a fairy army that barely holds them at bay. Peter Pan is gone. And rest of the Lost Boys have been killed. Paco is all that remains . . . but he hopes that this group of teens will become the new Lost Ones. These young runaways may be Neverland's only hope--but they're about to learn that it'll take a lot more than happy thoughts to win a war.

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	Nevermoor series Townsend, Jessica				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.
660583	Nevertell Orton, Katharine	Walker Books	2019	9781406385182	5-6	Sometimes it takes a little courage to discover magic. Eleven-year-old Lina has never seen the world beyond the prison camp until the night she escapes with her best friend, Bogdan. As the pair journey across a snowy Russian wilderness, they are pursued by a vengeful sorceress and her pack of shadow wolves. The children will need a lot of bravery and a little sorcery of their own if they are to survive.
18216	Neville no-phone Branford, Anna & Chadwick, Kat (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2011	9781921529962	3-4	Neville is the only kid in his whole class without a mobile phone. Or, so he tells his parents. When it's clear that Neville's parents can't be persuaded to get him a phone, Neville enlists the help of his mate, Enzo. They are determined. Humans have walked on the moon and they've built the pyramids. Surely, if they put their minds to it, Neville and Enzo can find a way.
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.
12334	New bjorn England, Kathryn	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734403926	5-6	Erik the Viking's father and the entire clan have been kidnapped. But, Erik isn't interested in swinging spiky balls and swords, so it is going to be very difficult for him to save his father from the Dorks and the Jerks.
9229	New book of the pharaohs, The Millard, Dr Anne	Watts Publishing Group	1998	9780749631789	5-6	Using the very latest information and in full colour, Dr Millard takes us through some of the mysteries surrounding the life and death of ancient pharaohs. King Tutankhamen and others are featured in this up-to-date look at ancient Egypt.
4759	New boy Earls, Nick	Puffin Australia	2015	9780143308393	5-6	Adjusting to a new country and a new school was never going to be easy for Herschelle. It's so different to South Africa. The food is strange and, worst of all, no one understands the Aussie slang that he's learnt on the web. But, it's the similarities that make things really hard. Herschelle will have to confront racism, bullying and his own past before Australia can feel like home.

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886025	New dog, The McKimmie, Chris	Ford Street Publishing	2022	9781922696045	K-2	They call me Babykins. They call me beautiful. They call me other names as well. But I am Kiddo.
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?
1424024	New famous five, The: Five and the smuggler's code Smith, Chris & Lancett, James (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2026	9781444978759	5-6	Fran, Tom, Maddy and Gilbert the dog can't wait for their holiday with Professor George at Kirrin Cottage. But when they arrive, they realise George is missing. They follow the trail to an old house called Smuggler's Top, full of secret tunnels and ancient hiding places, where they discover a master criminal who must be stopped at all costs.
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?
654	New Guinea moon Constable, Kate	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743315033	7-9	For 16 year old Julie these Christmas holidays become life changing. Her parents separated when she was three and she is meeting her father, a pilot in New Guinea, for the first time since then. In addition, spending time away from her mother is something Julie is looking forward to - a time to decide her own path.
660624	New kid Craft, Jerry	HarperCollins Children's Books	2019	9780062691194	5-6	As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds -- and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighbourhood friends and staying true to himself?

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28004	New kid, The: Unpopular me O'Loghlin, James & Martin, Matthew (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2018	9781760554255	3-4	No-one enjoys being the new kid at school and Sam is no different. He doesn't set out to be the uncool new kid and has plans to be the most popular kid in the school after moving from Adelaide to Canberra. This book is hilarious with tales of lonely losers, frog underpants, fireworks and bad boys.
641260	New kid, The: Very popular me O'Loghlin, James & Martin, Matthew (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2019	9781760554835	3-4	Sam finally got what he wanted - he is popular! He owns the school's most wanted marble! Then things start to go wrong. He gets a baby sister, somehow he ends up being the teacher's pet and his popularity drops faster than a tomato in a lift. How will he get it back and more importantly does he really want it?
111880	New kind of dreaming, A Eaton, Anthony	University of Queensland Press	2012	9780702232282	9plus	Jamie Riley is on probation and has arrived in desolate Port Barren. It's a mysterious town with a number of dark secrets, a strange assortment of people and a number of unsolved crimes, Jamie's arrival leads to a number of unexplained events, culminating in a heroic journey through the desert, which brings the truth of these ghastly events to light. Includes adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
18531	New policeman, The Thompson, Kate	Random House Children's Books	2005	9780370328232	9plus	Mystical fantasy tapping into Irish culture and music that deals with the interesting concept of time leaking from the real world into the fantasy world and the impact on both. A musical score ends each chapter. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
15438	New room for William, A Grindley, Sally	Bloomsbury	2000	9780747544890	K-2	William has to move to a new house. He has misgivings about settling into his new room without his familiar surroundings. Little by little his new room becomes perfect.
12159	New shoes, My Bruce, Lisa	Watts	2000	9780749634926	K-2	For young children, buying new shoes can be fun but it can also be overwhelming. Adults sharing this picture book with children, can discuss common childhood experiences and relationships.
	New Solar System series Birch, Robin				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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5099	New South Wales Tan, Linsie	Redback Publishing	2017	9780994624710	5-6	Dip into fascinating facts all about New South Wales. Did you know that there are about 100 plants and animals in NSW that are endangered or that people from over 220 countries live in NSW? Read these and many more interesting facts about NSW in this fascinating book.
1409684	New world rises, A: Tales of a LEGO future Harvey, Jackson & Towler, Alex & Burne, Cristy	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760994167	5-6	The year is 2130. Humanity's reign has ended but the world is regenerating - one brick at a time. LEGO Masters Jackson Harvey and Alex Towler combine storytelling and artistry to imagine a futuristic civilisation where minifigures colonise the forgotten objects humans have left behind. Step into the future. Uncover the past. Inspire your own LEGO worlds.
3816	New Year surprise Cheng, Christopher & Wu, Di (ill)	National Library of Australia	2016	9780642278838	K-2	The whole family is excited about the New Year Spring Festival. Everyone has a special job and Little Brother is anxious to know what his will be. But, his brother says that Little Brother is too small to help out. He's not strong enough to hold onto a kite and he's too little to hold the dragon poles. But, Father says that he has a special job. Follow Little Brother through the village to find out what his special job is.
4553	Newspaper hats Cummings, Phil & Swan, Owen (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781743622544	K-2	Grandpa can remember many things from long ago but he has trouble remembering Georgie. Together, they stroll through Grandpa's memories of tadpoles in tins, summer rain and sticky honey on bread, until they both rediscover their love of making newspaper hats.
9819	Newt's emerald Nix, Garth	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760112653	7-9	After the Newington Emerald is stolen at the height of a conjured storm, eighteen year old Lady Truthful Newington goes to London to search for the magical heirloom. But, as a well-bred young lady cannot hunt the metropolis for a stolen jewel, she has to disguise herself as a man. Lady Truthful is soon caught up in a dangerous adventure where she must risk her life, her reputation and her heart. Her father's life and even the fate of England may depend upon her recovering the Newington Emerald.
1209916	Ng in ningaloo, The Barker, Judith & Firth, Janie (ill)	Woodslane Press	2024	9781922800787	K-2	"The Ng in Ningaloo" illustrates the beauty of the Ningaloo Reef's creatures and its environment... Dive right in to this beautiful collage and cacophony of rhyme while being immersed in the beauty of Australia.

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21238	Nganga: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander words and phrases Muir, Aunty Fay & Lawson, Sue	Black Dog Books	2018	9781921977015	7-9	Written by Aunty Fay Muir, an Elder and Traditional Owner of Boon Wurrung Country. She is the senior linguist at the Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages in Melbourne. This collection of definitions, words and phrases is titled Nganga, which is defined on page 84 as "a word from Boon Wurrung language, meaning to see and understand".
15152	Ngay janijirr ngank - this is my word Williams, Magdalene & Torres, Pat (ed)	Magabala Books	1999	9781875641475	5-6	Raised in Beagle Bay mission, Magdalene had been exposed to her traditional culture by her elders. Her account of the coming of the missionaries, and the resulting destruction of law and culture, is interwoven with the poetry of Nyulnyul stories.
7088	Nginingawila Ngirramini: Our story Tiwi College Alalinguwi Jarrakarlinga	Indigenous Literacy Foundation	2016	9780734417077	5-6	Nginingawila Ngirramini - Tiwi language for 'Our Story' - is a celebration of pride and a window into the lives of nine talented, intelligent and funny teenage girls from the Tiwi Islands. In this collection of inspiring pieces, the girls share stories about their heroes, their sacred places and the happiest moments of their lives.
1386300	Ngurra home Merrison, Carl & Hustler, Hakea & Leffler, Dub (ill)	Magabala Books	2025	9781922777966	5-6	We first met Mia in Black Cockatoo as she navigated her way through culture, Country and familial ties. The second book Dirrarn, follows Mia as she finds herself at boarding school navigating the challenges of living thousands of kilometres away from home and family and maintaining her sense of identity and belonging. In this final book, Mia is now studying Conservation and Wildlife Science at university whilst working part-time for a wildlife sanctuary when she is suddenly called upon to return home to her family. She is faced with the responsibility to protect the country, which her Jiwalji has given her. It is time for Mia to fight for country, and her education, knowledge and experience in wildlife science will guide her. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander readers are advised that this book may contain images and names of people who have died.
959171	Nic Blake and the remarkables: The manifestor prophecy Thomas, Angie	Walker Books	2023	9781529516326	5-6	All Nic Blake wants for her twelfth birthday is for her dad to trust her enough to teach her how to use her Gift to become a Manifestor like him. But before she has a chance, she's faced with a shocking revelation. Nic and her two friends are thrown into a terrifying quest to find a powerful magical object and save her family.

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903328	Nice and slow Ayoub, Sarah & Purnell, Mimi (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2022	9781460761137	K-2	Our lives can become so busy that we forget to enjoy the time we have with family and friends. This picture book shows us how to slow down and enjoy a day without plans.
903237	Nice Garry: Bowled over Lyon, Nathan & Wagner, Michael & Williams, David (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9781460761342	3-4	Ten-year-old Garry Keenan is about to discover he has a special cricketing ability, which is a dream come true, right? Well, it is, except that sometimes being first rate comes with all sorts of new challenges.
903238	Nice Garry: In a spin Lyon, Nathan & Wagner, Michael & Williams, David (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9781460761359	3-4	Garry Keenan is the most exciting new cricketer to play for the Youngstown Under-16s in years. But can a talented ten-year-old off-spinner help his team take on the most feared XI in the competition?
638653	Nice girls don't play footy Helidoniotis, Kathy	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781742769226	7-9	More than anything Devi Sharma wants to win the upcoming BollyOz competition for her mum. Then she'll be on her way to becoming Bollywood's first ever Australian half-Indian, sort of Kiwi, quarter Scottish, Vaisnavi vegan superstar! Then Devi starts AFL lessons at school and she's surprised to find she has talent...and a feeling she hasn't had in a long time. Can Devi convince her family to let her play AFL when nice girls don't play this football and her mum thinks it will risk her winning BollyOz? With the help of her best friend in the whole entire universe, Josie, Devi needs to come up with a plan so she can play footy like she wants and light the fire in her belly once again.
12004	Nice walk in the jungle Bodsworth, Nan	Puffin Australia	1991	9780140541274	K-2	When Miss Jellaby takes her class on a nice nature walk through a most extraordinary jungle, she does not realise they are being followed by a very hungry boa constrictor.
18699	Nicholas and the chronoporter Monkfish, Rowley	Puffin Australia	2006	9780143302001	5-6	One of the many inventions of Nicholas is a belt that lets him travel through time. His teacher sees it as a way to gain world domination. They become locked in an hysterical, time-hopping battle that Nicholas has to win to save the world.

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854033	Nick and Charlie Oseman, Alice	HarperCollins Australia	2015	9780008389666	9plus	Absence makes the heart grow fonder, right? Everyone knows that Nick and Charlie are the perfect couple - that they're inseparable. But now Nick is leaving for university, and Charlie will be left behind at Sixth Form. Everyone's asking if they're staying together, which is a stupid question - they're "Nick and Charlie" for goodness sake! But as the time to say goodbye gets inevitably closer, both Nick and Charlie question whether their love is strong enough to survive being apart. Or are they delaying the inevitable? Because everyone knows that first loves rarely last forever. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
17464	Nick Mack's good luck Bergman, Mara & Barton, Jill (ill)	Walker Books	2005	9781844280919	3-4	Nick Mack's best friend, Ellie, has a dog called Newton, whom she says is as much Nick's dog as hers. But, Nick wants a pet of his own. Nick finds a four-leaf clover in the park and his good luck soon kicks in.
6434	Nick's fabulous footy cards Fish, Greg & Trevenen, Jason (ill)	Hip and Shoulder Books	2014	9780992533502	3-4	If you love footy and think you're pretty good, you sound just like Nick. After recovering from an ankle injury, Nick discovers he has lost his self-confidence and is not playing very well. His Uncle Matthew gives him a new pack of footy cards and, during the night, Nick wakens to the sound and movement of tiny footballers, training on his doona. It's the Hammers, his favourite team, who just might help to improve his game.
61347	Nickle Nackle tree, The Dodd, Lynley	ABC Books	2006	9780733320644	K-2	The Nickle Nackle tree is overloaded with the most outrageous, zany birds you can imagine. Rollicking rhymes reinforce the fun.
9331	Nicola and the viscount Cabot, Meg	Pan Macmillan US	2002	9780330415170	7-9	London, 1810: Miss Nicola Sparks, independent husband-hunting orphan meets the fabulously rich, breathtakingly handsome cad and bounder, Lord Sebastian. She is involved in a kidnapping and a very romantic rescue.
	Nicola Berry series Moriarty, Liane				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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15392	Nigel Axelsson, Carina	Assouline Publishing	2004	9782843236143	3-4	Nigel lives in Hyde Park, London and is about to become king. That's what Her Divine Highness Queen Bethunia of Hyde has decided, despite Nigel's youth and out-of-control imagination.
9486	Night animals Hussein, Iqbal & Boller, Gary	Two-can Publishing	2000	9781854347947	3-4	Catchy, casual language, photographs and cartoon drawings show how nocturnal animals find food and shelter, how they mate and explore the concept of adaptation.
15360	Night animals (Ladybird read it yourself) Horsley, Lorraine & Harmer, Sharon (ill)	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2004	9781844222742	K-2	Discover animals from different environments and what they do at night. Simple text and supportive illustrations. Ideal for developing readers.
619016	Night circus, The Morgenstern, Erin	Penguin	2012	9780099554790	9plus	In 1886 a mysterious travelling circus becomes an international sensation. Open only at night, constructed entirely in black and white, the Cirque des Reves delights all who wander its circular paths and warm themselves at its bonfire. There are contortionists, performing cats, carousels and illusionists - all the trappings of an ordinary circus. But this is no conventional spectacle. Some tents contain clouds, some ice. The circus seems almost to cast a spell over its aficionados, who call themselves the reveurs - the dreamers. And who is the sinister man in the grey suit who watches over it all? Behind the scenes a dangerous game is being played out by two young magicians, Celia and Marco, who, at the behest of their masters, are forced to test the very limits of the imagination - and of love. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
11991	Night creatures Cooper, Wade	Scholastic Australia	2008	9780545057974	3-4	Easy to read rhymes reveal information about special creatures who like the night, including skunks, owls, bats, foxes, jaguars, badgers and kangaroos. Beautiful photos and busy pages of facts.
1455	Night fairy, The Schlitz, Laura Amy & Barrett, Angela (ill)	Candlewick Press	2010	9780763636746	3-4	What would happen to a fairy if she lost her wings and could no longer fly? Flory, a night fairy no bigger than an acorn, is about to find out. The world is very big and dangerous but Flory is fierce and determined to survive. If that means using Skuggle the squirrel so be it.

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570822	Night flights Reeve, Philip & McQue, Ian (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742997674	7-9	Anna Fang is a spy. An aviatrix. An escaped slave. No one knows the whole story of Anna...till now. In the dangerous world of Mortal Engines, where huge motorised cities hunt and devour each other Anna Fang wages war against them. These three original, and beautifully illustrated, stories bring the city-eat-city world alive and flesh out the brave, bold and rebellious Anna Fang.
41017	Night garden, The Hurst, Elise	ABC Books	2007	9780733318306	K-2	When the moon rises, Sally and her cat go into the night garden. The garden is transformed into a place of magic and adventure as they go past twisted shapes and creatures.
977770	Night in question, The Glasgow, Kathleen & Lawson, Liz	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9781460764268	9plus	Last October, Alice Ogilvie's ex-best friend, Brooke Donovan, was killed - and if it weren't for Alice's unlikely alliance with Iris Adams, and the complete works of Agatha Christie, the wrong person would almost certainly be sitting in prison for the crime. The Castle Cove police aren't exactly great at solving crimes. Which is why, on the night of the annual dance, Alice decides to explore Levy Castle - the site of one of Castle Cove's most infamous deaths. Classic film star Mona Moody died there almost a century ago, and Alice is pretty sure the police got that investigation wrong too. But before she can dig deeper, she walks right into the scene of a new crime: Rebecca Kennedy, on the ground in a pool of blood and another of Alice's ex-friends - Helen Park - standing over her. The Castle Cove police think it's an open and shut case, but Alice and Iris know that to understand the present, sometimes you need to look to the past. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
3132	Night noises Fox, Mem & Denton, Terry (ill)	Omnibus Books	1991	9781862910799	K-2	Lily Laceby is nearly ninety. She lives in a quiet spot in the country with her dog, Butch Aggie. As Lily dozes peacefully by the cosy fire, Butch Aggie stirs, alarmed by strange noises. Children will enjoy the suspense as Lily reaches the door.
13023	Night of the burning Press Wulf, Linda	Bloomsbury	2007	9780747590514	7-9	Sisters, Devorah and Nechama, are two of Isaac Ochberg's orphans who have survived the Night of the Burning in Domachevo, Poland, in 1920. With courage and hope, the sisters travel to South Africa for a better life and a desire to find safety and a family that might love them.

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12810	Night of the fifth moon Ciddor, Anna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2007	9781741148145	5-6	Ket is desperate to learn the druid's secrets. He can predict the future from the stars, understand the raven's cry and speak words of power that can halt a battle. Five other fosterlings are competing with him to become the chosen one and, at each new moon, one of them is sent away. Friendships are strained as they all try to impress the druid.
772895	Night ride into danger French, Jackie	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9781460758939	5-6	Jem's dad drove the Cobb and Co mail coaches between Braidwood and Goulburn, it was dark and dangerous work. They only drove at night, but sometimes Paw let Jem take the reins. This was a difficult job with 5 horses up front and passengers in the carriage. Tonight, was going to be an even more interesting drive - although they didn't know that. Jem was sitting on top of the carriage with his Paw, the mail had been packed, a mystery passenger was on board, an extremely heavy trunk too as well as all sorts of obstacles along the way. What were the secrets the passengers on this particular coach ride hiding?
79289	Night school Carmody, Isobelle & Spudvilas, Anne (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780670072071	5-6	A group of children spend the night in a big old school and go on a chilling journey of self-discovery when they decide to play a game. They must travel from room to room, picking up a lantern and writing down their names to ward off the dark. But, the old school holds a secret that they must confront if they are to succeed in their journey.
9325	Night singing Meehan, Kierin	Penguin	2003	9780143300601	7-9	A funny and fascinating story of contemporary Australia with a moving tale of survival in Hiroshima at the end of the Second World War. When Josh breaks his leg, he is rescued by his kind but mysterious neighbour, Mrs Murakami.

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4240	Night swimming Bowe, Steph	Griffin Press	2017	9781925498165	9plus	Imagine being the only two seventeen-year-olds in a small town. That's life for Kirby Arrow named after the most dissenting judge in Australia's history and her best friend Clancy Lee, would-be musical star. Clancy wants nothing more than to leave town and head for the big smoke, but Kirby is worried: her family has a history of leaving. She hasn't heard from her father since he left when she was a baby. Shouldn't she stay to help her mother with the goat's-milk soap-making business and look after her grandfather? And how could she leave her pet goat, Stanley, her dog Maude, and her cat Marianne? But two things happen that change everything for Kirby. She finds an article in the newspaper about her father, and Iris arrives in town. Iris is beautiful, wears crazy clothes, plays the mandolin, and seems perfect.. Clancy has his heart set on winning over Iris. Trouble is Kirby is also falling in love with Iris...Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
16016	Night they stormed Eureka, The French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2009	9780732285418	5-6	It's 1854 and the Ballarat goldfields are a place of dreams and rebellion as Sam, a homeless teenager, is called back to the past. As the summer days get hotter and the miners protests are ignored, Sam experiences at first-hand the power of a united stand which will change her life forever.
1447494	Night tiger, The Clark, Sherryl & Sommerville, Hannah (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2026	9781760113421	K-2	After the sun sets, the night creeps in and it's time for bed. But darkness shrinks as the full moon springs up above the trees, lighting the gardens and inviting a child to take on a night-time adventure.
20769	Night vision West, Ella	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743317662	7-9	Viola can't go out in the sun. If she does, it will kill her. Even fluorescent lights can do her harm. So, her parents invest in night vision goggles and let her roam the nearby forest at night for fun. When Viola sees something that she will not ignore, she has a choice to make. But, choices come with consequences and hers may have dangerous implications. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
5528	Night walk Binks, Alison	Berbay Publishing	2018	9780994384171	K-2	A family camping holiday opens into a new world when a boy takes a night walk and discovers the animals that wake when we are asleep.

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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?
948	Night watch Cummings, Phil & Dawson, Janine (ill)	Working Title Press	2013	9781921504365	K-2	Giraffe, Elephant, Hippo and Baboon all live happily by the lake, minding their own business, until Lion is spied stalking in the shadows.
1019898	Night watch Toering, Jodi & Harricks, Tannya	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760655310	K-2	Sunset beckons. Moon appears and tawny frogmouth stirs. She begins her nightly flight, watching over all the animals nestled down to sleep in the burrows and branches of the Australian bush.
941519	Nightbirds Armstrong, Kate J	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760526900	7-9	In a dazzling new fantasy world full of whispered secrets and political intrigue, the magic of women is outlawed but three girls with unusual gifts have the chance to change it all.
1359331	Nightblood Prince, The Chang, Molly X	Orion	2025	9781399630221	9plus	Two Princes. One prophecy. A fate she cannot outrun. Torn from her family as a child and raised in the palace to one day marry the Crown Prince of the most powerful empire in the land. Plagued with nightmares of bloodshed, Fei tries to rebel against her fate. To outrun destiny, Fei must spark a wave of events that will change the wo Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.rld as she knows it.
3157	Nightfall Halpern, Jake & Kujawinski, Peter	Hot Key Books	2016	9781471405730	7-9	On Marin's island, sunrise doesn't come every twenty-four hours - it comes every twenty-eight years. Now the sun is just a sliver of light on the horizon. The weather is turning cold. The shadows are growing long. The dark is rising. And soon it will be Night. Because Night is falling. Their island is changing. And something is stirring in the dark.

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1423835	Nightmare house, The Allen, Sarah	MacMillan	2023	9781250869869	7-9	Penny Hope used to be brave, but that was before she met the Fear Maker. Years later, he still haunts her nightmares -- a tall, thin man with red eyes, in a haunted house in the woods, who devours human souls and leaves their eyes hollow and empty. Penny's beloved grandma tells her to write down these nightmares as poems in her notebook. But then Penny starts seeing blank-eyed people in the waking world, too. She's the only one who notices. As more people around her fall prey to the Fear Maker, Penny must gather her courage once and for all to save the souls of those she loves. With the help of a magic garden and a new friend, she ventures to the Fear Maker's house. But the house is a labyrinth of shadows and tricks -- and the Fear Maker's fun is just beginning. Can a pocketful of sunflower seeds and a notebook filled with poems be enough to defeat a master of nightmares? And if Penny sets foot in the Fear Maker's house, will she ever leave?
1019646	Nightsong Soweol Han, Sally	University of Queensland Press	2023	9780702266188	K-2	After a big day in the noisy city, Lewis and his mother are heading home. But on the way, their bus breaks down, leaving them stuck on the side of a country road. It's still and quiet, but when Lewis ventures into a nearby field, he discovers that nature is full of wonder and music.
9033	Nighty night Wild, Margaret & Argent, Kerry	ABC Books	2000	9780733305900	K-2	All the mums and dads in the barnyard want to put their babies to bed but their naughty babies are up to very tricky tricks.
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.
44558	Niko draws a feeling Raczka, Bob & Shin, Simone (ill)	Carolrhoda Books	2017	9781467798433	K-2	Niko loves drawing his world, the energetic ring-a-ling of the ice cream truck, the bright and warm of sun on his face. But no one appreciates his abstract art. Finally, a new neighbour sees the world in the same way as Niko, leading the young artist to create a new illustration that reflects the act of making a new friend.

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	Nim 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.
3144	Nimbin, The Wagner, Jenny	Penguin	2001	9780140362978	5-6	One summer, Philippa's life is changed forever when she meets a furry, shadowy little creature called a nimbin, who adopts her and takes over her beach bag as its home. A delightful tale about a mythical Australian creature.
822824	Nimona Stevenson, Noelle	HarperCollins US	2015	9780062278227	7-9	Nimona is an impulsive young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. As sidekick and supervillain, Nimona and Lord Blackheart are about to wreak some serious havoc. Their mission: prove to the kingdom that Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin and his buddies at the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics aren't the heroes everyone thinks they are. But as small acts of mischief escalate into a vicious battle, Lord Blackheart realizes that Nimona's powers are as murky and mysterious as her past. And her unpredictable wild side might be more dangerous than he is willing to admit.
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?
15049	Nina Rose's toes Wise, Sandra & Linton, Lina (ill)	Sassey Pty Ltd	2004	9780975207611	K-2	When Nina Rose disobeys her ballet teacher and mother and continues to dance on her toes, she is unable to dance in the annual Christmas concert. Nina Rose learns a lesson the hard way.

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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.
2135	Nine open arms Lindelauf, Benny & Nieuwenhuizen, John (trans)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743315859	7-9	The Boons, a large, motherless family, are always on the move. Their father, a dreamer, takes risks that never pay off. When the family moves to an isolated house, Fing and her sisters sense the house and adjacent cemetery have a macabre past. They defy their strong-tongued grandmother to explore the cellar and a curious hole in the hedge. The house has its secrets and, somehow, they are linked to the family.
1424042	Ningaloo: Australia's wild wonder Winton, Tim & Lane, Cindy (ill)	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760995324	5-6	Discover this World Heritage treasure with author and conservationist Tim Winton, exploring the coral reefs, mangrove forests, desert rangelands and subterranean realms of this remarkable ecosystem, home to some of the world's rarest and most endangered creatures. Ningaloo's incredible biodiversity is like nowhere else on Earth.
1476778	Ninja bunnies vs the big bad fox Hopkins, Jade & Patrick, Alex (ill)	Hachette Australia	2026	9781408375419	3-4	The Ninja Bunnies are kicking and flipping into action to protect Dandelion Wood from a new nemesis: Big Bad Fox.
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?!
1337935	Ninja girl 2: Ninja superstars! Do, Anh & Hart, James (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760269050	3-4	Niki used to be an average, everyday kid ... until she found out she has amazing ninja skills. And that her kitten can talk and do karate! Now, evil lizards are terrorising the town and causing chaos at the talent quest. Ninja Girl and Karate Kitten will have to come up with their best ninja act ever to fix this mess!

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1424110	Ninja girl 3: Running wild! Do, Anh & Hart, James (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781760269067	3-4	Niki loves inventing things, but her latest creation leads to more trouble than she expected. When a visit to the zoo turns into a wild adventure, Niki and her karate fighting kitten Connor must think quickly to solve a series of unexpected problems. Filled with humour, action and friendship, this entertaining story follows a determined young inventor as she learns that courage and teamwork can help overcome even the trickiest challenges.
	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.
877875	Ninni Yabini Kicket-Tucker, Cheryl & Waigana, Tyrown (ill)	Fremantle Press	2022	9781760991210	K-2	Yabini chased a willy wagtail and before long she was far from home. Then she saw a little star shining brightly... Yabini baal djidi djidi moodoonginy wer boordawan Yabini baal bookootj woorar boolyaka koolark. Ali Yabini baal nyit djina kanagoor djinaang... This book is written in English and Noogar"
6555	Ninnyhammer King-Smith, Dick	Random House Children's Books	2008	9780552556200	3-4	Ninnyhammer is known as the village simpleton. When Peter fishes a strange stick out of the stream, he discovers that there's a lot more to Ninnyhammer than first appears.
647154	Nipper and the lunchbox Dillamore, Lucy	Child's Play International Ltd	2018	9781786281791	K-2	Nipper hates being left along all day while his best friend Richard is at work. But when he realises one morning that Richard has left his lunchbox behind, Nipper sets off on a difficult journey to deliver it. Will Nipper find Richard in time? Will he survive the many dangers along the way? And will happen when he gets there?
9368	Nips go national Starke, Ruth	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734404749	7-9	Flushed with their multicultural cricketing success in NIPS XI, the team goes interstate to watch the Aussie team practise on the holiest turf in cricket, the MCG. They are also invited to an important cricket carnival.
277	Nips XI Starke, Ruth	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2000	9780734401137	7-9	The boys at North Illaba Primary School form a cricket team. The team includes students from different cultures and they combine to celebrate their common interests, not their diversities.

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	Nit Boy series Bancks, Tristan & McKenzie, Heath (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.
20933	No Altes, Marta	Child's Play International Ltd	2011	9781846434174	K-2	The little dog in this family works very hard to be good. His family must love him very much. But, there's one thing he doesn't understand.
17309	No McPhail, David	Frances Lincoln	2011	9781847801203	3-4	A little boy sets out to deliver a letter, witnessing acts of war on the way. But, when he encounters a bully by the post-box, he decides that enough is enough.
104267	No and me de Vigan, Delphine	Bloomsbury	2010	9780747599838	9plus	Lou Bertignac's father cries in secret in the bathroom and her mother hasn't been out of the house properly for years. But, Lou is about to change her life and that of her parents for good, all because of a school project she decides to do about the homeless. Lou meets No, a teenage girl living on the streets, who has disruptive as well as positive effects on the whole family. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 or above.
650042	No ballet shoes in Syria Bruton, Catherine	Nosy Crow Ltd	2019	9781788004503	5-6	Eleven year old Aya has arrived in Britain with her mother and baby brother seeking asylum from Syria. A local ballet teacher notices Aya's talent and her fascination with the dance classes. While Aya finds friends and begins to settle into life in Britain, she and her family must fight for survival and to stay in the country.
58700	No bears McKinlay, Meg & Rudge, Leila (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781921529924	K-2	Ruby is in charge of this book and there will be no bears in it, not even one.
885991	No boundaries Fieseler, Clare & Salazar, Gabby	National Geographic Society	2022	9781426371769	5-6	25 women, 25 exciting careers and every one is possible if you are willing to dream big and work hard. From mountaineer to astronomer, citizen scientist to volcanologist, enjoy their stories and learn some fun facts about the people, places and creatures of the amazing world we live in.
10667	No cat and that's that Dawe, Bruce & McLean, Andrew (ill)	Penguin	2002	9780143300090	3-4	Sam wants a cat but Dad says no. She will have to persuade him to let her have one and he doesn't look like he's going to say yes easily.

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1423330	No dress, no idea Stephens, R.A	Wombat Books	2025	9781761112485	7-9	Graduation is just over a year away, but all Tarni can think about is her Year 12 formal. The shoes, the makeup, the car, the photos and most importantly, the dress! But Tarni's perfect dress is a whopping $950, and she will have to save every cent to get it. Tarni checks each item off her list, one by one, but by the time she's saved enough money, the dress has disappeared! Can she find her perfect dress-and in the right size? And what will she do when she graduates?
278	No gun for Asmir Mattingley, Christobel & Honey, Elizabeth (ill)	Puffin Australia	1993	9780140367294	7-9	Asmir and his family are trying to escape from the war in Sarajevo.
3148	No hat brigade Airey, Miriam	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9781740517737	3-4	Grandpa John has all the answers to Lachlan's questions but, when the issue of wearing a hat arises, Grandpa has all the reasons why he does not wear a hat. This book tells you about the dangers of skin cancer.
825621	No hearts of gold French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2021	9781460757925	9plus	Three women from very different backgrounds meet on the long sea voyage from their homeland of England to Sydney. They quickly bond in an unlikely friendship. Indulged and wealthy, Kat Fitzhubert, has been sold in an arranged marriage to someone in the new colony. Lady Viola Montefiore is a dark skinned lady that her family has kept hidden and then shipped to the new colony. Titiana Boot is as broad as a carthorse and as useful. Jackie French defies the myth of colonial women in the 1850s as merely wives, servants, or petty thieves. Instead she portrays them as businesswomen, farmers, bushrangers and illegal brewers. All of this happens as the convict colony reinvents itself into a land of gold rushes and illusive riches. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
21498	No kind of superman Parker, Danny & Ottley, Matt (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2011	9781921136771	K-2	Dad doesn't always get the small things right. But, then, it's not always the small things that matter. When it comes to the big things, well, Dad has his own brand of superpowers to call on.
3152	No one Nilsson, Eleanor & Ogden, Betina	Puffin Australia	1999	9780141304120	3-4	Emma and her older sister, Charlotte, share the same birthday. They even want the same birthday present. But Emma and Charlotte are very different, and so are their new puppies.

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8066	No one likes a fart Foster Blake, Zoe & Nickel, Adam (ill)	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9780143786603	K-2	Fart is excited! He's desperate to make friends and have fun. But no one likes a fart. Not even a fart with a heart. Too smelly. Too embarrassing. Too gross. A sweet, funny story about accepting yourself and finding a friend who loves you just the way you are. Mostly, though, it's about a fart. And fart jokes. Loooots of fart jokes.
15925	No place like home Ghosh, Ronojoy	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9780857988461	K-2	Being homesick is making George a terrible grump. Not knowing where home is makes it even worse. So, George sets off on a search. He isn't sure what home looks like but he'll know it when he finds it.
7545	No place like home Thompson, Collin & Pignataro, Anna (ill)	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780733613234	K-2	Big Jim, the old horse, knows that the best thing about going away is coming home. Every summer, Big Jim pulls the caravan that takes Max and his family around the countryside to perform their acrobatics and magic theatre show.
11853	No regrets Bell, Krista	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734404305	7-9	Julia, a gifted student, musically and academically, is accelerated to high school. She feels socially isolated and desperately wants to fit in with the other students. Julia's life changes in many ways when the school band travels to Hobart.
50800	No return: Captain Scott's race to the pole Gouldthorpe, Peter	Lothian Books	2011	9780734412201	3-4	In the age of discovery, Antarctica remained largely unexplored. Robert Falcon Scott was one pioneer who penetrated the ice and cruel weather. This is the amazing story of his second journey from England to Antarctica. On the return journey, Scott and his comrades perished from a combination of exhaustion, starvation and extreme cold.
5485	No room for a mouse Mewburn, Kyle & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2007	9781865046600	3-4	Christopher's mother is so busy working for the pigeon post that she doesn't notice when he invites an amazing variety of people to share their enormous house. There's Mrs Fizzletum, Maestro Bambonium and his Grand Pandemonium, and Ringmaster Fergus and the Sawdust Circus. Soon the house begins to feel small, so small that Christopher's mouse, Sneaky, can't even find a spot.
12267	No roses for Harry Zion, Gene & Graham, Margaret Bloy (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1992	9780099978800	K-2	Everyone loves the coat with roses on it that grandma has knitted for Harry, the little black and white dog. Everyone, that is, except Harry, who can't bear it. Losing the coat proves to be more difficult than Harry imagined.

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1104	No safe place Ellis, Deborah	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742374109	9plus	Three teenagers flee their homes for different reasons and are desperate to get to England. They entrust their lives to a people smuggler and quickly learn that he can't be trusted. Follow each of their journeys as they seek asylum. Based on the true experiences of children caught up in the refugee jungle of Calais and striving to find a place for themselves in the world. Includes adult themes and violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
2386	No stars to wish on Fraillon, Zana	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743315149	5-6	Taken from his home in the middle of the night, Jack is placed in a home for 'Orphans and Unwanted Children.' He loves telling jokes but not many people laugh in the orphanage. There are no names, only numbers on shoes, and Jack has become Number 49. The spirited, ever-optimistic Jack struggles in the loveless, cruel environment and begins to wonder if he will ever return to the family he misses so much.
37387	No tears Bell, Krista	Lothian Books	2006	9780734406958	7-9	Xanthe and Julia are best friends. They are both very talented. Xanthe dreams of winning a medal at the National Diving Championships and Julia is a talented musician. Both girls have to deal with some serious challenges to realise their dreams.
4574	No way Yirrikipayi Milikapiti School, Melville Island & Lester, Alison	Pan MacMillan	2015	9780992478070	K-2	Yirrikipayi, the crocodile, is hungry. He goes hunting, chasing animals in the sea and on the land. Meet the animals and learn their Tiwi Island names.
855848	No way! The wildest mind-blowing facts in the universe Marshall, Dan	Pantera Press	2021	9780648677024	5-6	KLAUS (Knowledge Learning and Understanding System) the robot is here to take you on a journey of discovery. With fun facts and challenges to solve, this book of general facts will answer all your questions about space, humans, Earth, science, animals, and maths.
899923	No words Master, Maryam	Pan MacMillan	2022	9781760983529	7-9	Hero doesn't feel like a hero, but sometimes she feels as if the universe is asking her to be one. When Aria, a mysterious boy who never ever speaks, starts at school and is picked on by His Royal Thug-ness Doofus (Rufus), Hero and her bestie Jaz feel compelled to help. But they're far too chicken to actually do anything heroic, so they befriend Aria and try to uncover the truth about him. What happened to his voice? Where did he come from? What are those three dents on his middle finger? This is the story of a 12-year-old refugee who's trying to establish a new life in Australia, grapple with his past and, most importantly, find his voice.

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846166	No! Never! Hathorn, Libby & Hathorn-Jarman, Lisa & Pearce, Mel (ill)	Hachette Australia	2020	9780734418906	K-2	Little Georgie has discovered a new power and that new power is saying no to everything. Even when her parents try to feed her and clean her, Georgie will not allow them. Her parents finally realise a way to help Georgie out of these terrible tantrums and she is not going to like it.
280	No-name bird: a story of East Timor Vondra, Josef	Penguin	2000	9780140283174	9plus	A parallel is drawn between Jose and the other people of East Timor during the invasion by Indonesia, and the spirit of Uncle Adolfo's fighting bird. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
803706	Noa and the little elephant Foreman, Michael	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2021	9780008413279	3-4	Noa loves to watch the elephants play in the water near his small village in East Africa. One day tragedy strikes and the baby is left all alone, his mother killed by poachers. When Noa and his village adopt the lonely orphan, a beautiful friendship is born. Until one stormy night when Noa may need his friend to save him too ...
32309	Noah Barleywater runs away Boyne, John	David Fickling Books	2010	9780385618953	7-9	Eight year old Noah is running away from his problems, or at least that's what he thinks, the day he takes the untrodden path through the forest. When he comes across a very unusual toyshop and meets the even more unusual toymaker, he's not sure what to expect. But, the toymaker has a story to tell, a story full of adventure and wonder and broken promises.
73251	Noah Dreary Blabey, Aaron	Penguin	2013	9780670077182	3-4	Noah complains and had been on a particular roll that day, complaining about this, about that, about this, that, this, that, that, this and the other (much of which involved his baby sister). So, off popped his head.
12862	Noah's boat Elliott, Louise	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734404596	K-2	This Noah lives in Australia. When a voice in his head tells him he should build a boat, he tries to ignore it but, eventually, gives in. The animals start to give him advice so it doesn't turn out exactly as expected, but that's not a bad thing.
21790	Noah's garden Johnson, Mo & Josse, Annabelle (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2010	9781921150159	K-2	Noah and his family are living in The Children's Hospital because his new sister, Jessica, was born with a serious medical condition. Normal family life is suspended indefinitely for Noah and he spends his days in the hospital garden, creating an imaginary world, longing for the day when Jess can join him.

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16880	Noah's law Abdel-Fattah, Randa	Pan MacMillan	2010	9780330426183	7-9	Sixteen year old Noah is a troublemaker. His father is a hotshot barrister. This is not a good combination. When Noah gets caught misbehaving at school, his dad sends him to work at his aunt's law firm, during the holidays, to learn responsibility and fix his attitude. Noah discovers Law & Order TV shows differ from reality big time.
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.
15867	Nobody owns the moon Riddle, Tohby	Penguin	2008	9780670071609	5-6	Clive Prendergast is a fox with a regular job and a place to call home in a busy city. His friend, Humphrey, is a struggling donkey with no fixed address. Life in the city isn't easy but a special-looking, blue envelope is about to change everything, at least for one night.
5671	Nobody real Camden, Steven	HarperCollins Children's Books	2018	9780008168384	9plus	Marcie is a real human girl. Almost 18, she has had her fair share of problems and bad decisions. When her imaginary friend Thor reappears after 8 years, Marcie has to work out whether she still needs Thor to guide her now that she is approaching adulthood. And Thor needs to figure out who he is without Marcie to keep him in existence. Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 & above.
7001	Nobody's boy Bates, Dianne	Celapene Press	2012	9780987255600	5-6	Ron's family is broken. He isn't able to live with his mum or dad. Now he's being fostered by his aunt who has three sons of her own. It's a chaotic, angry environment, and Ron isn't at all happy. When strangers, Rosie and Bob, offer to care for him, he jumps at the chance. It's the kind of home he's always dreamed of. There is only one thing missing. He aches to be with his dad.
3935	Nog and the land of noses Whatley, Bruce	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781741698091	K-2	Nog is the only one in town who doesn't have a nose that does anything useful. His family and friends have noses that can do all sorts of things, sniff out a bargain, play music and even catch fish. But, all Nog can do is catch a cold. Grandma has always said Nog has a nose for trouble but no-one knows what she means until, one day, Nog's nose gets itchy.

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8129	Noises at night Glass, Beth Raisner & Lubner, Susan & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Omnibus Books	2006	9781862916838	K-2	A boy is attempting to fall asleep but he is distracted by the nightly household and neighbourhood sounds. Each sound leads to a colourful vision, created by his fertile imagination.
12076	Noisy Nora Wells, Rosemary	Scholastic US	1973	9780140567281	K-2	Noisy Nora has trouble being the middle mouse-child. No one in the family has time for Nora so she does the thing she does very well that her family can't ignore. She makes noise. Nora is noisy. She slams windows, upsets furniture and bangs doors.
41502	Nomax Horsfall, Shannon	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2017	9781460753927	K-2	Nomax is a dog who lives life to the full, which is why his master is so often calling out to him- NOMAX!
750971	None shall sleep Marney, Ellie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760877309	9plus	It is 1982 and the FBI studies serial killers in order to know how they operate, why they do the things they do and more importantly how to spot the clues and be able to catch them. But how do you study teenage serial killers? Which teenage serial killers are willing to talk to the FBI professionals? That's where teenagers Emma and Travis come into play. Both victims of serial killers in their own ways, they've been asked to take part in a program of interviewing young serial killers and trying to help study them. But what happens when they get caught up in an active case, what happens when they get caught between two serial killers? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
12619	Noni the pony Lester, Alison	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9781741758887	K-2	Noni is the nicest pony. She loves to entertain the cows and hens and ducks on the farm by the sea. And play hide and seek with her best friends Dave Dog and Coco the Cat.
846067	Noni the pony counts to a million Lester, Alison	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760524395	K-2	Noni the Pony stands under one tree, and watches her two friends dance by the sea. She gives three speckled hens a ride up the hill... Come on another adventure with Noni in this delightful rhyming story.
9953	Noni the pony goes to the beach Lester, Alison	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743311141	K-2	Noni the pony is friendly and funny, and her friends join her at the beach when it's sunny.
587806	Noni the pony rescues a joey Lester, Alison	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781534443709	K-2	Noni the Pony and her friends Dave Dog and Coco the Cat are headed out to spend the day roaming the hills near Waratah Bay. But then they meet a lost wallaby joey who needs help finding his family. So Noni, Dave, and Coco ask all of their animal friends, from koala to wombat to possum, if anyone has seen the wallaby family. Will they be able to help their new friend find his way home?

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24908	Nonna's gnocchi Huntley, Rebecca & Tor, Ilona (ill)	Little People Publishing	2014	9780992479503	K-2	Nonna is Sofia's grandmother, and today she is teaching her granddaughter how to make gnocchi, and telling her also how she learnt from her mother. This is a story of passing our traditions, stories and recipes on in families - complete with a gnocchi recipe.
12196	Nonsense nursery rhymes Edwards, Richard & Fisher, Chris (ill)	Oxford University Press	1997	9780199104789	K-2	A quirky mix of traditional and modern rhymes, arranged in alphabetical order in picture book format. Rhymes, without illustrations, are also organised alphabetically in the back of the book.
62032	Nonsense verse Lear, Edward	Antique Collectors Club	2005	9781851497041	3-4	This book brings new life to five of Edward Lear's best-loved nonsense verses. Zany characters leap across the pages in a colourful, fantasy world, where nothing is quite what it seems and anything is possible.
642936	Noodle bear Gravas, Mark	Walker Books	2019	9781760651022	K-2	Noodle Bear is crazy about noodles. His best friend, Fox, brings him other delicious treats when he's a no-show at her party but he's so noodle obsessed that doesn't he notice them. And when he's run out of noodles, his only thought is to go to the big city and become a contestant on the TV game show, "Noodle Knockout". Of course, he becomes a surprise star with more noodles than he can eat. But no amount of noodles and fame can fill the empty space where home and friends should be.
81508	Noodle pie Starke, Ruth	Omnibus Books	2008	9781862917637	5-6	Andy and his father, a Vietnamese former refugee, return to Hanoi for the first time in over twenty years. Andy experiences a real cultural shock as he feels very Australian and doesn't like being called by his Vietnamese name. Over time, Andy discovers a lot about his relatives, his father and himself, as he helps his dad tell them about his life in Australia.
660622	Nop Magerl, Caroline	Walker Books	2019	9781760651251	K-2	No one chose Nop, he was not plush, had no button, ribbon, scarf or spangle, nothing to tell where he belonged. So Nop chose adventure and sets off to someplace wonderful.
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 whereever she goes. Slow down and look closer with Nora and find beauty in the smallest surprises that life has to offer.
10612	Nora: the girl who ate and ate Weale, Andrew & Cort, Ben (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2011	9781849390514	K-2	Nora Fatima Buffet is greedy. One night, when she is sent to bed without any supper, Nora decides to make her own sandwich, using whatever she can find. But, this time Nora's bitten off more than she can chew.

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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.
10718	Norman and Brenda Thompson, Colin & Lissiat, Amy (ill)	Lothian Books	2006	9780734409560	7-9	Norman and Brenda lead separate, unfulfilled lives until finally their worlds converge and they discover true happiness, thanks to chance. Gentle humour, economy of words and complex visuals.
46455	Norman does nothing Storer, Jen & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	Puffin Australia	2011	9780143305941	3-4	Norman is a dignified garden gnome who is used to living in the same place and doing nothing all day. But, Norman's peaceful life suddenly gets turned upside down, with unexpected results.
16367	Norman Enormous Hackett, Dave	Puffin Australia	2009	9780143502227	3-4	Norman Not-so-enormous wonders if two people can find true friendship when they are so different. He can think of all the reasons why their new relationship might fail but, when he gives it a go, he finds that he and Norman Enormous have heaps in common. Squished and squashed in his normal-sized home, Norman Enormous has longed to share his love of interpretive dance and black-and-white movies.
4542	Norris, the bear who shared Rayner, Catherine	Orchard Books	2010	9781846163081	K-2	Norris just loves plorringes. When he spots one ripening in the afternoon sun, Norris sits back and waits patiently for the fruit to drop from the tree into his paws. But, Norris isn't the only one who adores plorringes. Pesky Tulip and Violet also love them and they can't wait for the one in the tree to ripen. It will be interesting to see who can get their paws on the delicious fruit first.
774453	North and South: a tale of two hemispheres Morris, Sandra	Walker Books	2021	9781925381801	5-6	From the frozen polar regions to warm ocean currents, scorching deserts to tropical rainforests, animals all over the world respond to the four seasons in very different ways. Their survival depends on it. Learn about their conservation status and see how animals adapt to the changing seasons in their Northern and Southern Hemisphere homes.
62065	North child Pattou, Edith	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2012	9781409540540	7-9	Rose is a North Child and superstition says that she will travel far from home and meet a lonely, icy death. Unaware of her fate, she makes a bargain with a mysterious white bear and is carried to a distant castle. But, once there, Rose unleashes a terrible curse and must embark on an epic journey to save the stranger who has stolen her heart.

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1476194	Northern soul Earle, Phil	Barrington Stoke	2024	9781800902039	7-9	Marv's fourteen and his life is simple. There's football. And his best mate, Jimmy. Perfect. Nothing else matters until a new girl at school called Carly crashes into his life. For Marv, it's love at first sight, his emotions flipped upside down, as he knows a girl like Carly will never notice him. He needs help - lots of it - but when it miraculously arrives in the shape of a musical idol from the past, the path to Carly's heart proves anything but easy. First love is unforgettable, and poor Marv is about to learn this the hard way - him, and his northern soul.
846273	Northwind Paulsen, Gary	Pan MacMillan	2022	9781529069327	7-9	The journey of a boy on the knife-edge between life and death, where the raging seas meet a coastal wilderness. When a deadly plague reaches the small fishing camp where he lives, an orphan named Leif is forced to take to the water in a cedar canoe. He flees northward, following a wild, fjord-riven shore. The deeper into his journey, the closer Leif comes to his truest self as he connects to 'the heartbeat of the ocean ... the pulse of the sea.'
19186	Northwood Falkner, Brian & Bixley, Donovan (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781921529801	5-6	Cecilia Undergarment likes a challenge. When she discovers a sad and neglected dog, she is determined to rescue him. But, her daring dog rescue lands her in deep trouble, in the form of being lost in the dark forest of Northwood. A forest where ferocious black lions roam. A forest that hides a secret castle, an unlikely king and many a mystery. A forest where those who enter never return.
5292	Norton and alpha Litten, Kristyna	Simon & Schuster	2017	9781471145766	K-2	Battered wheels, rusty cogs, broken springs - Norton and Alpha find them all and always find a use for them. Then, one ordinary Tuesday, they find something completely unlike anything they've ever found before. What is IT? And what does IT do?
750942	Norton and the bear Evans, Gabriel	Berbay Publishing	2020	9780648785132	K-2	Being different is important to Norton. He wants to be unique but what can he do when Bear wants to look just like him. Every time he tries to make himself different Bear copies him. Norton finally yells at Bear to stop. He realises he has hurt Bear's feelings and decides to say sorry. But what happens when he sees Bear wearing a new cape? Norton really, really likes Bear's cape and wants one for himself!

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31119	Norton took something Dickson, John	Berbay Publishing	2018	9780994384140	3-4	Taking something his sister treasured was not seven year old Norton's best decision. But returning the thing and making good proves to be harder that it looks. Fortunately, Norton has a caring family to help him light the way, though sometimes his older sister can be a bit tricky.
4849	Nose pixies, The: A cautionary tale Hunt, David & Masciullo, Lucia (ill)	ABC Books	2016	9780733334870	K-2	Oliver has a bad habit. A very bad habit. He just can't keep his fingers out of his nose, which is a big problem for the tiny pixies who mine his nose gold to keep our cities running. The nose pixies return to their kingdom with empty handkerchiefs night after night. And unless their luck changes, they'll be out of a job...or worse.
92217	Nostradamus prophecy, The Breslin, Theresa	Corgi Books	2008	9780552557214	7-9	When Nostradamus prophesises a great massacre, only Catherine de' Medici, mother of the young French King, Charles, pays heed to the dire warning. But, the soothsayer also has a message for Melisande, the minstrel's daughter. Upon his death, Nostradamus entrusts her with fulfilling his final prophecy.
5868	Not a nibble Honey, Elizabeth	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1997	9781864482423	3-4	Sally and her family are on a camping holiday and everyone but Sally catches a fish. While she is not lucky at fishing she sees something even better.
3165	Not again, dad Fowler, Thurley & Smith, Craig (ill)	Penguin	1994	9780140365597	3-4	Paul knows how to manage Mum but, when she's away, it isn't so easy. Paul and his sister find that Dad's style is very different. The worst part is when Dad joins in at cricket and swimming classes - totally embarrassing.
774421	Not all heroes wear capes: 10 things we can learn from the ordinary people doing extraordinary things Brooks, Ben & Baines, Nigel (ill)	Wren and Rook Books	2021	9781526362896	5-6	What do you think of when you hear the word 'hero'? Is it the wall-climbing, cape-wearing, villain-fighter you see in comics and films? Heroes can actually come in all forms, shapes and sizes. Some cook for the hungry. Some nurse the poorly back to health. Others raise money for important causes. From small acts of kindness to inventions that have saved the lives of hundreds of people, every person in this book has found their passion - or their superpower. No matter how big or small it might be, your power can be used to change the world for the better too.
17530	Not cricket Caisley, Raewyn	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734407924	5-6	Twelve year old Nick loves cricket but he isn't going to play next season. Sledging opponents has become the norm at weekend games and Nick doesn't want to be a part of it.
746555	Not cute Bunting, Philip	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781760972387	K-2	This is the story of a stubbornly adorable quokka who wants to be anything but cute!

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1222296	Not for the faint of heart Croucher, Lex	Bloomsbury	2024	9781526651846	9plus	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. 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. But the wood is at war. Many believe the Merry Men are no longer on the right side of history. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
846192	Not here to be liked Quach, Michelle	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2021	9781474989732	9plus	Falling in love wasn't part of the plan. Eliza Quan fully expects to be voted the next editor-in-chief of her school paper. She works hard, she respects the facts, and she has the most experience. Len DiMartile is an injured star baseball player who seems to have joined the paper just to have something to do. Naturally, the staff picks Len to be their next leader. Because while they may respect Eliza, they don't particularly like her - but right now, Eliza is not here to be liked. She's here to win. But someone does like Eliza. A lot. Shame it's the boy standing in the way of her becoming editor-in-chief. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1999	Not if I save you first Carter, Ally	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742765945	7-9	Maddie thought she and Logan would be friends forever. But when your dad is a Secret Service agent and your best friend is the president's son, sometimes life has other plans. Before she knows it, Maddie is dragged off to the middle of the Alaskan wilderness, where there is no phone, no internet, and not a single word from Logan. Six years later Logan lands on her doorstep, and an assailant is not far behind. Maddie wants to kill Logan, but she has to save him first.

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2978	Not if I see you first Lindstrom, Eric	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2016	9780008146344	9plus	Just because she's blind, Parker Grant refuses to be treated differently or badly. They are the Rules and no second chances. Just ask Scott, who broke her heart. When he suddenly reappears in her life, Parker shuns him completely. She has enough on her mind, including dealing with her dad's recent death. But, avoiding her past proves impossible. As Parker learns what really happened, both with Scott and her dad, the more she questions if things are always as they seem. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
34652	Not last night but the night before McNaughton, Colin & Clark, Emma Chichester (ill)	Walker Books	2010	9781406325560	K-2	A little boy believes that all his nursery rhyme friends come knocking at the door, with remarkable results.
38419	Not like me Hann-Syme, Marguerite & Heap, Sue	Walker Books	2007	9781406303834	3-4	Tilly and Lizzy are identical twins but are totally different in many ways. Tilly makes a mess, Lizzy tidies up. Tilly likes the outdoor life and Lizzy doesn't. Their differences create stresses that, in the end, are delightfully resolved when they find that there are many things they really have in common.
62158	Not my sister Weeks, S	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2004	9780340866146	5-6	Lana's dad and Guy's mum are going to get married but Lana and Guy hate each other. After trying to sabotage the wedding so they don't have to live in the same house, their problems are solved in an unusual way.
9605	Not nits Treloar, Lucy & Yahyeh, John (ill)	Koala Books	2003	9780864615053	3-4	Gus loves bugs so much he even wants to protect his nits. Gus's mum is a tricky one though, and eventually she helps him realise he doesn't really want nits.
12152	Not now Bernard McKee, David	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1988	9780099240501	K-2	Bernard's parents are so busy and pay so little attention to him that they don't even realise when a monster moves in and takes his place.
	Not quite a mermaid series Chapman, Linda				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.
3659	Not quite black and white Ying, Jonathan & Ying, Victoria (ill)	HarperCollins US	2016	9780062380661	K-2	A zebra wearing pink polka dots. A penguin with bright yellow boots. Lots of colours to see on these silly animals that aren't quite black and white.

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751148	Not so quiet mouse Waters, Ruth	Windy Hollow Books	2019	9781922081803	K-2	Mouse likes to read very loudly, but not everybody in the forest likes what they hear. Not so quiet mouse is a tale of acceptance, friendship and being and sounding- like yourself.
751144	Not so scary bear Waters, Ruth	Windy Hollow Books	2018	9781922081728	K-2	Every day Scary Bear roams the forest looking for animals to scare. Every night he roars so loudly even the leaves on the trees shake. But looks can be deceiving. Scary Bear is lonely. He dreams up a plan to find a friend.
8840	Not so small after all Messina, Lilli	Koala Books	2008	9780864617095	K-2	Lilly is the smallest in her class. She wishes she was taller so that her classmates wouldn't tease her. Then, something happens which helps Lilly realise that it doesn't matter how tall you are, it's how big you are inside that counts.
	Not-for-parents series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
40095	Not-for-parents: The travel book Dubois, Michael, Hilden, Katri & Price, Jane	Lonely Planet Publications	2011	9781742204963	7-9	The world is a very large place and this book concentrates on the really interesting bits to create a snapshot of what each country is like. In this book there are the epic events, amazing animals, hideous histories, funky foods and crazy facts that make the world's 200 countries so fascinating.
1019835	Not-so-Little Red Riding Hood Rosen, Michael & Melling, David (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780008509934	3-4	One day, Little Red Riding Hood's granny invited her for a picnic and a big surprise. Little Red Riding Hood thought, Granny? Surprise? I remember last time. A big bad wolf. What big eyes. What big ears. What big teeth.
6474	Note on the door Marwood, Lorraine	Walker Books	2011	9781921720611	5-6	Full of warmth and humour, the poems provide snapshots of everyday family life, the fun of a beach holiday, raiding the fridge after school, fighting over whose turn it is to do the dishes, camping in the backyard and much more.

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6041	Notebooks of a middle-school princess Cabot, Meg	Pan MacMillan	2015	9781447280651	5-6	Twelve year old Olivia Grace considers herself to be totally average. Following her mother's death, Olivia Grace lives with her aunt and cousins, and has never met her father, although she has received letters from him. Olivia's world is turned upside down when the most popular girl at school attacks her for lying. But, rescue is at hand, in the form of a princess who whisks her away in a limousine.
22028	Nothing Ismail, Yasmeen	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408873366	K-2	Lila's lively imagination means she's always busy, wrestling an octopus, racing along in a winged chariot or flying with birds over a noisy jungle. But, Mummy and Grandpa have a plan to join Lila in her play world.
1096856	Nothing alike Moor, Zewlan & Cheong, Peter (ill)	Bright Light Books	2023	9781761212239	K-2	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!
909088	Nothing more to tell McManus, Karen M.	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2022	9780241473689	9plus	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.... Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
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?

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1019834	Nova's missing masterpiece Graham, Brooke & Tatlow-Lord, Robin (ill)	EK Books	2024	9781922539373	K-2	When Nova realizes the artwork she created for Dad's birthday present is missing, her tummy flip flops and her heart ker-thumps. She and her dog, Harley, turn the house upside down, searching absolutely everywhere, but the missing masterpiece is nowhere to be found. Nova loses her temper but Harley remains calm and content. Can Nova learn from her dog, calm herself down and find her Dad's present in time for his birthday party?
1286578	Now for the good news Planet ARK & Artery, Jordan & King, Rebecca (ill) & Wiecek, Sarah (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2024	9780143779582	5-6	With so much bad news hitting the headlines, it's time for the good news! Discover all the amazing things people are doing to create a greener future for us all, and learn some helpful tips for how you can save our planet too.
11206	Now I am bigger Clark, Sherryl & Rycroft, Nina (ill)	Working Title Press	2010	9781921504174	K-2	In the first three years of a child's life they learn and experience so much. This is a collection of poems in picture book format arranged to reflect a child's progress through time represented as 'memories' of growing up from birth to two or three years.
501	Now one foot, now the other dePaola, Tomie	Putnam	2005	9780399242595	K-2	Grandpa teaches little Bobby how to walk and Bobby returns the favour when Grandpa has a stroke.
634861	Now that's a hat McKenzie, Heath	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760664022	K-2	That hat is too BIG! That hat is too SMALL! That hat is too SHORT! That hat is too TALL! That one's too CRAZY! And that one might BITE! How hard can it be to find a hat that's JUST RIGHT?!
628191	Now what?: A math tale Harris, Robie, H. & Chatterton, Chris (ill)	Candlewick Press	2019	9780763678289	K-2	Puppy wants to build a bed out of blocks, one that is wide enough and long enough for a snooze. But there aren't enough rectangles, squares, and triangles. NOW WHAT? Build, measure, count, compare! Follow along as Puppy tries again and again and again and finally figures out how blocks of different shapes and sizes can fit together to build a bed that's just the right size for a nap.
1423389	Now you are a chicken McDonald, Andrew & Wood, Ben (ill)	Little Hare Books	2025	9781761214035	K-2	Get ready to flap and cluck and do eggs, because this book will turn you into a chicken! All you need is a few magic words and ... WAIT!!
6106	Nowhere else but here Cotton, Rachel	NewSouth Publishing	2018	9781785301636	9plus	Life's easier when you stay away from other people. Rose Valentine knows that. But some people are impossible to ignore. Take Theo Lockhart, he's handsome, funny and beyond intriguing. He's a mystery; one that Rose dreams of solving. Then one night the mystery deepens. Usually read by students in year 9, 10 and above.

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3905	Nowhere near you Thomas, Leah	Bloomsbury	2017	9781408885376	9plus	Ollie causes massive power outages when he comes into contact with electricity. Moritz has an electric heart that keeps him alive. They are best friends, though they can never meet. But no matter how far apart these pen pals are, their letters keep them close. As Ollie and Moritz start to brave the outside world, they meet other teenagers living lives almost as unusual as their own. But before they can feel any real sense of belonging, a new danger threatens to destroy all the progress they've made. Can these teens find their place in a world that might never understand them? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1423950	Nugly Ross, M. C.	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781760265250	5-6	The one thing Nugget, a cute puppy, has ever known to do is love, and his cuteness has always been enough for others to love him back. But when Nugget is put up for adoption, he thinks it is because no one loves him anymore, that he isn't cute anymore. So he does the only thing he can think of: he runs away. Now Nugget is alone on the streets of Boston, where he quickly learns that not everyone is kind. After an unfortunate run-in with another animal leaves him disfigured, he can't rely on his cuteness to get by like he used to. As Nugget learns to navigate his new life, searching for a new family to give all his love. Will he learn to love himself, too?
20900	Number one Aussie alphabet book, The McKenzie, Heath	Black Dog Books	2010	9781742031477	K-2	Trace and sound out the alphabet with some familiar, and not so familiar, Australian animals.
1254	Number one Aussie counting book, The McKenzie, Heath	Black Dog Books	2008	9781742030098	K-2	Count the gorgeous, baby Australian animals, from one all the way to twenty-one.
283	Number the stars Lowry, Lois	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1994	9780732250911	7-9	A story of the determination of the people of Denmark to protect their Jewish friends from the Nazis in World War II.
28322	Numberlys, The Joyce, William & Ellis, Christina (ill)	Atheneum Books for Young Readers	2014	9781442473430	3-4	The Numberlys lived in an orderly, dull world which was very, well, numberly. But, five friends weren't willing to accept that this was all there was. They knew there had to be more. So, they broke out hard hats and welders, hammers and glue guns, and started knocking some numbers together. At first, it was awful. But, the five kept at it and, soon, one letter after another emerged. When they got to the letter Z, their world changed.
3826	Numbers book, The Hendry, Lorna	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742034225	5-6	Numbers are amazing. They help us make sense of the world around us and we use them in lots of different ways every day. Find out just what numbers are in this fascinating book.

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6414	Numerical Street Bell, Hilary & Presenti, Antonia (ill)	NewSouth Publishing	2015	9781742232287	5-6	Count as you walk up Numerical Street, every page has a numerical treat. Get your pants altered, get your keys cut, hop, skip or jump up Numerical Street, past cake shops, hair stylists, laundromats, pet stores and shoe repairers, all with their curious wares on display.
8227	Nursery & playtime rhymes Straw, Wendy (ill)	Brolly Books	2009	9781921346873	K-2	Sixteen favourite nursery rhymes are accompanied by large, colourful illustrations. The well-known nursery and playtime rhymes include Humpty Dumpty, Baa Black Sheep, Owl and the Pussy Cat, Old Macdonald had a Farm and Five Little Ducks.
3174	Nutcracker, The Hoffman, Ernst	Dorling Kindersley	1999	9780751371772	7-9	Written in 1816, this is the basis of Tchaikovsky's ballet. In this edition, the classic story of a sinister toymaker and a boy and a girl doll that come to life is presented with beautiful illustrations and detailed historical information.
6160	Nutmeg Lucas, David	Andersen Press Ltd	2008	9781842705636	3-4	Nutmeg lives a very dull life with her old Uncle Nicodemus and Cousin Nesbitt. They eat nothing but cardboard for breakfast, string for lunch and sawdust for supper. Then, when Nutmeg meets a genie who gives her a magic wooden spoon, her life changes.
2282	Nymph Alexandra, Tonya	Walker Books	2014	9781922077240	7-9	An idyllic Greek island. Obsessed demigods. A fallen nymph. A mortal boy. Merope, a beautiful but faded star nymph, is banished to Earth for displeasing the gods. She tries to fit in, go to school and live a normal 'human' life. And then she meets Lukas - but relationships between men and goddesses are forbidden. Will their love grow or will Merope and Lukas feel the wrath of the gods.
5688	Nyuntu Ninti: what you should know Randall, Bob & Hogan, Melanie (ill)	ABC Books	2008	9780733320491	3-4	In this beautiful, photographic book for young children, Bob Randall explains, in a simple but effective way, the Anangu people's relationship to all that is around them, and why we must learn to care for the Earth, its plants and its creatures.
871584	O in the snow, The Barker, Judith & Frith, Janie (ill)	Woodslane Press	2021	9781925868609	K-2	What words contain the O sound?
1423375	O.M.G: Oh my G.O.A.T! Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Challenger, Rebel (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761642357	K-2	Oh My, Goat! What do you say when you see somethig very surprising, like ... Outstanding Marching Grasshoppers? Or an Overjoyed Massive Goldfish? Find out with Duck and Goat in this playful new laugh-out-loud story.

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660731	Oasis De Becerra, Katya	Imprint Publishing	2020	9781250124265	7-9	Alif had exciting summer plans: working on her father's archaeological dig site in the desert with four close friends ... and a very cute research assistant. Then the sandstorm hit. With their camp wiped away, Alif and the others find themselves lost on the sands, seemingly doomed, until they discover the oasis. It has everything they need: food, water, shade and mysterious ruins that hide a deadly secret. As reality starts to shift around them, they question what's real and what's a mirage. The answers turn Alif and her friends against each other and they start to wonder if they are really saved. While it was easy to walk into the oasis, it might be impossible to leave. A supernatural thriller.
	Obernewtyn Chronicles series Carmody, Isobelle				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.
	Obernewtyn Chronicles series Carmody, Isobelle				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you 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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1013504	Occasionally happy family, An Burke, Cliff	HarperCollins US	2021	9780063286672	7-9	There are zero reasons for Theo Ripley to look forward to his family vacation. Not only are he, sister Laura, and nature-obsessed Dad going to Big Bend, the least popular National Park, but once there, the family will be camping. And Theo is an indoor animal. It doesn't help that this will be the first vacation they're taking since Mom passed away. Once there, the family contends with 110 degree days, wild bears, and an annoying amateur ornithologist and his awful teenage vlogger son. Then, Theo's dad hits him with a whopper of a surprise: the whole trip is just a trick to introduce his secret new girlfriend. Theo tries to squash down the pain in his chest. But when it becomes clear that this is an auditioning-to-be-his-stepmom girlfriend, Theo must find a way to face his grief and talk to his dad before his family is forever changed.
574230	OCDaniel King, Wesley	Simon & Schuster	2016	9781481455329	5-6	Daniel is the back-up punter for the Erie Hills Elephants. Which really means he's the water boy. He spends football practice perfectly arranging water cups-and hoping no one notices his strange habits-he calls them Zaps: avoiding writing the number four, for example, or flipping a light switch on and off dozens of times over. He hopes no one notices that he's crazy, especially his best friend Max, and Raya, the prettiest girl in school. His life gets weirder when another girl at school, unkindly nicknamed Psycho Sara, notices him for the first time. She doesn't just notice him: she seems to peer through him. Then Daniel gets a note: "I need your help," it says, signed, Fellow Star Child-whatever that means. And suddenly Daniel, a total no one at school, is swept up in a mystery that might change everything for him. With great voice and grand adventure, this book is about feeling different and finding those who understand.
21194	Ocean and sea Parker, Steve	Scholastic US	2012	9781407131511	5-6	Meet ocean creatures up close, from the humblest microbe to the most majestic whale, plus the craziest deep-sea creatures ever seen. Find out how oceans formed, how they work, and why our future depends on them.

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751027	Ocean animals Chapman, Blake & Hicks, Astred (ill)	CSIRO	2020	9781486311415	5-6	Ocean animals are truly awesome and are also some of the weirdest, sneakiest and smartest animals on the planet. Full of fun facts, 'sea'lebrity species profiles and amazing pictures, you will learn about issues threatening marine life and tips on how to help protect our amazing ocean environments.
647172	Ocean deep Hatfield, Richard	Child's Play International Ltd	2011	9780859539296	3-4	Nearly three quarters of our Earth is water but most of it remains unexplored. This unique book takes you on a journey to the depths of the ocean and explores the sea life you will find there.
21217	Ocean lullaby Odgers, Sally & Stewart, Lisa	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742769110	K-2	Ocean babies in the deep, waves are rocking them to sleep. Listen as the deep sea sighs, that's the ocean's lullaby.
1392438	Oceanforged: The wicked ship Mellor, Amelia	Affirm Press	2025	9781922992390	5-6	The realm of Aquinta has fallen into a dark age. And no one knows that better than thirteen-year-old Cori, who is fighting for her life in a pirate crew more beastly than Aquinta's sea monsters. But Cori's life changes when she finds the Oceanforged Gauntlet - a piece of armour belonging to the legendary Champions who once ruled the islands. Whoever wears the armour wields the Champions' magic and has the power to return Aquinta to its lost glory. Cori must begin a treacherous journey to find the rest of the armour. But first, she'll have to escape from her captain, who craves the gauntlet's magic for himself.
1424068	Ocelot and the crab, The Micallef, Shaun & Challenger, Rebel (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761641961	3-4	An ocelot can run like the dickens, and this is the tale I must tell, of a race to the face of Mount Olaf against something with pincers and shell...Ocelot may be fast, but he has a lousy sense of direction-he's Ocelost! Can slow-and-steady Crab map out a better way to win the race?
48385	Ock Von Fiend Edwards, Luke	Omnibus Books	2007	9781862917484	5-6	A funny, appealing story about Ock, the vampire, who doesn't have many friends because, well, he's a vampire. When Ock gets down about being different, he tries to remember the advantages of super hearing, night vision, vanishing power and his cool teeth.

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	Octavius O'Malley series Sunderland, Alan & Redlich, Ben (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.
60413	Octopus's garden, The: The secret world under the sea Norman, Mark	Black Dog Books	2008	9781742030210	5-6	For us air-breathing land dwellers, life under the water is curious and amazing. The deeper you go, the more extraordinary life becomes. An amazing variety of octopuses and squids are revealed through beautiful photographs, detailed information and a glossary of terms.
707956	Odd 1s out, The: The first sequel Rallison, James	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781760973377	7-9	An original collection of stories from YouTube sensation James Rallison, filled with funny stories including: - The upside of the robot uprising - Questionable pizza toppings - Strange yet completely reasonable fears - Inventions that don't exist, but should
8228	Odd bird out Bransch, Helga	Gecko Press	2008	9781877467097	K-2	Robert is different to the other ravens. He doesn't act like the other ravens and he looks different. How will he cope with being odd bird out.
846154	Odd dog Christmas, An Biddulph, Rob	HarperCollins Children's Books	2021	9780008413354	K-2	For festive dogs a festive day. It's Christmas Eve! Hip hip hooray! Odd Dog learns what Christmas is all about. She needs to find the perfect present and she's running out of time. When she crosses paths with a festive friend in need, will she listen to her heart and give her all or continue on shopping?
4903	Odd dog out Biddulph, Rob	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2016	9780007594153	K-2	For busy dogs, a busy day, of busy work and busy play. And small dog is finding out what being different is all about. All Odd Dog wanted is to fit in, and she's prepared to go around the world to find her place in it. But sometimes it takes becoming part of the crowd to show that, actually, it's better to stand out from it.
903392	Odd fish, the Jones, Naomi & Jones, James (ill)	Farshore	2022	9780755504428	K-2	There's a strange new fish that has lost its family. Octopus's tentacles are tangled and Turtle has a tummy ache. Can Little Fish help her friends? And can you spot what's wrong with the ocean?

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6328	Odd science: Amazing inventions Olstein, James	Pavilion	2018	9781843653738	5-6	Would you want your life saved by a slug? or sneakers made from spiders webs? Discover what amazing things creative scientists are investigating in the world around us. Prepare to consider what you know of the world, how could you use your knowledge to make the next cool invention?
31025	Oddball Brian, Janeen	Walker Books	2008	9781921150562	5-6	Sol still can't believe he told Aggo, the school bully and hand ball champion, that he was going to thrash him using hypnotism. Sol is sure that this moment of temporary insanity is going to lead to certain death. Sol wonders whether wit, wisdom or nothing will save him when he has to face Aggo.
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 huts, 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.
20113	Oddly Dunbar, Joyce & Benson, Patrick (ill)	Walker Books	2009	9781844280322	K-2	It's the small things which are the most important and Oddlet finds he isn't so odd after all.
737782	Odds, The Stanton, Matt	ABC Audio - Enterprises	2020	9780733340635	3-4	What would you do if you woke up in the morning to see ten comic characters from your imagination eyeballing you? When Kip wakes up to find ten odd characters staring angrily at her, she thinks she is dreaming, but soon realises they need to go back to their own worlds - comics, TV shows, games, books, even nightmares - but how? This funny graphic novel has fabulous illustrations and a heart warming story, as Kip learns to embrace who she is and face her fears.
959202	Odds, The: Power of being odd Stanton, Matt	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780733340659	3-4	In the third and final book of The Odds trilogy, Kip leads her father and all her odd imaginary friends to the world of the imaginatorium; a building where all her imaginary friends can stay forever, so can she if she doesn't want to go back to the real world. Inside there are strange new characters, secret doors and terrifying fears. Who holds the key to getting back out? Will Kip, her dad and her friends want to leave? What are the weird dots appearing everywhere? Going into this mysterious building was easy, but will leaving be just as easy?

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846144	Odds, The: Run, Odds, run Stanton, Matt	ABC Books	2021	9780733340642	3-4	Why is Kip being followed by a mysterious stranger? Kip, Dad and the Odds are on the run in this second book in The Odds series. Kip's power is her imagination - will it be enough to outwit the woman in black? Fast paced and easy to read, this funny graphic novel has fabulous illustrations and will leave you wanting more.
950150	Odelia and the Varmint Moore, Jenny & Pagenelli, Elisa (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2023	9781922326713	3-4	Join Odelia as she pairs up with the rude and dangerous Captain Blunderfuss in an attempt to discover the treasure she needs to save her family.
285	Odyssey, The Homer	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2003	9780553897777	7-9	Following the fortunes of Odysseus as he returns from the Trojan Wars, this classic tale from Greek mythology was written almost three thousand years ago.
19999	Odyssey, The Stowell, Louie (retell) & Pincelli, Matteo (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2011	9781409522348	3-4	The story of a clever but unlucky Greek hero who just wants to get home. But, fate has other ideas.
7971	Odyssey, The: Usborne graphic legends Punter, Russell & Fiorin, Fabiano	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2018	9781474938099	5-6	Brave and clever Odysseus, finished with battle at Troy, longs to return home to his wife and family on Ithaca and put his days of war behind him. His journey home is full of danger and challenges, including giants, the legendary Cyclops, a very angry Poseidon, six headed sea dragons, and more. Homer's epic is retold in comic format to introduce readers to an action packed classic.
1344957	Of flame and fury Bridge, Mikayla	Pan MacMillan	2025	9781761563805	9plus	A fiery alliance. An explosive secret. The race is on. Phoenix racing: it's profitable, it's deadly. No one knows this better than Kel Varra and her crew, the Crimson Howlers. They live on the edge of survival. When a mysterious tech billionaire offers them a place at his training facility, it gives them hope but also forces Kel to team up with Coup, her arrogant, infuriating rival. Embroiled in political scheming, volatile phoenix magic and a smouldering romance, Kel and Coup discover a conspiracy that threatens them all. For in this world of extreme stakes, there are two options only: win or burn. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
67324	Of thee I sing: a letter to my daughters Obama, Barack & Long, Loren (ill)	Knopf Publishing Group	2010	9780375835278	3-4	Prior to becoming the United States President, Barack Obama wrote a tribute to thirteen ground-breaking Americans and the ideals that shaped their nation. From the artistry of Georgia O'Keeffe, to the courage of Jackie Robinson, to the patriotism of George Washington, President Obama sees the traits of these heroes within his own children, and within all of America's children.

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783572	Off the map Gardner, Scot	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760877101	9plus	Our home town. Sometimes it feels like the centre of the universe, sometimes it's the bum-end of nowhere. We are her sons and daughters. These are our triumphs and our heartaches, our fears and hopes for a better life. Getting lost, falling in love, pushing boundaries, exploring the world - powerfully honest stories to make you think and feel, from the award-winning author of The Dead I Know and Changing Gear. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
846062	Off the record Garrett, Camryn	Penguin	2021	9780241367162	9plus	Josie is seventeen and wants to be a journalist. When she wins a competition to write for her favourite magazine it seems her dreams have come true. But as she investigates the celebrity she is interviewing, she uncovers a dark side to the glamour of Hollywood. Will this be the end of her burgeoning career? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
568903	Off the track Burne, Cristy	Fremantle Press	2018	9781925591743	5-6	Harry is reluctantly hiking the Bibbulmun track with his mother, her friend Ana and Ana's daughter Deepika. at first all he thinks about are snakes, spiders and insects in the bush and no mobile phones. Then, just as he starts to enjoy himself Harry discovers that things can go really wrong in the bush.
98756	Off to war: soldier's children speak Ellis, Deborah	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2009	9781741756791	7-9	The collected voices of children with a parent who is a soldier. Their stories are sad, scared, funny, angry and loving as they speak about how war has shaped their lives, and their feelings and experiences when a parent is away for long periods of time.
783573	Off we go around Australia Harvey, Roland	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526740	3-4	From the tip of the Top End to way out west, Australia is packed with magical things to see and do. So off we go! Sailing and surfing, caving and kayaking, camping under big skies and exploring underground. Join the madness of these family holidays
1019732	Officer clawsome: Lobster cop Smith, Brian "Smitty" & Giarrusso, Chris (ill)	HarperCollins US	2023	9780008611460	3-4	Is there really a shark in Caper Cove? Who stole Kelpy's? And how did the thief steal an entire building? Officer Clawsome and Stariana are on the job - can they track down the culprit and bring them to justice, saving Kelpy's in the process?"

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885149	Offline diaries, The: As told by Ade and Shanice Adegoke, Yomi & Uviebinene, Elizabeth & Andrews, Tequita (ill) & Burton, Ruthie (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780008444785	5-6	Ade is about to move house and is not at all happy about it! She meets Shanice outside her father's salon and they form an instant connection. Both write in diaries so they connect through their love of writing through their diary entries and through online chatting. As their friendship develops they help each other to settle into the early years of high school, building a strong, supportive connection.
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.
286	Ogre downstairs, The Jones, Diana Wynne	HarperTrophy	2002	9780064473507	7-9	When a new stepfather, the ogre to the stepchildren, gives chemistry sets to both sets of children in the house, magic things start to happen.
12176	Oh dear Campbell, Rod	Pan MacMillan	1999	9780333733516	K-2	Children lift the flaps to meet all the farm animals and help Buster when he goes down to the farmyard to fetch the eggs for grandma.
1406612	Oh dear, look what I got! Rosen, Michael & Oxenbury, Helen (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529510898	K-2	'I went to the shop to get me a carrot. Oh dear, they gave me... a parrot! Oh dear, look what I got! Do I want that? No I do not!' Each visit to the shop brings an animal surprise in this playful read-aloud, with a final twist and a joyful ending.
9177	Oh no, George Haughton, Chris	Walker Books	2012	9781406332254	K-2	It's hard work being good all the time. And, it's especially hard for a dog like George. Harris is off to do some shopping and asks George to be good. George really wants to be good but there's the chocolate cake, the cat and other temptations.
5051	Oh, Albert Bell, Davina & Acton, Sara (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9780670078608	K-2	When no one is around, Albert can't help getting into mischief. But, one day, he goes too far. Oh, Albert.
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?
3186	Oh, the places you'll go Seuss, Dr	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1990	9780007158522	K-2	Dr Seuss takes a look at the mishaps and misadventures that life may have in store for us.

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14942	Oi Cat! Gray, Kes & Field, Jim (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2017	9781444932522	K-2	According to Frog, cats sit on gnats, dogs sit on logs, raccoons sit on macaroons, armadillos sit on pillows and chicks sit on bricks. But wait! Cat doesn't like sitting on gnats, they keep biting his bottom! Will Frog and Dog help him change the rules?
1252266	Oi dinosaurs! Gray, Kez & Field, Jim (ill)	Hachette Australia	2024	9781444971828	K-2	According to Frog, in dinosaur times sitting down hadn't been invented. So . . . Pterosaurs didn't sit on bendy straws, velociraptors didn't sit on plug adaptors, triceratops didn't sit on lollipops. Join Frog, Cat and Dog for oodles of prehistoric rhyming in this dino-packed new title in the Oi Frog and Friends series.
19674	Oi Dog Gray, Kes & Gray, Claire & Field, Jim (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9781444919585	K-2	Cat insists that there are rules. Only mules sit on stools, no one but hares should sit on chairs and, however irritating, dogs must sit on frogs. But, Frog's had enough, he's changing the way things are. He insists that, from now on, dogs sit on logs, not frogs. And, everyone else is going to have to sit somewhere else too. And, most importantly, Frog has to find somewhere to sit as well.
13340	Oi Duck-billed Platypus Gray, Kes & Field, Jim (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9781444937329	K-2	Oi! Where are duck-billed platypuses meant to sit? And Kookaburras and hippopotamuses and all the other animals with impossible to rhyme with names? Over to you Frog!
7981	Oi Frog Gray, Kes & Field, Jim (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2014	9781444910865	K-2	Cats sit on mats, hares sit on chairs, mules sit on stools and gophers sit on sofas. But, Frog does not want to sit on a log.
12171	Oi get off our train Burningham, John	Red Fox	1991	9780099853404	K-2	A little boy is speeding through the night on his dream train to far-off lands where endangered animals beg for a lift.
9332	Okra and Acacia: the story of the wattle pattern plate Hathorn, Libby & Stoddart, Brigitte (ill)	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780733614927	5-6	A beautifully written, romantic story, weaving Aboriginal myth with ancient folklore.
18425	Old Bun and the burglar Rodda, Emily & McLean, Andrew (ill)	Working Title Press	2005	9781876288488	3-4	Old Bun can't believe his luck. Soon after he receives a note warning him about burglars in Mouseville, three strong mice from the Rich Mouse Guard Company offer to help.
287	Old curiosity shop, The Dickens, Charles	Penguin	2001	9780140437423	7-9	Written in 1840, this is the classic story of Little Nell and her grandfather who inhabit a shadowy world.
1355852	Old days: Imanka nurna laakinha nitjaarta Williams, Marjorie 'Nunga''	Magabala Books	2025	9781922777850	5-6	Old Days depicts the author's childhood memories while spending her time between Iwupataka (Jay Creek) and Ntaria (Hermannsburg), as well as frequently visiting Tempe Downs, her mother's Country.

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8497	Old dog Willis, Jeanne & Ross, Tony (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2008	9781842706978	K-2	The young pups don't want to visit Grandpa. They think that he's boring and only wants to talk about the olden days. They don't believe that he was ever young or had fun. But, Grandpa still has a few tricks up his sleeve.
682646	Old enough to save the planet Kirby, Loll & Lirius, Adelina (ill)	Magic Cat Publishing	2020	9781916180529	3-4	Meet kids around the world, kids just like you, who are making a positive different to take action against climate change. Learn about the work that they do and discover how the future of our planet starts with you.
871678	Old fellow Cheng, Christopher & Anelli, Liz (ill)	Walker Books	2022	9781760652395	K-2	Take a walk through one day in the life of two best friends, a man and his dog. This book is full of unspoken friendship and love. The importance of neighbours and community is shown in this very special story.
6353	Old friends, new friends Daddo, Andrew & Bentley, Jonathan (ill)	ABC Books	2018	9780733338137	K-2	A brand-new school year! I can't wait! Hang on, none of my old friends are in my new class!
	Old kingdom series Nix, Garth				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.
3191	Old magic Baillie, Allan & Wu, Di (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1996	9780091829155	3-4	Grandfather cracks his old toy top to bring back his magic from the old country. His grandson, a Chinese Australian boy, learns to understand the place of his own culture in his new Australian lifestyle.
751047	Old man emu WIlliamson, John & McLean, Simon (ill)	Puffin Australia	2020	9781760898793	K-2	This iconic Australian song tells the very funny tale of the emu and its many traits - good and bad: He can't fly, but I'm telling you, he can run the pants off a kangaroo! The story compares the emu to lots of other Australian birds (galah, cockatoo, wedge-tail eagle, kookaburra) and of course to the kangaroo, providing wonderful opportunities for hilarious illustrations.
3192	Old man who loved to sing, The Winch, John	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781865048048	K-2	An old man moves to a secluded valley where he can sing, whistle and play his music all day long. The animals in the valley become accustomed to the old man's music and even learn to love it. Then, one day the valley falls silent.
15340	Old mother Hubbard Cabrera, Jane	Gullane Children's Books Ltd	2001	9781862333048	K-2	The traditional nursery rhyme is well-presented and illustrated.

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12079	Old pig Wild, Margaret & Brooks, Ron (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1997	9781741757064	K-2	After a life-time of sharing how to do things, Grandmother Pig prepares her grand-daughter for the inevitable, sad day she will no longer be with her. The event is foreshadowed in a sensitive way.
4686	Old possum's book of practical cats Eliot, T S & Scheffler, Axel (ill)	Faber & Faber	2010	9780571268979	3-4	A wonderful collection of poems that tell us what cats get up to when we aren't watching. Some are sane, some are mad, some are good and some are bad. Meet magical Mr Mistoffelees, sleepy Old Deuteronomy and curious Rum Tum Tugger. But, you'll be lucky to meet Macavity because Macavity's not there.
9340	Old Ridley Crew, Gary & McBride Marc (ill)	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780733613104	7-9	Intriguing fantasy about a solitary teenage boy fascinated by the very old, reputedly mad inventor in the mysterious mansion next door. Based on the myth of Eos and Tithonus who, by a trick of the gods, were granted immortality but not eternal youth.
12479	Old steam train, The Amery, Heather & Cartwright, Stephen(ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	1999	9780746033364	K-2	Poppy, Sam and Mrs Boots help to restore Apple Tree Station and enjoy seeing its steam train run again. The book comes with a great map of the Apple Tree line.
3194	Old Tom Hobbs, Leigh	Penguin	2004	9780140369793	K-2	Old Tom is a lovable, battle-scarred tom cat. The story begins with Old Tom arriving in a basket outside Angela Throgmorton's front door. He has many adventures and is a wickedly appealing, naughty cat.
10121	Old Tom at the beach Hobbs, Leigh	Puffin Australia	1995	9780140377057	K-2	Old Tom, the loveable old tom cat, has never been to the beach before and is eager to see the sights. But, even he cannot foresee the unexpected adventures that lie ahead.
8300	Old Tom's big book of beauty Hobbs, Leigh	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743314142	K-2	Angela Throgmorton adores Old Tom, but that doesn't mean that there isn't room for improvement. When she gives him The Big Book of Beauty the results are astonishing. But will The Big Book of Beauty go to Old Tom's head?
9927	Old Tom's holiday Hobbs, Leigh	ABC Books	2002	9780733310737	K-2	When Angela Throgmorton wins a luxury holiday, she has to leave Old Tom, her irrepressible cat, at home, or so she thinks.
16096	Old Tucker Man Austin, Debbie	One Day Hill Pty Ltd	2007	9780975770856	3-4	For many thousands of years, Kirrae Whurron men prided themselves on being able to hunt and provide game food for their families and communities. When the land was taken from them, their food source was replaced by European farming animals.
4238	Old woman who loved to read, The Winch, John	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781865048055	K-2	The old woman thought she would have plenty of time to read when she moved to the country. Unfortunately, there is always something to do.

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22927	Olga and the smelly thing from nowhere Gravel, Elise	HarperCollins US	2017	9780062671806	3-4	Olga loves science almost as much as she loves animals. She knows that she is going to be a scientist that studies animals when she is old enough. In fact, she has already started studying them. But when Olga discovers a 'thing' that looks like cross between a badly drawn potato and a deflated hamster she doesn't quite know what to do. Like any good scientist, however, Olga begins to study the beast, but what she doesn't realise is that this discovery will begin an adventure that will change her life forever.
12185	Olga the Brolga Clement, Rod	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2002	9780207197581	K-2	Olga, the brolga, wants to dance but nobody will join her. She decides to dance by herself and, soon, a crowd of Australian animals pick up the beat in this delightfully illustrated, rhyming tale.
	Olive of Groves series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
34016	Oliver Rossell, Judith	Harper	2012	9780062022103	K-2	Oliver is a curious explorer, so he asks a lot of questions. Then, one day in the bathtub, he hears a strange gurgle. "What lives down the drain?" he wonders. Soon Oliver is headed down the drain in his homemade submarine on a spectacular mission.
4894	Oliver and George Carnavas, Peter	New Frontier Publishing	2014	9781925059083	K-2	Oliver is ready to play, but George the bear is busy. Oliver tries to get George's attention, but what happens when a boy bothers a bear too many times.
30756	Oliver Moon's summer howliday Mongredien, Sue & McCafferty, Jan (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2007	9780746077924	3-4	Mildew Cottage is perfect for Oliver Moon's summer holiday. It's cold, dark and, best of all, it's haunted. Oliver's parents aren't so happy. They're fed up with the spooky noises in the woods, so Oliver decides to go ghostbusting with his new friend, Wilf. But, Oliver begins to wonder if his hairy pal is all that he seems to be.
	Oliver Nocturne series Emerson, Kevin				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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288	Oliver Twist Dickens, Charles	Penguin	2002	9780140435221	7-9	When orphan, Oliver Twist, asks nasty Mr Bumble for more food, he has to flee the workhouse for the streets of London. There, he meets the Artful Dodger, who leads him to Fagin and his gang of pickpockets. When a thieving mission goes wrong, Oliver narrowly avoids prison and finds himself in the care of kind Mr Brownlow. But Fagin and the brutal Bill Sikes are determined to drag Oliver back.
89536	Oliver Twist and other great Dickens stories Williams, Marcia (retell)	Walker Books	2007	9781406305630	7-9	A picture book retelling the classic tales by Charles Dickens. Stories included are Oliver Twist, Great Expectations, A Tale of Two Cities, David Copperfield and A Christmas Carol.
68743	Oliver who travelled far and wide Bergman, Mara & Maland, Nick (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2009	9780340981634	K-2	Oliver Donnington Rimington-Sneep woke from his sleep to find that Bat and Owl and Fox were there, but he couldn't see Ted anywhere.
12397	Oliver's egg Costain, Meredith & Power, Margaret (ill)	Penguin	2003	9780143300250	K-2	Oliver believes his chook is going to lay the biggest egg ever. But, the other chooks start laying and Oliver is still waiting. Oliver wonders if his chook will ever lay an egg.
12198	Olivia Falconer, Ian	Simon & Schuster	2000	9780689829536	K-2	Simple black and grey illustrations, with a splash of red, are a feature of this picture book. Olivia is a feisty piglet who has far too much energy and is always getting into mischief.
12261	Olivia and the missing toy Falconer, Ian	Simon & Schuster	2003	9780689852916	K-2	When her best toy mysteriously disappears, Olivia, the feisty piglet, is determined to find out who is responsible.
12262	Olivia saves the circus Falconer, Ian	Simon & Schuster	2002	9780689829543	K-2	At school, Olivia, the piglet, tells how she went to the circus and all the performers were sick. Olivia tells how she saved the day by becoming Olivia the Lion Tamer, Olivia the Tattooed Lady and many more.
	Olivia's secret scribbles 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.
32284	Olivia's voice Lucas, Mike & Harrison, Jennifer (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2017	9781925227192	K-2	Listen. Silence. Love, words, friendship and colour need no sound. My name is Olivia and this is my world.

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	Ollie and Bea series Treml, 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.
3002	Ollie and the wind Ghosh, Ronojoy	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9780857988485	K-2	Ollie lives on a small island. There aren't many people around but he does have lots of space to play. One day, when the wind steals his hat, Ollie tries to catch the wind in a net so he can ask what it's done with his hat. Then the wind takes Ollie's scarf. He tries to catch the wind in a can this time, but that also fails. Ollie thinks the wind is very naughty. It's only when the wind whisks his balloon away that Ollie realises it just wants to play. But, now, he has to find out what kinds of things it likes to play with.
29824	Ollie's treasure Jenkins, Lynn & Lonergan, Kirrili (ill)	EK Books	2017	9781925335422	K-2	When Ollie's grandmother sends him a letter with a treasure map, he's so excited! What could his treasure be? The latest toy? That game he's wanted forever? But this treasure is something completely different. Join Ollie as he goes on a rather unexpected adventure and discovers that if we only pay attention to what's around us, the greatest treasure of all is actually with us all the time.
14993	Olly and me Hughes, Shirley	Walker Books	2004	9781844285259	K-2	Beautifully illustrated collection of sophisticated poetry for the very young. Mum's birthday, Saturday shopping, fireworks and water play are all captured in blank verse.
20244	Olympuss games, The: Son of Spartapuss Price, Robin	Mogzilla	2014	9781906132811	3-4	Spartapuss is a newcomer to Rome in 36 AD and he has much to learn. When a mysterious stranger offers to pay his debts he finds himself in a school for strays and a school for gladiators. Will they make it to the Olympuss Games?
21180	Oma's buttons Ingram, Tania & Harrison, Jennifer	Penguin Books Australia	2018	9780143786573	K-2	Ruthie loves visiting her Oma. They always have lots of fun together. One day Ruthie finds a pretty tin while playing hide and seek at her Oma's house. It's full of Oma's beautiful 'memory buttons'. Each button reminds Oma of a special person in her life and a story to share with Ruthie. And of course Ruthie must have a memory button of her own!
1269	Omar the strongman Rogers, Gregory	Scholastic Australia	2013	9781742834368	K-2	Omar is very busy with his new job at the zoo. He makes friends with Mavis the elephant, who helps him unveil an act of his own.

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12328	On a camel to the moon Bloom, Valerie	Chrysalis Books Group	2001	9781841382470	5-6	A varied collection of poems about travel from dragons on buses to visiting Jupiter. A thought-provoking anthology with fantastic illustrations.
1275	On a small island Hughes-Odgers, Kyle	Fremantle Press	2014	9781925161168	3-4	Ari lives alone on an island, his days spent collecting all that washes ashore and gazing at the ships that pass, on their way to the great land that is a speck on the horizon. When one ship does stop, Ari is told of all the magnificent things that lie in the distance, bringing Ari a sense of wonder but also isolation and loneliness. Then one day, Ari has a dazzling idea.
18653	On country: stories of Nyrlotte Doyle, Fiona & Doyle, Lionel (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2006	9780702235450	5-6	A delightful story, set in Cape York, focuses on the relationship between a young Aboriginal girl, Nyrlotte, and her strong grandmother. Granny knows all the stories and can sing a cyclone away, and Nyrlotte knows she should always listen to her Granny's warnings. But listening isn't always Nyrlotte's strong point.
687398	On hope Jeffrey, Daisy	Hachette Australia	2020	9780733644665	7-9	In On Hope, one of the lead organisers of the Australian Climate strike, 17-year-old Daisy Jeffrey shows how ordinary people are fighting back and demanding we address climate change to help save our planet. Daisy was at the centre of a movement that joined people together to drive change. She reveals what prompted the action, what she and her friends believe and why she is choosing hope over indifference and standing up to speak truth to power.
638747	On my way Masson, Sophie & Howe, Simon (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781742994093	K-2	On my way to school, Mumma, guess what I saw? A pig chasing a wig! A goat rowing a boat! A delightful story about all the extraordinary things you can see on your travels.
7677	On Orchard Road Edgar, Elsbeth	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2011	9781921720291	5-6	Jane's world has been turned upside down. She has a brand-new sister, and her family has moved to a small town, leaving behind everything she knows. She is sure that she will be miserable. But, a mysterious old lady, a curious boy and an amazing garden prove her wrong.
62943	On our way to the beach Laguna, Sofie	Omnibus Books	2004	9781862915206	K-2	A little girl is going to the beach for the first time with her family and she is trying to imagine what it will look like. The trip to the beach takes several days and the journey is full of experiences and special moments, which influence her imagination. When the family finally arrives at the beach, nothing has prepared the girl for what she eventually sees.

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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.
587857	On the come up Thomas, Angie	Walker Books	2019	9781406372168	9plus	Bri is sixteen and is desperate to be a rapper. In fact, she wants to be the best rapper of all time. But as a kid who is always in trouble, comes from a difficult home life and is African American, she has a lot o challenges to overcome in order to ever break into the rap world and get her come up. She has to walk a careful line between who she really is and who the public want her to be. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1232	On the day you were born Wild, Margaret & Brooks, Ron (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781741147544	K-2	A proud father shows his new baby the wonderful new world to which it now belongs - the smells, the sounds, the colours and the inhabitants are all introduced to the new child. The illustrations reinforce the atmosphere of love, pride and home.
7739	On the farm: our holiday with Uncle Kev Harvey, Roland	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781741758825	3-4	Uncle Kev has a farm, where the pigs do the polishing and the cows are the happiest in all the hills. Kev invites the family for a 'holiday', then sets them to work. There's lots to be done before the big Harvest Festival - and Kev is distracted, because he's fallen in love!
916616	On the Horizon Lowry, Lois	Clarion Books	2020	9780358668077	7-9	Based on the lives of soldiers at Pearl Harbor and civilians in Hiroshima, this verse novel contemplates humanity and war. Lois Lowry draws from her own memories as a child in Hawaii and Japan to look back at history through a personal lens. It contains poems about individual sailors who lost their lives on the USS Arizona and about the citizens of Hiroshima who experienced unfathomable horror.
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.
2808	On the night of the shooting star Hest, Amy & Desmond, Jenni (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781406377330	K-2	Bunny looks at Dog. Dog looks at Bunny. No one says hello. Or hi. But on the night of the shooting star, two doors open...
88828	On the night you were born Tillman, Nancy	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781741693935	K-2	Through rhyming text, this book celebrates you and the joy you have brought just by being.

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44392	On the river: come with me from the mountains to the sea Harvey, Roland	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760112455	3-4	Roland Harvey and his new pelican friend are off on an adventure to walk, fish, canoe, raft, windsurf, sail, paddle-steam and, even, fly their way along the mighty Murray River, from its smallest beginnings in the high country to where it meets the sea. Together they discover the story of the river - its secrets, history, ecology, people and animals. And, you're invited, too.
9413	On the team Flynn, Rachel & Smith, Craig (ill)	Penguin	2003	9780143300441	3-4	Carey is good at schoolwork and sport and wishes that he wasn't. Winston says that it is worse to be bad at everything.
12167	On the way home Murphy, Jill	MacMillan	2000	9780333375723	K-2	Claire sets off on her way home to show her mum her bad knee. On the way, she tells her story to lots of friends.
4710	On the way to Nana's Haji-Ali, Frances & Haji-Ali, Lindsay & Hardy, David (ill)	Magabala Books	2017	9781925360301	K-2	I'm on the way to Nana's house, what will I see!
19321	On track Apel, Kathryn	University of Queensland Press	2015	9780702253737	5-6	Two brothers couldn't be more different. Shaun excels at everything, both in the classroom and on the field. His younger brother, Toby, has a stumbly, fumbly body and can't do anything well. He thinks Sports Day is the worst day of the year. So, Shaun can't understand why Toby gets a laptop or why he is now being trained by Toby's coach, and coming to an elite Athletics Camp. It's just not fair.
19277	On two feet and wings Kazerooni, Abbas	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781743311059	7-9	It is the time of the Iran Iraq war and nine year old Abbas must urgently leave Tehran, because the army has lowered the recruiting age to eight. With his parents forced to remain in Iran, Abbas is alone in Istanbul, with minimal funds and no Turkish language, waiting for a visa to England. He relies on his intelligence, gut instincts and resilience to survive his dire circumstances. A memoir.
660539	Once Forsyth, Kate & Brennan, Krista (ill)	Wombat Books	2019	9781925563566	3-4	Once, a long time ago, my grandmother's grandmother travelled far, far across the seas. Kate Forsyth tells tales of her ancestors' lives in Australia in this beautifully illustrated picture book. From the first perilous journey to a new land, to the great wars and civil rights movements, readers live through key moments in Australia's fascinating history.
1367	Once a shepherd Millard, Glenda & Lesnie, Phil (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2014	9781921720628	5-6	Once there was a shepherd, a very special coat and hope. A family during World War I.

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1359293	Once a villain Len, Vanessa	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781760878368	9plus	The heart-stopping finale in the incredible Only a Monster fantasy time-travel series takes Joan into the darkest timeline in the monster world, as she fights to restore the world she remembers. Joan has failed to stop Eleanor and her monstrous plan. Eleanor now rules ruthlessly over a new London, in which monsters live openly among humans, preying on them and subjugating them. Only Joan, Aaron and Nick remember that there was once a better timeline. Now, as they negotiate their fractured pasts and face wrenching emotional decisions, they must fight to survive the new world and fix the broken timeline. But how will they defeat a whole family of monsters with power over time itself? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
289	Once and future king White, T H	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1996	9780006483014	7-9	A legend of King Arthur set in the 13th century.
1486082	Once I was a giant Sworder, Zeno	Thames & Hudson	2025	9781760764913	3-4	When a picture-book maker runs out of stories, his pencil decides it's time to tell her own ...
1388287	Once I was a tree McLaughlin, Eoin & Karsten, Guilherme (ill)	Nosy Crow Ltd	2025	9781805130406	3-4	Once I Was a Tree" by Eoin McLaughlin is a hilarious and heartwarming picture book that transforms the life cycle of a tree into a joyful celebration of storytelling.
760340	Once there was a boy Leffler, Dub	Magabala Books	2016	9781921248375	3-4	This is the story of a young boy living alone on an island. When a mysterious girl finds him and starts eating his food and using his things without asking, he feels annoyed and angry. However, he soon learns the importance of friendship and forgiveness when feelings are unintentionally hurt by our friends.
12064	Once there were giants Waddell, Martin & Dale, Penny (ill)	Walker Books	2001	9780744578362	K-2	To the baby in the house, Mum and Dad and Jill and John and Uncle Tom are giants. But, little by little, that baby grows up, until she becomes a giant too.
15338	Once upon a golden apple Little, Jean & de Vries, Maggie & Gilman, Phoebe (ill)	Penguin Books Canada	1993	9780140541649	K-2	Daddy tries out all sorts of alternative storylines in his fairytale but the children object to all but the most predictable. Delightfully, the story is even more important than the food.
7406	Once upon a northern night Pendziwol, Jean E & Arsenault, Isabelle (ill)	Walker Books	2015	9781406362459	K-2	As a little boy sleeps soundly, wrapped up warm in bed, a winter tableau slowly builds outside, beginning with a single snowflake. The beauty and wonder of a northern winter night unfolds, with images of a soft snowfall, the wild animals that appear in the garden, the gentle rhythm of the northern lights and the etchings of frost on the window pane.

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16950	Once upon a picnic Prater, John	Walker Books	2008	9781406306323	K-2	A small boy goes on a picnic with his Mum and Dad and it's sure to be boring with no one to play with. While his parents just sit and stare, the boy sees many amazing and well-known characters.
2814	Once upon a small rhinoceros McKinlay, Meg & Rudge, Leila (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781925126709	K-2	Once, there was a small rhinoceros who wanted to see the big world....
63065	Once upon a time Prater, John	Walker Books	2007	9781406306330	K-2	A boy and his mother spend a boring day at home doing mundane chores, oblivious to the street full of famous fairy tale and nursery rhyme characters playing out bizarre scenes all around the neighbourhood.
18464	Once upon a time in the kitchen Odell, Carol	Citrus Press	2005	9780975102336	5-6	Recipes and tales from children's classics let kids cook the food enjoyed by the world's favourite storybook characters.
587123	Once upon a time: Regina rising Toliver, Wendy	Titan Books	2018	9781785659539	7-9	Sixteen-year-old Regina seeks romance, adventure, and approval. Of course, getting approval from a mother like Cora is next to impossible. For Regina, friendships have always been a rare commodity. Could it be that Regina has finally found a true friend? Or is it too good to be true? As Regina struggles to find her own identity and create her own destiny, she discovers that her fate might just be to become everything she despises.
4675	Once upon an alphabet Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2014	9780007514274	5-6	The twenty-six letters of our alphabet work tirelessly to make words that, in turn, make stories. Find out what happens when each of the letters has its own story. Twenty-six entertaining, short stories introduce a host of new characters plus the occasional familiar face.
18442	Once upon an ordinary school day McNaughton, Colin & Kitamura, Satoshi (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2006	9781842704691	3-4	It was an ordinary morning when the ordinary boy woke up for his ordinary journey to school. But, then Mr Gee bounced into the classroom and everything changed. The dull, grey world had been transformed into one of colour and excitement.
803568	Once, at the edge of the sea Saliba, Sue & Shenfield, Ann	self-published	2021	9780648919001	7-9	Alice has always been devoted to the natural world. But one day she inadvertently betrays what matters most to her and so she leaves her island home, planning to begin again, to be the person she thinks she should be. Clinging to a mysterious wooden box, Alice begins a new life in Melbourne where she meets Esmerelda. As their friendship deepens, Alice is forced to choose between living a comforting lie or accepting a more difficult truth.

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5028	One Crossan, Sarah	Bloomsbury	2015	9781408863114	7-9	Sixteen year old Grace and Tippi are sisters, best friends and conjoined at the hip. As if life isn't difficult enough, they must leave their sheltered home schooling and go into a world of curious students, constant stares and whispers. But, a heart-wrenching decision lies ahead, one that could tear Grace and Tippi apart and change their lives even more than they ever imagined.
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.
21939	One and only Ivan, The Applegate, Katherine	Scholastic Australia	2015	9780061992278	3-4	Ivan is a mighty silver back even if he does look a bit sad and dull in his cage at the nearly forgotten shopping mall circus. He has spent most of his life around humans and in a cage, but he knows he is something special and something to be proud of, he just can't find the inspiration to act the part anymore. That is until he meets little Ruby, a baby elephant. The sad circus owner hopes that adding a baby elephant to the show will bring people back, but Ivan can not stand by and see more animals brought into a life of captivity.
959166	One and only Ruby, The Applegate, Katherine	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2023	9780063080089	3-4	Ruby is a young elephant who loves spending time with her best friends, Ivan the silverback gorilla and Bob the mutt. But zoo life has not always been the way for Ruby and in the lead up to her Tusk Day, Ruby finds the courage to embrace and share her story - and herself.
21160	One beastly beast Nix, Garth	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2008	9781741754681	5-6	A collection of four fantastic stories in which rude video pirates kidnap an unfortunate boy, a feisty princess takes on a monster, a foundling is sure his lost parents should be scientific types like him and not the monsters and pirates who keep turning up to claim him, and a rather interesting sea serpent and an enchanted penguin get together.

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6895	One beetle too many: the extraordinary adventures of Charles Darwin Lasky, Kathryn & Trueman, Matthew (ill)	Candlewick Press	2009	9780763614362	5-6	Find out about Charles Darwin's legendary five year voyage to South America, his love of the natural world and how he formulated his ideas about the way the earth, humans and animals have evolved.
864105	One blue shoe Godwin, Jane & Reiseger, Jane (ill)	Affirm Press	2021	9781925870558	K-2	A bright and joyful exploration of counting and number concepts as readers search for a missing blue shoe. Numbers 1 to 10 are introduced using rhyme as readers are encouraged to count familiar objects, then further extended with the exploration of addition and subtraction.
15945	One blue sock Ballou, Emily & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2007	9781741660838	K-2	Theo Leo is an ordinary boy in many ways, he likes to jump, dig and collect things. In other ways, he is very different and this can lead to all sorts of wonderful discoveries.
895551	One book was all it took Shurety, Wenda & Calautti, Amy (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2022	9781922539137	K-2	Violet has searched high and low but cannot find a book that she has not already read. She would love a library in her town with an endless supply of stories, but she is not sure if anyone hear her request. When she finds a book under the dining table, it leads to an unbelievable chain of events which changes her town forever.
41375	One boy's war Huggins-Cooper, L & Benfold Haywood, I (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2010	9781847801265	5-6	Sixteen year old Sydney is overwhelmed by the excitement of the 1914 recruitment campaigns and the bravado of men leaving for the Great War. With enthusiasm, he joins up but soon finds himself in a frontline trench, a long way from home. Reality and the rats begin to bite. Told through Sydney's letters and journal which portray the degradation and disillusionment of life and death in the trenches.
628180	One careless night Booth, Christina	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2019	9781925381856	7-9	Where the mist swallows mountains and winds whisper through ancient trees, a mother and her pup run wild and free. They hunt, but they are also hunted. Carted away. Sold for bounty. And then, one careless night...The last thylacine is gone. The beautiful but heartbreaking story of Australia's last thylacine (Tasmanian tiger), which died in captivity.
15154	One child Cheng, Christopher & Woolman, Steven (ill)	Era Publications	1999	9781863745086	3-4	One child saw a world full of problems and thought, I know what to do. One child did all that she could. Just imagine if all the children of the world did all that they could. This book encourages children to take action to conserve the environment.

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5987	One dark throne Blake, Kendare	MacMillan	2017	9781509807734	7-9	The battle for the crown has begun, but which of the three sisters will prevail? With the unforgettable events of the Quickening behind them and the Ascension Year underway, all bets are off. Katharine, once the weak and feeble sister, is stronger than ever before. Arsinoe, after discovering the truth about her powers, must figure out how to make her secret talent work in her favour without anyone finding out. And Mirabella, once thought to be the strongest sister of all and the certain Queen Crowned, faces attacks like never before- ones that put those around her in danger that she can't seem to prevent.
1304542	One day Marr, Shirley & Speechley, Michael (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760659790	K-2	Early one morning, a mayfly takes flight. Her one day is the day, and is a day filled with possibility. There are things to see, places to go, and friends to meet. Mayfly makes the most of every single moment, marvelling at what her life has to offer.
1141609	One day by the numbers Jenkins, Steve	Clarion Books	2022	9780358470113	3-4	What happens around in the world in twenty-four hours?
4865	One day in the eucalyptus, eucalyptus tree Bernstrom, Daniel & Wenzel, Brendan (ill)	HarperCollins US	2016	9780062354853	K-2	One day in the leaves of eucalyptus tree hung a scare in the air where no eye could see, when along skipped a boy with a whirly-twirly toy, to the shade of the eucalyptus, eucalyptus tree.
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.
1423919	One Diwali day Kothari, Dev & Anand, Aditi (ill)	Candlewick Press	2025	9781536247473	K-2	Diwali has arrived at last, and Ronak can't wait to celebrate. There is rangoli to draw, a shiny new kurta to wear; a table of yummy sweets to eat, and a fireworks display to watch with friends and family. However, one person is missing: Ronak's big sister, Dida. Will she make it home in time for the festival of lights to truly shine? It is also complete with a Diwali-themed craft and recipe.

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6133	One dog and his boy Ibbotson, Eva & Rentta, Sharon (ill)	Marion Lloyd books	2011	9781407124230	5-6	Hal really longs for a dog of his own but his rich parents are against the mess and disruption it would cause. When his father hires a dog from Easy Pets, Hal thinks all his dreams have come true. But, the dog has been hired just for the weekend and, when Fleck is returned, Hal plans to rescue the dog and run away. When Hal teams up with Pippa, who has released a whole lot of unhappy dogs from their cages at Easy Pets, a rollicking canine adventure begins.
63162	One dragon's dream Pavey, Peter	Walker Books	2009	9781921150746	K-2	A clever counting book full of hidden surprises. Each picture poses a challenge to find the matching objects and visual puns and puzzles that can be discovered within.
15010	One fish two fish red fish blue fish Seuss, Dr	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2003	9780007158560	K-2	This book explores some of the funny things that exist in Dr Seuss's fantasy world. Along the way, young children are introduced to colours, counting, opposites and rhyme.
27168	One funky monkey McCleary, Stacey & Degennaro, Sue (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2010	9781921150456	K-2	Join in the dance and count with a funky monkey, some hip-hopping elephants, jiving giraffes, moonwalking meerkats and lots of other animals.
2777	One half from the East Hashimi, Nadia	HarperCollins US	2016	9780062572196	7-9	When Obayda's father loses a leg in a bomb explosion, the family is forced to move from Kabul to a small village. Life is very different and her father rarely leaves his room. To bring luck to the family, Obayda's aunt suggests dressing her as a boy, a bacha posh. Now, she is Obayd. Life in this in-between place is confusing until Obayd meets Rahim, another bacha posh. They can explore on their own, climb trees and play sports. But, their transformation and newfound freedoms can't last forever.
9568	One horse waiting for me Mullins, Patricia	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781865046327	3-4	Rhyming text describes different groups of horses both real, toy and imaginary, in this counting book for horse enthusiasts. The pictures are beautiful tissue paper collages.

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803523	One in a hundred thousand Ingemundsen, Linni	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2021	9781474940641	9plus	Fifteen year old Sander wishes he was like everyone else. But he has Silver-Russell syndrome, a condition that affects one in a hundred thousand. It means he is smaller than all the other kids in school, a place where the biggest and the loudest get all the attention. Like Niklas .Everyone thinks Niklas is cool and good-looking - except Sander. He doesn't like the way Niklas brags, behaves like a jerk and lies. Niklas is one of life's tall people and next to him, Sander always ends up feeling small. But Sander is different in more ways than one. He notices things other people miss, and he's noticed something about Niklas... Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
15339	One is a snail, ten is a crab Sayre, April Pulley & Jeff Sayre & Cecil, Randy (ill)	Walker Books	2004	9781844281640	K-2	The humour continues to build in this excellent counting book which deals with numerals 1-10 and multiples of 10.
4108	One keen koala Wild, Margaret & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781743629291	K-2	One keen koala and all of the animal friends are ready for school! Count along in this beautiful introduction to the fun of school.
12051	One less fish Toft, Kim Michelle & Sheather, Allan	University of Queensland Press	2004	9780702229473	3-4	In this cautionary tale, human carelessness leads to the disappearance of twelve species of fish in Australia's Great Barrier Reef. A wonderfully, original counting book that goes backwards and is illustrated with stunning silk paintings.
993003	One little duck Germein, Katrina & Snell, Danny (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2023	9781460761649	K-2	One little duck went out one day, over the hills and far away. Mother Duck said 'Moo Moo Moo Moo,' and Cow said, 'Wait! Now I'm coming too.' Mother Duck has forgotten how to quack! Every day she tries a new barnyard call, and every night Little Duck returns with a new farm friend.
1286576	One little dung beetle Williams, Rhian & Potter, Heather (ill) & Jackson, Mark (ill)	Wild Dog Books	2024	9781742036656	K-2	Beetles are clever, diligent environmental engineers, working away under our very noses. What's not to love about beetles?
5003	One little goat Dubosarsky, Ursula & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	Little Hare Books	2017	9781742976921	K-2	It starts with one little goat. It ends with one little goat. But what happens in-between is a whirlwind of nonsense and fun.

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751203	One lone swallow Fenton, Corinne & Swan, Owen	New Frontier Publishing	2020	9781922326195	3-4	One night in Florence, Italy, a long time ago, a lone sparrow flies over the streets and squares, through arches and windows looking for her mate. She must find him before her nest of babies wake to find her gone. The city comes alive as the reader follows the mother swallow on her quest.
12204	One lonely sea horse Freymann, Saxton	Scholastic Australia	2000	9780439110143	K-2	In search of some friends, a lone seahorse encounters a range of sea creatures. In the course of the journey, the seahorse learns to count to ten. Intriguing collage illustrations made of vegetables feature in this counting book.
2924	One long thread Jeffrey, Belinda	University of Queensland Press	2012	9780702238925	9plus	Ruby and Sally Moon are twins with very different. personalities. When divorce splits their family, and Sally moves with their mother to the Northern Territory, Ruby holds on to the thought that one day her family will be complete again. But, when tragedy strikes wrapping Sally in a cocoon from which she might never escape, Ruby learns that love is never simple but one of the many tangled branches in her family tree. Includes some mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
45432	One minute's silence Metzenthen, David & Camilleri, Michael (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743316245	7-9	In one minute of silence, you can imagine a war long gone. You can share what the soldiers saw and felt as they fought. And if you try, you might be able to imagine the enemy and see that he is not so different from you.
18330	One more sheep Kelly, Mij & Ayto, Russell (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2004	9780340805862	K-2	Sam has ten sheep and he has to be sure that he's fetched them all in from the wild, windy moor. To do this, Sam has to count them but, as everyone knows, counting sheep sends you to sleep.
5103	One night at Lottie's house Dann, Max & Axelsen, Stephen (ill)	Puffin Australia	2004	9780143301165	3-4	When Arthur has to stay the night at Lottie's mysterious run-down house, he makes sure he's prepared for anything. However, the night turns out to be so scary that Arthur is forced to use his ghost fighting kit with unexpected results.
54387	One of those days Heffernan, John & Perkins, Gwyn (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781741693348	K-2	When Samantha wakes up, she discovers it's one of those days, a day when her imagination can carry her away to fantastic settings and amazing adventures.

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978216	One of us is back McManus, Karen M.	Penguin	2023	9780593485019	9plus	Ever since Simon died in detention, life hasn't been easy for the Bayview Crew. First the Bayview Four had to prove they weren't killers. Then a new generation had to outwit a vengeful copycat. Now, it's beginning again. At first the mysterious billboard seems like a bad joke: Time for a new game, Bayview. But when a member of the crew disappears, it's clear this 'game' just got serious - and no one understands the rules. Everyone's a target. And now that someone unexpected has returned to Bayview, things are starting to get deadly. Simon was right about secrets - they all come out in the end. And Bayview has a lot it's still hiding. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
5082	One of us is lying McManus, Karen. M.	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2017	9780141375632	9plus	On Thursday afternoon, five students at Bayview High walk into detention. Bronwyn, the brain, is Yale-bound and never breaks a rule. Addy, the beauty, is the picture-perfect homecoming princess. Nate, the criminal, is already on probation for dealing. Cooper, the athlete, is the all-star baseball pitcher. And Simon, the outcast, is the creator of Bayview High's notorious gossip app. Only, Simon never makes it out of that classroom. Before the end of detention, Simon's dead. And according to investigators, his death wasn't an accident. On Thursday, he died. But on Friday, he'd planned to post juicy reveals about all four of his high-profile classmates, which makes all four of them suspects in his murder. Or are they just the perfect patsies for a killer who's still on the loose? Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you would go to protect them. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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660767	One of us is next McManus, Karen	Penguin	2020	9780241376928	9plus	Bayview High is just about recovered from the death of gossip king Simon Helleher a year ago. Now there's a new copycat in town who isn't ready to forget him just yet. A school-wide game of Truth or Dare seems fun, right? But this game is lethal. Choosing the truth may reveal your darkest secrets, but accepting the dare could be dangerous - or even fatal. The teenagers of Bayview must work together once again to find the culprit, before it's too late... Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
18539	One perfect day French, Jackie & Bray, Peter (ill)	National Museum of Australia Press	2006	9781876944407	3-4	It is 1927 and celebrations for the opening of Parliament House are underway. But, for Billy, an orphaned farmhand, it is just another bad day of hard work and loneliness. Now, he has to save his only friend, the work dog, Dusty, from certain death.
38228	One perfect pirouette Clark, Sherryl	University of Queensland Press	2010	9780702238413	5-6	Attending the National Ballet School has been Brynna's dream. When her parents move to Melbourne so that she can attend a top ballet school, Brynna wonders why she feels so awful about the move and why her brother is angrier than she has ever seen him. Her mother is working hard to keep the family afloat. For Brynna to realise her dream, something has to give.
2641	One photo Watkins, Ross & Anelli, Liz (ill)	Puffin Australia	2016	9780670077977	3-4	One day, Dad came home with one of those old cameras, the kind that uses film. But, Dad didn't take photos of the things that people usually photograph.
895529	One potoroo: a story of survival Jaye, Penny & Rogerson, Alicia (ill)	CSIRO	2021	9781486314645	5-6	A conservation story of the Gilbert's Potoroo-Australia's rarest mammal. When a bushfire destroys Potoroo's home, he becomes one of the last surviving Gilbert's Potoroo in Western Australia. Luckily, a team of conservationists knows where Potoroo can go."
1423999	One race Dreise, Gregg	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761298585	K-2	How can there be racism when we are one human race? Our difference is our biggest strength; not something to debase. From Kamilaroi and Euahlayi author and artist Gregg Dreise, comes this call for unity, embracing what connects us all ... our humanity.

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845528	One red shoe Gruss, Karin & Krejtschi, Tobias (ill)	Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd	2014	9780987109965	7-9	You're about to go to a place where thousands, even millions, of kids live every day. You're about to enter a war zone. There's been an attack. Grabbing his camera, a newspaper photographer rushes to the nearest clinic. What he finds there will change the way he thinks forever. Inspired by real events in the Middle East, events you might see any day on the TV news, this groundbreaking and acclaimed picture book for older readers will take you to a place far from comfort and safety. What could you possibly have in common with the kids who live there? You're about to find out...
643275	One runaway rabbit Metzenthen, David & Murphy, Mairead (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760523558	K-2	One pet rabbit. One dark night. One hungry fox.
73591	One small island Lester, Alison & Tulloch, Coral	Puffin Australia	2011	9780670072361	5-6	Macquarie Island lies in the Southern Ocean, between Antarctica and New Zealand. A speck of green in the vast, windswept sea, it is a haven for many creatures that live above and below the waves. The book explores the island's unique geological beginnings, discovery and degradation at the hands of humans, and the battle to restore it today.
5744	One step at a time Jolly, Jane & Heinrich, Sally (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2015	9780987380951	3-4	Luk and his grandmother live high in the mountains of Burma. They work hard, dragging timber from the forest, and look forward to the day when their pet elephant, Mali, will be old enough to help. One morning, when Mali is foraging for bananas, there is a loud explosion.
1053	One Sunday Allen, Pamela	Viking Children's	2014	9780670077656	K-2	Outside the wind blew, the trees groaned and the tiny wooden house creaked. Eeeeeek. Inside, a delicious roast dinner was cooking. The little old man was expecting visitors. The little old woman said no one would come. Who was right.
15341	One ted falls out of bed Donaldson, Julia & Currey, Anna (ill)	MacMillan	2004	9780333947814	K-2	Ted is taken on an adventure after falling out of bed and not being able to get back in.
6005	One thing Child, Lauren	Orchard Books	2015	9781408339008	3-4	From the moment Mum offers Charlie and Lola one thing from the shop, they can't stop counting. Top negotiator Lola takes on numbers in everyday life and bends them to her endearing and unique will.
9207	One thousand and one Arabian nights McCaughrean, Geraldine	Oxford University Press	1999	9780192750136	5-6	A retelling of these fantastic classic tales.

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1905	One thousand hills Roy, James & Zihabamwe, Noel	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742990750	7-9	Agabande, Rwanda, April 1994. Pascal and the children in his small village play with the toys they make, go to school and church, and do their chores. But, there are whispers and looks, messages of hate on the radio, and people are leaving. Pascal's simple but happy world is about to change forever. As a ten year old, co-author Noel Zihabamwe actually lived through these atrocities.
4817	One thousand trees Hughes-Odgers, Kyle	Fremantle Press	2017	9781925164725	K-2	Deep in the heart of the city, Frankie dreams of a thousand trees. Over them, under them, through them, above them.
63313	One to ten and back again Sharratt, Nick & Heap, Sue	Penguin Books Australia	2005	9780140567861	K-2	Best friends, Nick and Sue, go on a counting journey to ten and back again.
587898	One tree Cheng, Christopher & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2019	9780143786733	K-2	One tall tree on the mountain once marked Grandfather's farm. Now there is a busy city and Grandfather lives with us in our apartment. Once he told stories but now he stays silent. Until one day, in the city market, I find something precious ...something that brings Grandfather's memories alive again.
29681	One very tired wombat Treml, Renee	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2012	9781742755786	K-2	How hard can it be to find a little peace and quiet. Unfortunately for wombat, he's about to find out.
15606	One well: the story of water on Earth Strauss, Rochelle & Woods, Rosemary (ill)	ABC Books	2007	9780733320798	5-6	In billions of years, the amount of water on Earth hasn't changed. There is one global well from which we all draw water. How we treat the water will affect every species on the planet now and into the future.
18654	One whole and perfect day Clarke, Judith	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2006	9781741148565	7-9	Lily, the sensible one in her family, wants to be like other teenagers, fall in love and not be responsible for everyone. She wants to bring her freakish family together for just one whole and perfect day.
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.
12053	One woolly wombat Trinca, Rod & Argent, Kerry (ill)	Omnibus Books	1987	9780140507584	K-2	Zany Australian animals parade through this counting book, including five pesky platypuses and fourteen slick seals.
1333899	One word and a bird King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761520860	3-4	From out of the sky, like a clear idea, flew a bird. She landed on my nose. A story of serendipity, love and looking for the right word when nothing seems to fit.

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38857	One world: a journey Higgins, David	Alto Books	2007	9780980289671	3-4	The natural world is celebrated in works of art, with serene, calming text that reflects the characteristics we share with animals and our responsibility towards them. The book opens our minds to the equality of all living things.
2906	One would think the deep Zorn, Claire	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702253942	9plus	Sam has always had things going on in his head that no-one else understands, not even his mum. Now she's dead, it's worse than ever. With his skateboard and a few belongings in a garbage bag, Sam goes to live with the strangers his mum cut ties with seven years ago, Aunty Lorraine and his cousins, Shane and Minty. As the days slowly meld into one another and ghosts from the past reappear, Sam has to make the ultimate decision. Mature read. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1067080	One wrong turn Marrapodi, Chenee	Fremantle Press	2023	9781760992439	7-9	If I wanted the lead role, Valentina had to go. A contemporary Ballet Shoes set in an elite dance academy, this compelling coming-of-age novel is all about overcoming pressure, standing up for yourself and the joy of ballet! The perfect gift for all young dancers. Amelia is a ballerina on the rise - she's talented, dedicated and set to star in the lead role of the annual production. But when Valentina arrives from Italy and joins the ballet academy, the competition gets fierce. Can Amelia outshine Valentina and keep her place in the spotlight?
45631	One, two, cockatoo Garson, Sarah	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741664454	K-2	A delightful counting and hide-and-seek book rolled into one. Children will love learning to count from one to ten as they search for the cockatoos hidden in the pages.
290	One-eyed cat Fox, Paula	Aladdin Publishing	2000	9780689839702	7-9	Ned fired just one shot from the forbidden gun. But someone was watching. When a one-eyed cat turns up in an elderly neighbour's yard, Ned is caught in a web of guilt, fear, and shame when he fears his shot wounded the one-eyed cat.
587560	Onibi: Diary of a Yokai ghost hunter Sento, Atelier	Tuttle Publishing	2016	9784805314968	5-6	Two travellers explore the small cities and towns of Japan's countryside. Curious about the many ghost stories of these areas, they acquire a special camera which promises to capture the images of the many unusual ghosts they hear about on their travels.
291	Onion tears Kidd, Diana	HarperCollins Australia	1990	9780207170287	7-9	Nam-Huong escaped from Vietnam and lost her grandfather on the long terrible voyage. She finds it hard to release her pent up grief, until her teacher falls ill.

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7404	Only a donkey Walters, Celeste & Mullins, Patricia (ill)	Penguin	2007	9780670041688	3-4	Unlike Simpson's donkey, this donkey is looked down on by everyone in the farmyard. When he goes out for a day, the animals grumpily insist on going because he won't survive on his own. By the time they return, they have learnt to respect donkeys.
15153	Only a matter of time: a story from Kosovo Ross, Stewart	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2001	9780750237338	9plus	Drita, an Albanian, and Zoran, a Serb, become friends but this is Kosovo, and Serb-Albanian tension is rising. They find their families are now enemies and they are forced to meet in secret. They are about to begin a fight for their lives. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
860995	Only a monster Len, Vanessa	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760878313	7-9	Every family has its secrets, the summer Joan Chang-Hunt goes to stay with her gran in London, she learns hers is bigger than most. The Hunts are one of twelve families in London with terrifying hidden powers. Joan is half-monster. And what's more, her summer crush Nick isn't just a cute boy - he's hiding a secret as well; a secret that places Joan in terrible danger.
1292421	Only branch on the family tree, The Clark, Sherryl	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.
2841	Only fish fall from the sky Parsons, Leif	POW Kids Books	2015	9781576877579	K-2	A boy wakes from a marvellous dream, where it rains fish instead of water, people dance through dinner and children sleep with tigers, to find the world is not quite as he left it.
15440	Only one club, The Naliboff, Jane & Hopkins, Jeff (ill)	Flashlight Press	2004	9780972922531	3-4	Jennifer finds she is the only one in her class who doesn't celebrate Christmas. She starts an Only One Club and soon finds there are lots of 'only ones' in her class, people who are special for all sorts of reasons.
4536	Only pony, The Metzenthen, David & Watson, Judy (ill)	Penguin	2008	9780143303114	3-4	Bessie's father has strict rules on what can and can't be done and riding a pony is a definite can't. However, Bessie finds a way to fulfil her dream and change her father a little in the process.

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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.
24676	Oom pah pah Matthews, Cecily & Vane, Mitch (ill)	ABC Books	2007	9780733320682	3-4	Rosie is thrilled when she is chosen to play in the school band. When she selects the tuba, Rosie realises she has a large problem. She has to work out how she can get the tuba home to practise and then back to school each week for band rehearsals. A long-forgotten item solves the problem.
803510	Oona DiPucchio, Kelly & Figueroa, Raissa (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2021	9780062982247	K-2	Oona and her best friend Otto love to search for treasure...and often find trouble instead. Messy trouble. Tricky trouble. Even shark-related trouble. That's never stopped them before, though! After all, no proper treasure hunt is without some adventure. But when the grandest treasure yet is stuck in a deep, dark rift, Oona's not sure if she can dive right in. What might be waiting for her in those unknown waters.
90472	Oops Fromental, Jean-Luc & Jolivet, Joelle (ill)	Abrams Books	2010	9780810987494	K-2	A family suffers a series of mishaps as they race frantically through the streets of Paris to get to the airport in time for their holiday trip. It all starts when near-sighted Aunt Roberta's bar of soap is jettisoned out of her apartment, setting off a chain of events that thwarts the unsuspecting family's every move to make the flight on time.
78232	Oops McNaughton, Colin	Andersen Press Ltd	2008	9781842707128	K-2	Preston sets off to take a basket of food to his granny's, wearing a red coat and hood, and looking very much like Little Red Riding Hood. As ever, Mister Wolf is in hot pursuit but he can't think which story Preston's red coat and hood reminds him of so he can't remember what to do.
1424101	Oopsie gardeners: Hired by mistake Runmore, Ash	Grace Bell Publishing Kids	2026	9781923534001	3-4	Pip and Pat Pickle just want to sell lettuce. Instead, they accidentally get hired as the official gardeners at the joyfully messy Goodworth Estate. With one week to complete a list of very confusing tasks, they must prove they're up for the job... even though they've never gardened before. A new series full of sill mix-ups, garden mishaps, kindness, and blooming where you're planted.

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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.
949389	Open your heart to Country Seymour, Jasmine	Magabala Books	2022	9781922613769	3-4	Told in English and Darug, Open Your Heart to Country is a moving account of reconnection to Country from a First Nations perspective. Sharing the nourishing power of returning home and being immersed in the language of Country, this picture book invites readers to reflect on the importance of place, not only for First Nations' peoples but for everyone.
13395	Opera house mouse Chapman, Jean & Oliver, Tony (ill)	Margaret Hamilton	2000	9781876289294	K-2	Mouse can't sleep at night as he is kept awake by sounds of music. He goes exploring and sets out to climb a mountain. He encounters dangers but is rewarded when he reaches the top.
25200	Ophelia and the marvellous boy Foxlee, Karen	Knopf Publishing Group	2014	9780385753548	5-6	Ophelia doesn't believe in anything that can't be proven by science. She and her sister Alice are still grieving for their dead mother when their father takes a job in a strange museum in a city where it always snows. Ophelia soon discovers a boy locked away in a long forgotten room. He is a prisoner of Her Majesty the Snow Queen. And he has been waiting for Ophelia's help.
37083	Ophelia: Queen of Denmark French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2015	9780732298524	7-9	Ophelia, daughter of Denmark's Lord Chancellor and loved by Prince Hamlet, is the girl who will be queen. While Hamlet's family stab, poison or haunt one another, feisty, intelligent and ambitious Ophelia plans a sensible rule, filled with justice and the making of delicious cheeses. Even if she has to pretend to be mad to make it happen, Ophelia will not let anything, not even howling ghosts, stand in her way.

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35568	Opposite Land Hamlyn, Charlotte Rose	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9780143780816	5-6	Welcome to Opposite Land - where socks wear feet, broccoli is meat, behind is ahead, and people poop from their head! After the worst day ever, Steve discovers a strange book written upside down and back to front. That night, when its words become mysteriously clear and Steve begins to read them, she's transported to the topsy-turvy world in the book - Opposite Land. In this extraordinarily peculiar place, roads float in mid-air, people live in giant snail shells and monsters are made of pasta!
3848	Optimists die first Nielsen, Susin	Andersen Press Ltd	2017	9781783445585	9plus	Petula has avoided friendship and happiness ever since tragedy struck her family and took her beloved younger sister Maxine. Worse, Petula blames herself. If only she'd kept an eye on her sister, if only she'd sewn the button Maxine choked on better, if only...Now her anxiety is getting out of control, she is forced to attend the world's most hopeless art therapy class. But one day, in walks the Bionic Man: a charming, amazingly tall newcomer called Jacob, who is also an amputee. Petula's ready to freeze him out, just like she did with her former best friend, but when she's paired with Jacob for a class project, there's no denying they have brilliant ideas together - ideas like remaking Wuthering Heights with cats. But Petula and Jacob each have desperately painful secrets in their pasts - and when the truth comes out, there's no way Petula is ready for it. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
60194	Oracle French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2010	9780732288402	5-6	Combines history, myth and fantasy. From beyond recorded time, Jackie French takes us on another historical journey. A chance for one girl who tells the truth to change history, and for her brother, an acrobat who accompanies a daring horse dancer across Greece, to attempt to rescue her.

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26330	Oracle of the Morrigan Trent, Tiffany & Crilley, Paul	Mirrorstone	2008	9780786949748	7-9	Sixteen year old Siobhan has travelled back in time to medieval Scotland, before fairies and humans were at war. Her task is to bring back one of the scattered rath stones so that the bloodshed can finally end. Watching the beginnings of the hostility between the Fey and humans, Siobhan breaks free of her own timidity and galvanises those around her to create alliances, rescue captives and recover the rath stone.
18356	Oracle, The Fisher, Catherine	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2005	9780340843765	9plus	In a distant, desert land where servants of the god rule supreme, new Bearer, Mirany, receives visions which reveal the true heir to the kingdom. She must try to stop the corrupt High Priestess from seizing power. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
11387	Orchard book of fairy tales, The Impey, Rose & Beck, Ian	Orchard Books	2005	9781843621812	5-6	Classic fairy tales retold with a very slightly, fractured twist for today's kids.
9394	Orchard book of Greek myths, The McCaughrean, Geraldine (ed) & Clark, Emma Chichester (ill)	Orchard Books	1992	9781852133733	3-4	Lively retellings of sixteen famous myths for young readers.
12093	Orchard book of nursery stories, The Windham, Sophie	Orchard Books	1993	9781843626930	K-2	Large print and plenty of attractive illustrations in this perfect introduction to traditional stories like Goldilocks and Henny Penny. Fifteen favourite, traditional stories are retold for the very young.
597533	Orchard Underground, The Larkin, Mat	Hardie Grant Egmont	2018	9781760500856	5-6	'Pri Kohli was the first kid to live in Dunn's Orchard. He knows the town, and knows there are no mysteries or secrets. When Attica Stone arrives and he loses the last tree to make way for more housing estates, his life takes a dramatic turn. Pri and Attica search the forbidden Razzy Wood and discover more secrets and mysteries than they could have ever imagined.
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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846276	Order of time and Odin's door, The Southall, Scott P	Seaview Press	2022	9780648695462	5-6	Anastasia and Edward Upston knew it was strange when the orange light bathed the snow covered fields and dipped beyond the horizon. They knew it was strange that something so beautiful could signal the arrival of something so evil. They knew for sure that when mortals are caught between two bickering gods nothing good could come of it. Surviving the Viking Age may be the hardest thing the twelve year old twins ever have to do, if they can.
846275	Order of time, The Southall, Scott P	Seaview Press	2020	9780648695400	5-6	Anastasia and Edward Upton are eleven year old twins who are inseparable and the best of friends, yet they are very different. They tackle the highs and lows of sixth grade. But their life becomes complicated when they discover that their friend and mentor from the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, Dr Gregorian, is part of a secret society called The Order of Time. It turns out that time is not fixed, it's a fluid continuum where any changes to the past can create changes to the present. It falls to the twins to travel back in time to ancient Egypt where they must overcome deadly assassins, evil high priests and vengeful gods in order to prevent disaster. Their challenge is to navigate all obstacles to preserve the past and then find their way back home.
3217	Ordinary day, An Gleeson, Libby	Scholastic Australia	2001	9781865043586	3-4	The journey to school is boring. On the way to the bus stop Jack uses his imagination and bit by bit the boring is replaced by a world of wonder with lots of possibilities.
11739	Origami heart Binny	Lothian Books	2016	9780734416971	3-4	Kabukli is lonely in the big city until he discovers that, to find true friendship, you must send your heart out into the world.
292	Original Olympics, The Ross, Stewart	Hodder & Stoughton	1999	9780750225564	5-6	Drawings, pictures and fictional stories make the facts of Ancient Greece come to life in this book about the ancient Olympics.

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751052	Orion lost Chisholm, Alastair	Nosy Crow Ltd	2020	9781788005920	5-6	After a catastrophic Unknown Event leaves the colony ship Orion stranded deep in space, it's up to thirteen-year-old Beth and her friends to navigate through treacherous and uncharted territory and reach safety. But a heavily damaged ship, a mysterious alien species, space pirates, and an Artificial Intelligence which Beth suspects may be lying to her mean that getting home has never been so difficult. Hugely gripping, with incredible twists and a fast-paced, action-packed story, this is an unputdownable science fiction adventure - perfect for fans of Mortal Engines and Star Wars.
705650	Orla and the serpent's curse Haslam, C J	Walker Books	2020	9781406388480	5-6	A spooky adventure set in Cornwall; Famous Five with a twist. A long-dead Cornish witch to thwart and a curse to stop - it's just another family holiday. Orla thought she was in for a relaxing break, but when she finds a mysterious glowing necklace in the woods, it turns out there is a slight possibility she may have uncovered a witch's ancient curse. After meeting a coven of suspicious old ladies, it becomes clear that Orla's arrival in Cornwall is no longer a coincidence. The curse is poisoning the land and destroying everything it touches, and Orla is the one person who can stop it. But she'll need help from the only other member of the family with good instincts - Dave the dog.
751118	Orphans of St Halibut's, The Wills, Sophie & Tazzyman, David (ill)	MacMillan	2020	9781529013375	5-6	There's something fishy going on at St Halibut's Home. Life has been perfect since the orphans buried their matron even though it was an accident. Tig, Stef, Herc and Pamela just have to make sure that no one finds out that they are on their own. However, stolen cakes, explosions and a very grumpy goat means that things change quickly from all is good to explosions and all sorts of trouble.
15309	Orphans of the queen Starke, Ruth	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2004	9780734405289	9plus	Hilly and her brother, Egg, were promised sunshine, plenty of food and someone to look after them. When they arrived from England, they were separated. Hilly was sent to a cruel orphanage in Adelaide. Includes mature themes and some strong language. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and 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 liusten 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?
18697	Oscar and Hoo forever Theo & Dudok de Wit, Michael (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2005	9780007140084	3-4	A story of friendship between a little boy called Oscar and Hoo, a cloud. Hoo is missing his flock of clouds. Oscar finds a way to help Hoo to rejoin with them.
12458	Oscar cat-about-town Herriot, James & Brown, Ruth (ill)	Pan Macmillan London	1992	9780330320665	K-2	When Oscar is brought to the vet's surgery as a starving, stray cat, he finds a home with the vet and his family. But, it soon becomes clear that the tabby cat, with the extra loud purr, is no ordinary cat.
6098	Oscar the hungry unicorn Carter, Lou & Dyson, Nikki (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9781408355756	K-2	Oscar the Unicorn has eaten his stable so he needs to find somewhere else to live. Not easy if you're a unicorn who eats everything in sight. No one wants him around: not the pirates or the fairies or the dragons. Will Oscar ever find a place to call home? Well, it just so happens that Princess Oola has been searching for a unicorn forever.
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. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Ross Curnow read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/7-9-book-list#oscar-vs-the-grand-old-dude-named-york-ross-curnow
14991	Oscar's half birthday Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2005	9781844280292	K-2	A family and community celebrate Oscar's half birthday. A story of love and celebration.

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803462	Oscar's tower of flowers Tobia, Lauren	Walker Books	2021	9781406391879	K-2	When Oscar's mum has to go away for a while, Oscar feels a bit lost. But then he waters a forgotten, wilting plant. The leaves perk up and Oscar perks up, too. Oscar soon discovers the joy of sowing seeds, lots and lots of seeds.
5066	Oshie Blake, Jon & Allepuz, Anuska (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781406324174	3-4	Oshie is at a new school and finding it hard to fit in with the students. He loves football and hopes this might help. But it seems unlikely as Oshie has cerebral palsy, which makes walking difficult, let alone running and kicking. When Oshie makes a new friend, he is determined that, together, they can help his school team win the Schools Cup.
12743	Ossiri and the bala mengro O'Neill, Richard & Quarmby, Katharine & Tolson, Hannah (ill)	Child's Play International Ltd	2016	9781846439247	3-4	A traveller girl named Ossiri makes her own musical instrument from a willow branch and lots of recycled objects. Although she plays enthusiastically, it makes a terrible noise. Ignoring warnings not to wake the ogre in the hills, Ossiri climbs away from the camp to practise. Her playing awakens the ogre but his reaction is not what she expects.
40833	Other bears, The Thompson, Michael	Fremantle Press	2010	9781921361951	K-2	Mother and Father Koala are suspicious of the other bears and surprised that they are so different. But, the little koalas have other ideas.
31734	Other brother French, Simon	Walker Books	2012	9781921720833	5-6	Kieran wants to fit in and be part of the in-group at school. He wants to be on the football team. But, then, his cousin Bon turns up. Bon doesn't know anything about fitting in. He looks different, he wears the wrong clothes and he says weird things. Even worse, Julia seems to prefer Bon's company to his. Kieran just wants to ignore Bon but, soon, he is forced to make a choice.
751172	Other brother, The Jaye, Penny & Cooper Smith, Heidi	Wombat Books	2020	9781925563689	K-2	Jayden James thought his family was perfect - until last Wednesday when Mitchell David arrived. Now the car's too small, picnics are ruined and no one's paying attention to Jayden anymore. Jayden knows something needs to be done. And he's the only one who can do it! A gentle story about acceptance, belonging and what it means to be family.

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783578	Other side of perfect, The Turk, Mariko	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526252	7-9	Alina has always dreamed of a career as a ballet dancer but in a blink of an eye, her dreams and leg are left shattered. Alina recovers from her physical injury but must now learn who she is when she is no longer able to define herself as a dancer. Alina joins the high school musical in the hope that it will help her forge a new identity and purpose. She struggles to adapt but with the help of Jude, attractive, optimistic and supportive she begins to find a new purpose and interest in her life. Alina loved being a ballet dancer but stepping aside highlights some of the negative aspects of a sport she once loved. Will she be able to forgive her dance teacher for her racist treatment? Will she get the guy? and most importantly, will she be able to find out who she really is?
750972	Other side of the sky, The Kaufman, Amie & Spooker, Meagan	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780062893338	7-9	On a planet with two moons there is the Below and the Skyland. Goddess of the Below is Nimhara and Prince of the Skyland is North. When North loses control of his glider and falls from Alciel to the Below, he is sure he will die. However, for Nimh, his arrival sparks certainty that he represents her destiny. And did we mention the cat? You're going to love the cat.
876985	Other Side of Tomorrow, The Lawrence, Hayley	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781760976453	7-9	What if you thought you had forever... To live your life. To tell your story. But what if forever was taken from you? When your tomorrows are counted, all you have is this moment. And this story you wish was never yours to tell. When Abby traded her life in the city for a wholesome new life on the coast, it was meant to be a fresh start for her family. Behind them was the sickness and sadness of the past. But sickness doesn't always play by the rules. And as Abby's past threatens to swallow her future, she is forced to decide what is most important. What she will fight for. And she will fight. For however many days she has left.
112070	Other side, The Morgan, Sally & Culkin-Lawrence, Teresa (ill)	National Museum of Australia Press	2007	9781876944568	3-4	Alex has a really embarrassing, tree-hugging grandfather that he does not want to be filmed next to by the national news crew. But Alex can learn a lot from Gramps about the rabbit proof fence and from his special friends in the Australian bush.

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767018	Other words for home Warga, Jasmine	HarperCollins US	2021	9780062747815	5-6	Jude never thought she'd be leaving her beloved older brother and father behind, all the way across the ocean in Syria. But when things in her hometown start becoming volatile, Jude and her mother are sent to live in Cincinnati with relatives. At first, everything in America seems too fast and too loud. The American movies that Jude has always loved haven't quite prepared her for starting school in the US and her new label of "Middle Eastern", an identity she's never known before. But this life also brings unexpected surprises there are new friends, a whole new family, and a school musical that Jude might just try out for. Maybe America, too, is a place where Jude can be seen as she really is.
804806	Others, The Brandi, Mark	Hachette Australia	2021	9780733641145	9plus	On his 11th birthday, Jacob's father gives him a diary to write about things that happen. But Jacob knows something should not be written down. Some things should not be remembered. The only things he knows for sure what his father has taught him. Jacob is sheltered, protected, isolated. But who is his father protecting him from? And how far will his father go to keep the world at bay?
846099	Otherwise known as Pig Tilly, Catch	Wakefield Press	2019	9781743056790	9plus	Morgan Lodhi has been the target of bullies since he was in primary school. He seems to just attract them. He becomes known across the school as Pig and everyone around him find it easier to either ignore the bullying or just join in. High school is a battle ground but it is not without some pockets of kindness. Contains scenes of bullying which some readers may find confronting. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
618348	Ottilie Colter and the master of monsters Williams, Rhiannon	Hardie Grant Egmont	2019	9781760500900	5-6	Ottilie is back! The first and only girl to be chosen to be part of the Narroway Hunt. But there are new challenges ahead for her. The dredretches are getting worse, and they are getting inside the walls of Fort Fiory! Ottilie and her friends are trying to find out more about the hunt, only to find out that witchcraft may also be involved. No one is safe anymore and they need all the hunters they can get. Will they let the girls at the Fort fight too? Only Ottilie could convince them, but will they listen?

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589593	Ottilie Colter and the Narroway Hunt Williams, Rhiannon	Hardie Grant Egmont	2018	9781760500849	5-6	Ottilie Colter and her brother, Gully, have always fended for themselves. So when Gully goes missing one night, Ottilie sets out to find him - and soon makes a horrible discovery. Gully has been forcibly recruited by the Narroway Hunt, a secretive male-only organisation that hunts savage, blight-spreading monsters called 'dredretches'. Disguising herself as a boy, Ottilie infiltrates the Hunt - but quickly realises that taking her brother home won't be easy. Trapped in the heart of the dredretch-infested Narroway, it's impossibly dangerous for them to leave. But as she trains to become a Huntsman alongside her brother, hoping for a chance to escape, how long can she keep her true identity a secret?
813627	Ottilie Colter and the withering world Williams, Rhiannon	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2023	9781761212192	5-6	Ottilie 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 Whislter has other plans. Plans that would mean something far worse than the dredretches. But what exactly are those plans and why does Whistler need Ottilie's friends to complete it?
18734	Otto undercover: born to drive Perlman, Rhea	HarperCollins US	2006	9780060754952	3-4	Although he's only eleven, Otto Pillip invents all kinds of incredible devices and drives a race car. Having lost his parents mysteriously as a baby, he lives with his two peculiar aunts, FiFi and FooFoo.
	Ottoline series Riddell, Chris				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.
846185	Ouch! Tales of gravity Simpson, Kate & Hardiman, Andy (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526610	K-2	Have you ever wondered how gravity works? Or what life would be like without gravity? Find out in this fun introduction to the idea that what goes up must come down.
8382	Our Aunty Sharon Prior, Chasity & Karen Briggs (ill)	Indij Readers	2007	9780980359305	5-6	Popular Sharon is one deadly relative, a proud and gregarious Aunty to all the mob.

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	Our Australian girl series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
4583	Our baby Wild, Margaret & Blair, Karen (ill)	Working Title Press	2015	9781921504785	K-2	Babies come in all shapes and sizes, and from all sorts of families. Some babies have a mum and a dad. Some have two mums or two dads. Our baby has a mum and a dad and a big sister, me. Some babies have snotty noses, tufty hair or no hair at all. Some babies like going to cafes or to the park. Some like playing at home. Every baby is different, and every one of them is special.
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.
18383	Our big island Greenwood, Mark & Lessac, Frane (ill)	Artbeat Publishers	1995	9780957955103	3-4	Take a journey around the Australian coast. Includes information on navigation and map-making featuring Australian landmarks, flora and fauna.
1096828	Our birds Bancroft, Bronwyn	Little Hare Books	2023	9781761211195	K-2	Discover the birds of Australia through the evocative and intricately detailed artwork of best selling Bundjalung author-illustrator Bronwyn Bancroft.
21215	Our birds: Nilimurrungu Wayin Malanynha Stubbs, Siena	Magabala Books	2018	9781925360981	3-4	A fantastic book of the birds from North-East Arnhem land. This guide includes both English and Indigenous names of the birds, with very impressive pictures, including the natural landscapes and habitats.
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.

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846259	Our country: Ancient wonders Greenwood, Mark & Lessac, Frane (ill)	Walker Books	2022	9781760652241	3-4	Adventure is out there....Our country is calling. Journey through time in search of Australia's ancient wonders. Discover dinosaur trails and fossil-filled caves. Climb ice age peaks. wander in a maze of prehistoric domes. Explore lava tubes and meteorite craters. With each vibrant fact-filled page of this unique book, readers will visit different natural wonders across all states and territories. See the prehistoric beasts that roamed the land in Winton, venture through the lava-formed caves at Undara, experience the fiery glow of Uluru and Kata Tjuta, and more!
1019712	Our country: Where history happened Greenwood, Mark & Lessac, Frane (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760653576	5-6	History is out there. In every corner of Australia, the past is waiting to be discovered. Find it in ancient rock art and a haunted convict prison. Explore a cave that echoes with the spirit of resistance. Search for a tree blazed with a fateful message. Visit the site where a legend was born. Our country is calling.
61128	Our daft dog Danny Allen, Pamela	Penguin Books Australia	2009	9780670073351	K-2	In the winter, we love visiting Uncle Peter and going to the beach with his dog, Millie. But, the day we took our dog Danny with us, everything went wrong. Then, a good idea saved the day.
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.
12224	Our dog Oxenbury, Helen	Walker Books	2001	9780744531794	K-2	Our dog is not the best-behaved dog in the world. Our dog jumps in puddles and mud when we go for walks. We try to wash and dry our dog, but our dog just won't stay clean.
27714	Our dog Benji Carter, Pete & Henderson, James (ill)	EK Books	2017	9781925335330	K-2	Benji will eat anything. From ice cream to insects, he's eager to try it all! His young owner isn't quite so adventurous. But perhaps Benji can inspire him to be a little less fussy.
941938	Our dragon Fox, Mem & Davick, Linda (ill)	Penguin	2023	9781761049828	K-2	Our dragon is a special dragon with a loving mum and dad. He is a sweetie. Except, well, when he is not. He never means to cause trouble, but he is a baby dragon, after all. A tender and funny book about unconditional love.
936876	Our dreaming Saunders, Kirli & Leffler, Dub (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781742995113	3-4	Goodjagah, little one, walk with me... I want to tell you our Dreaming as the Elders told it to me.

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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.
25682	Our Gags Hoy, Catriona & Josse, Annabelle (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781921529092	3-4	The house is all messy and everyone is busy looking after the new baby. Luckily, we have our Gags.
12091	Our granny Wild, Margaret & Vivas, Julie (ill)	Omnibus Books	1997	9781862913509	K-2	This granny has a wobbly bottom, marches at demonstrations and is full of kisses for the grandchildren with whom she lives. Other grannies are compared to this one. Most children will find a granny that appeals to them.
5500	Our home is dirt by sea Bates, Dianne (ed)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925081190	5-6	Poetry is magical and funny, and tells stories about life. This collection includes forty-five different kinds of poems, by thirty-five Australian poets. They share, reveal and confess parts of their life experiences in passionate, angry, absurd, moving and hilarious ways.
903317	Our home on wheels Parry-Valentine, Jessica & Stephen & Spink, Ashlee (ill)	Penguin	2022	9781761046827	K-2	Ride along with Hunter as she discovers beaches and billabongs, paddocks and plains, forests and dugouts, and even underwater worlds. A big adventure awaits!
875694	Our Home, Our Heartbeat Briggs, Adam & Moon, Kate & Sarra, Rachael (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2020	9781760504168	5-6	Adapted from Briggs' celebrated song 'The Children Came Back', Our Home, Our Heartbeat is a celebration of past and present Indigenous legends, as well as emerging generations, and at its heart honours the oldest continuous culture on earth.
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.

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2276	Our island Lester, Alison & Honey, Elizabeth & the Gununa children	Viking Children's	2014	9780670077687	3-4	Our island lies beneath a big blue sky, surrounded by the turquoise sea. Turtles glide through the clear salt water and dugongs graze on banks of seagrass.
3475	Our last trip to the market Clarke, Lorin & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781925266962	K-2	What a fabulous morning to go the market! That busker is dressed as a clown. And there's fruit and a baker. There are people on bikes. Annabelle, please put that down!
1010697	Our Library Rawlins, Donna	Wild Dog Books	2022	9781742036342	3-4	The doors to our library are open. Every day something exciting happens. Join Suzy and the children for a week of busy, bouncy, noisy, wiggly-jiggly, friendly fun. Which day is your favourite library day? Come in. Everyone is welcome!
596838	Our little inventor Ng, Sher Rill	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760523565	K-2	Far from Nell's home in the countryside, the Big city is growing more polluted every day - and Nell has a brilliant mind and an ingenious invention. She sets off on the long journey, only to find that the problem is far worse than she'd imagined. But Nell is determined to succeed.
11496	Our love grows Pignataro, Anna	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781743626269	K-2	Pip is an adorable, roly-poly little panda, who is playful and curious. Mama explains to him how he will grow, just like the world around them.
1423335	Our map Cui, Angie & Heroanto, Novia (ill)	Wombat Books	2025	9781761112362	5-6	JJ loves maps because they show all the cool places in the world. Her friend Lee can't find his parents' country on any map. Are some things missing from maps? With markers, paper and lots of imagination, their class creates a magical map that's all their own - and so everyone belongs.
983373	Our mob Daniher, Jacinta & Hampton, Taylor & Walsh, Seantelle (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2023	9781922696229	3-4	Join our yarning 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.
7296	Our pet pelican Mook, Carol & Mooka, Laura (ill)	Black Ink Press	2007	9781863340281	3-4	An adventure story about a family getting a new pet but there are hidden dangers. Based on an event that really happened during Carol and Laura's childhood in the Torres Strait Island community on Prince of Wales Island, near Thursday Island.
660681	Our planet Attenborough, David & Whyman, Matt & Jones, Richard (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2019	9780008180317	5-6	Discover icy landscapes, dense jungles and endless oceans and learn how our fascinating habitats interconnect to create the one place we call home-Our Planet.

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15511	Our rooster, Jack Dodd-Farrawell, Kathryn & Russell, Jason	Indij Readers	2004	9780975686065	3-4	The children tease Jack, the pet rooster, and complain about the way he chases and pecks them until the day Jack is no longer with them. A childhood recollection of an indigenous family.
15124	Our school fete Pfanner, Louise & Gamble, Kim (ill)	ABC Books	2004	9780733308826	K-2	The whole family joins in the preparations for the school fete. Dad cooks chutney and mum draws a map of the school. Everyone has a job to do.
647171	Our solar system L'Hommedieu, Arthur John	Child's Play International Ltd	2017	9781846435942	3-4	Starting at the sun take a journey through space. As you travel you will learn all about the planets, moons and asteroids in our Galaxy until you reach your final destination amongst the dwarf planets.
8643	Our stories: Australian Federation Brennan, Net	HarperCollins Australia	2014	9781922179944	5-6	Before 1901, the nation of Australia did not exist. Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia were six separate colonies under British rule. Find out how ordinary citizens became the first in the world to write and vote for their own Constitution, and how they came together to form the nation of Australia.
34638	Our stories: Australian flags and emblems Tayleur, Karen	Black Dog Books	2013	9781742031095	5-6	The story of Australia is told by the flags and the emblems we see around us. They display our past, our cultural heritage, our national treasures and the amazing diversity of each state. Find out about our rich history and what we value.
30522	Our stories: Canberra, Federal capital Hawkins, Tracey	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9781922179319	5-6	In 1901, when the six British colonies of early Australia came together to form one country, a new capital city was proposed. Find out why Canberra was selected and how it became an important treasure trove of historical, artistic, sporting and scientific achievements. Discover Canberra, the federal capital of Australia.
31845	Our stories: Child convicts Brennan, Net	HarperCollins Australia	2013	9781742032238	5-6	In eighteenth century Britain, children were tried in court like adults. Some as young as nine were transported to the colonies. Their names may not be familiar but a child convict became the first person hanged in Australia, another is celebrated on our twenty dollar note and one would count a future prime minister as a descendant. Their stories are ones of survival and building Australia as a nation.
2958	Our stories: Protest in Australia Lawson, Sue	Black Dog Books	2016	9781922244543	5-6	Through protest, Australians have united to fight for change and have influenced the outcome of many causes. From human rights to the environment, this book traces Australia's proud history of protest.

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31781	Our stories: Sportsmanship Brennan, Net	HarperCollins Australia	2016	9781742032337	5-6	Australia's passion for sport often defines our history, our traditions, our values and our identity. These are the stories of the sportsmen and women whose talents have stopped the nation. These are the moments when we threw our arms in the air and cheered.
82566	Our tree named Steve Zweibel, Alan & Catrow, David (ill)	Penguin USA	2005	9780399237225	K-2	A family moves into their new house. As they grow older, the one constant is 'Steve', a massive tree in their backyard sharing their lives, their ups and downs.
817	Our village in the sky Brian, Janeen & Spudvilas, Anne (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743318140	5-6	Our village sits above the great river, nestled in the Himalayan mountains. This is what we do on summer days when school is closed for holiday time, in our village in the sky.
1329967	Our world by the numbers Jenkins, Steve	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9780063315716	5-6	The author uses engaging graphics and visual literacy to convey scientific facts and concepts, making them accessible for all kinds of readers. Learn about the complex and wonderful place we call home. This book opens wide on the solar system and then zooms in on planet Earth -- its history, its creatures, its climate, and its future. Discover some of the most fascinating aspects of our world through astonishing numbers: the stretch of time from Earth's formation to the present, how often lightning strikes in one day, the temperature at the centre of the sun, what percentage of Earth's land is covered in deserts or forests or cities, and so much more.
16831	Our world of water Hollyer, Beatrice	Frances Lincoln	2008	9781845076481	5-6	Regardless of the wealth or poverty of countries, water is vital for our survival. The daily lives of six children from Peru, Mauritania, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Tajikistan and California show where water comes from, what it means to them and how they use it. The photographs and real life stories also touch on climate change and pollution.
13703	Our world: Bardi Jaawi life at Ardiyooloon One Arm Point Remote Community School	Magabala Books	2010	9781921248238	5-6	This book provides a rare glimpse into the lives of the children of a remote Indigenous community, 200km north of Broome, Western Australia. They carry on the culture of the Bardi Jaawi people as they build fish traps, make spears and boomerangs, hunt crabs, turtles and dugong, learn traditional dances and share traditional stories.
2903	Out George, Angela May & Swan, Owen (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781743629000	3-4	I'm called an asylum seeker but that's not my name. A little girl and her mother have fled their homeland, making the long and treacherous journey by boat to seek asylum and a new beginning.

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14994	Out and about Hughes, Shirley	Walker Books	2005	9781844284733	K-2	A collection of beautifully illustrated blank verse for the very young exploring nature - mud, water, fire, mist and wind - and a child's feelings. Double-page illustrations will delight children who love detail.
699178	Out of nowhere Naylor-Ballesteros, Chris	Nosy Crow Ltd	2020	9781788008389	K-2	Beetle and Caterpillar are best friends. Every day, they sit together on a big rock, sharing a picnic and looking out over the forest. But one day, Caterpillar goes missing and, try as he might, Beetle cannot find her. Just as he is about to give up hope, a very friendly (and rather familiar) butterfly appears out of nowhere. Can it be his friend? She might look different but she is still just the same and they are together again, at last.
9263	Out of order: between age poems Peters, Andrew Fusek	Evans Bros	2002	9780237522902	9plus	An anthology that identifies the many issues of older adolescents' angst. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
5819	Out of the blue Cameron, Sophie	Pan MacMillan	2018	9781509853168	9plus	When angels start falling from the sky, it seems like the world is ending. But for Jaya the world ended when her mother died, two weeks before the first angel fell. Smashing down to earth at extraordinary speeds, wings bent, faces contorted, not a single angel has survived and, as the world goes angel crazy, Jaya's father uproots the family to Edinburgh, intent on catching one alive. But Jaya can't stand his obsession and, struggling to make sense of her mother's sudden death and her own role on that fateful day, she's determined to stay out of it. Then something extraordinary happens: an angel lands right at Jaya's feet, and it's alive. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 & above.
293	Out of the dust Hesse, Karen	Scholastic US	1997	9780590371254	9plus	Billie Jo describes the difficulties of rural life in Oklahoma during the dust storms of 1934 and 1935, the brutal reality of her mother's death, her own injuries and her father's illness. Billie Jo's story is dark and intriguing, with a trace of hope. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
31317	Out of the egg Matthews, Tina	Walker Books	2008	9781921150357	K-2	Reworked version of the traditional tale of the hardworking, unaided Little Red Hen continues until her own baby chick befriends the offspring of the lazy cat, the rat and the pig and together they play. By the end of the day, each baby learns a new lesson in forgiveness and sharing.

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	Out of this world series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1386446	Outback astronomer Barry, Trevor & Hayes, Liz & Smith, Ali	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9781460765449	9plus	Born and raised in remote Broken Hill, Trevor Barry left school after Year 10 to work in the mines. Years later, a single glimpse of Saturn through a colleague's telescope knocked Trevor's world completely off its axis, turning his whole life upside down. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
9802	Outback, The Porter, Annalies & Bancroft, Bronwyn	Magabala Books	2005	9781875641864	3-4	An illustrated poem evoking the Australian landscape, its animals and its indigenous people. The connection between the people and the land is made with sensitivity through the language and the art.
41821	Outbreak Prince, Alison	A & C Black	2008	9780713688405	5-6	Miriam's mother is starting to buy extra food to put away. Both her parents insist on calling her by her non-Jewish nickname and Miriam is struggling to understand what is going on. Through talking with friends who have overheard their parents' conversations and listening to the radio, Miriam learns about the coming to power of Adolph Hitler.
294	Outcast, The Bernard, Patricia	HarperCollins Australia	1997	9780732257682	7-9	First in the Outcast Trilogy, this story introduces the chip-enhanced city dwellers of the future. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
9159	Outlaw - the story of Robin Hood Morpurgo, Michael	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2012	9780007465927	5-6	Lost in a dark, strange forest, Robin is rescued by a crew of misfits, the Outlaws. He seeks justice and revenge against the Sheriff of Nottingham, once and for all.
1023651	Outlaw girls Gale, Emily & 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?

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83493	Outlaw son: the story of Ned Kelly Hunt, Paula	Black Dog Books	2009	9781742030784	7-9	Described as a kind and gentle man, who was also a bank robber, thief and murderer, Ned Kelly is Australia's most famous bush ranger.
2521	Outpost Baillie, Allan	Puffin Australia	2012	9780143305927	9plus	Life on the remote moon Ord is dangerous. Random eruptions in the ice, extreme cold, loneliness and loss: it's all Dece knows. Until one day he sees a mysterious object caught in the rings of the nearby gas planet, Cotal. With no choice but to investigate, what he will find is so extraordinary that it is almost beyond understanding. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
805	Outside Hathorn, Libby & Voutila, Ritva	Little Hare Books	2015	9781921894688	K-2	It's the fluttery leaves in the magical breeze in the summery sun outside.
15441	Outside the lines Burg, Brad & Gibbon, Rebecca (ill)	Putnam	2002	9780399234460	3-4	A compilation of words and poetry about childhood games and activities.
553	Over in the clover Ormerod, Jan & Gardiner, Lindsay (ill)	Oxford University Press	2009	9780192791702	K-2	Meet busy beavers, tumbling tigers, tiny tadpoles and lots more in this rhyming, counting book.
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?
9567	Over the hill and around the bend with granny and Bert and me Lunn, Helen & Miller, David	Scholastic Australia	2000	9781865042459	3-4	A tall story full of cheerful nonsense with gaps in the text interpreted in hilarious ways by the illustrations. Going to the shop with Granny turns out to be much more exciting than you could possibly imagine.
751192	Over the moon Shang, Wendy Wan-Long & Keane, Glen (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2020	9780063002432	5-6	Fueled with a determination and passion for science, Fei Fei builds a rocket ship to the moon to prove the existence of the Moon Goddess. There she ends up on an adventure of a lifetime, discovering fantastical creatures in a whimsical land. Come along with Fei Fei on this adventure about moving forward, embracing the unexpected and the power of imagination.
660682	Over the moon: let love in Hoster, Colin & Dey, Sia & Wang, Yujia (ill) & Myers, Brittany (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780063002418	K-2	Fueled with determination and a passion for science, a bright young girl named Fei Fei builds a rocket ship to the moon to prove the existence of a legendary Moon Goddess. There she ends up on the adventure of a lifetime and discovers a whimsical land of fantastical creatures.

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4090	Over the ocean Gomi, Taro	Chronicle Books	2016	9781452145150	K-2	A young girl gazes out to where the water meets the sky and wonders what lies beyond the waves. She thinks there might be boats filled with toys or skyscrapers filled with people or houses filled with families. Or, maybe, over the ocean stands someone not so different from the girl herself, returning her gaze.
9389	Over the stile and into the sack Impey, Rose	Orchard Books	2000	9781860399763	3-4	Two traditional tales retold.
1172	Owl Pignataro, Anna	Windy Hollow Books	2013	9781922081162	3-4	Deep in a snowy forest Owl and Frida live happily together, looking out the window at the moon. Owl starts to wonder what lies beyond their forest, beyond the snow.
902457	Owl and star Milroy, Helen	Fremantle Press	2022	9781760992156	K-2	The sparkle of the stars was important to Owl. He watched as they greeted him at dusk and at dawn would fall asleep to their gentle light. Owl was worried after his favourite little star didn't come out one night. He went searching far and wide for his little friend. Where could Little Star be?
3247	Owl and the pussy cat, The Lear, Edward & Mortimer, Anne (ill)	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2008	9781741789362	K-2	In this beautifully illustrated edition of the well-known nonsense poem by Edward Lear, the Owl and the Pussycat sail across the sea and travel into lush jungles, all by the light of the moon.
35327	Owl and the pussycat, The Lear, Edward & Wilson, Anne (ill)	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	2006	9780733319143	K-2	The beautiful, classic poem of the Owl and the Pussycat and their adventure to get married.
12491	Owl at school Nicoll, Helen & Pienkowski, Jan (ill)	Puffin UK	2002	9780140568875	K-2	Meg sends Owl to school for the first time and he has to learn some very unusual lessons.
5747	Owl babies Waddell, Martin & Benson, Patrick (ill)	Walker Books	1998	9780744563139	K-2	The story of three baby owls who wake up one night in their hole in the tree to find that their mother has gone. They sit on the branch and wait, wondering when she will return.
295	Owl service, The Garner, Alan	HarperCollins Australia	2002	9780007127894	9plus	Three children find a mysterious set of dishes in an attic which sets off a chain of events from an ancient Welsh drama. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
9375	Owl who was afraid of the dark, The Tomlinson, Jill & Howard, Paul (ill)	Egmont Childrens	2004	9781405210935	3-4	Plop is a baby barn owl, an unlikely candidate for being afraid of the night. He is sent out by his mother to learn about the dark. Through encounters with seven different people, he learns to sleep in the daytime and that dark is super.

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660800	Owls of blossom wood, The: A magical beginning Coe, Catherine	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781407156637	3-4	When Katie, Eva and Alex hide inside a hollow tree trunk, they find themselves taken into a magical wood where they are no longer girls... they're owls. Can they help save the precious moon chestnut tree? Join them on their first adventure.
660802	Owls of blossom wood, The: The birthday party Coe, Catherine	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781407156668	3-4	Eva, Kate and Alex are three best friends that share magical experiences. They find themselves in Blossom Wood. They are helping to throw Bobby the badger a surprise birthday party. But there's one big problem. Bobby is nowhere to be seen. Can the owls of Blossom Wood find the birthday badger?
2869	Oww: a wriggly piglet with a prickly problem Rosen, Michael & Langley, Jonathan (ill)	Collins	2003	9780007767977	K-2	Piggly, the wriggly piglet, has a problem, a quite painful problem. Everyone wants to help but their best efforts only cause them a problem too. Assistance comes from an unexpected and seemingly unhelpful encounter.
296	Oxford book of story poems, The Harrison, Michael & Stuart-Clark, Christopher	Oxford University Press	2002	9780192762122	7-9	With the common theme of narrative verse, this collection of poems contains humorous and serious verse for children and adults.
9265	Oxford treasury of classic poems Harrison, Michael & Stuart-Clark, Christopher	Oxford University Press	2004	9780192762894	7-9	An anthology for middle years' students for all times.
903351	Oxygen mask Reynolds, Jason & Griffin, Jason (ill)	Faber & Faber	2022	9780571374748	9plus	Set in a family home in New York, the book acts as something like a diary describing the monotony and helplessness of being confined in a small space, and the absurdity of being held captive by a TV which never seems to turn off. This is a work of hope, but one requiring the reader's willingness to engage in adventurous and dramatic collage and spare story telling. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
587860	Ozzie goes to school Crabb, Jocelyn & Snell, Danny (ill)	Working Title Press	2019	9781921504907	K-2	Ozzie isn't afraid of much. Not the cool dark of the container when the door is closed at night. Not snakes. Not even of the crocodiles that he and his dad watch out for on the beach during the day. But there is something Ozzie is afraid of...starting school!

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23003	P is for pearl Henry Jones, Eliza	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9781460754931	9plus	Seventeen-year-old Gwendolyn P. Pearson has become very good at not thinking about the awful things that have happened to her family. But following a strange disturbance at the cafe where she works, Gwen is forced to confront what happened to her family all those years ago. And she slowly comes to realise that people aren't as they first appear and that like her, everyone has a story to tell. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
803729	Pablo Rascal & Shugaar, Antony (trans)	Gecko Press	2021	9781776573240	K-2	It's time for Pablo to bust out of his shell. He's ready, but he's not going to rush things.
1414296	Pablo and Splash: Roman holiday Dempsey, Sheena	Bloomsbury	2025	9781526662859	5-6	When their penguin pal Benji won't believe they've travelled through time, Pablo and Splash have a point to prove. The two travel to Ancient Rome, hoping to bring back a centurion helmet as proof of their adventures. But when Pablo and Splash meet an emperor with a passion for collecting exotic birds, only some quick thinking - and emergency time travel - can save them from the fate that awaits them in the Colosseum!
12937	Pablo Picasso: master of modern art Gogerly, Liz	White-Thomson Publishing Ltd	2003	9780750243247	7-9	Throughout his life, Picasso took risks, experimented and pushed the boundaries. Like his art, his life was full of passion. Whether painting, producing sculptures or working with ceramics, he produced some of the greatest art of the twentieth century.
	Paddington Bear 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.
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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1423982	Paddock grove: Riding for gold Rose, J. P.	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781529522853	5-6	Katie is delighted to be selected as the captain for Paddock Grove's under-14 equestrian team in the county competition. She and her horse, Sheriff, are a great duo and she's excited to prove this in the arena and on the cross country course. But when the competition starts, strange things start to go wrong around the stables. At first Katie suspects mean-girl Megan who's been banned from competing, but as the 'pranks' start to escalate, she starts to believe that someone on one of the other teams might be trying to sabotage Paddock Grove's chances by playing tricks on their team captain. If she can't find the culprit, they might run her and Sheriff out of the competition altogether...
297	Paddock of poems, A Fatchen, Max	Penguin	1987	9780140324761	5-6	This is a collection of Australian poetry.
18691	Paddy McCann, time shifter Blake, Bronwyn	Lothian Books	2005	9780734407832	7-9	A humorous, futuristic tale of irrepressible Paddy, a Year 8 student. Due to a series of mishaps, Paddy is seen as a troublemaker and his teacher has it in for him. His mission in 3005 AD is to get through life without losing the plot or anything else.
29827	Paddy O'Melon the Irish kangaroo Cooper, Julia & Dickson, Daryl (ill)	EK Books	2017	9781925335637	3-4	Separated from his mother as a young joey, Paddy O'Melon is found and raised by an Irish family who live in the rain forest and often help orphaned or injured animals. But while Paddy loves his new human family, he's curious to find out what he really is. So, he sets out on a journey into the rain forest to find his real home.
660426	Paddy T. and the time-travelling trampoline France, Adam & Zainal, Zahra (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760523763	5-6	A trampoline portal into the future, a magic pencil that can write stories by itself, a trip down a hill that ends up being the holiday of a lifetime. Only the weird and wonderful can happen to Paddy T. in these seven wild action adventures.
298	Pagan's crusade Jinks, Catherine	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1999	9781741752311	7-9	Set in 1187, Pagan is the young squire for a knight in Jerusalem, fighting in the Crusades.
	Pages & Co series James, Anna				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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903268	Pages & co: The treehouse library James, Anna	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780008410858	5-6	Milo Bolt is ready to be the hero of his own story. With Uncle Horatio trapped in an enchanted sleep by the power-hungry Alchemist, he sets off with his new friend Alessia to find a cure and save them all. Their journey leads them to the magical treehouse, which is home to the Botanist who is the Alchemist's sworn enemy. Together they hunt for the cure. But the Alchemist will stop at nothing to unlock the powerful secrets of The Book of Books. Tilly, Pages & Co and the whole world of imagination are under threat as a battle for the fate of bookwandering is set in motion.
12605	Pain, my mother, Sir Tiffy, cyber boy & me, The Bauer, Michael Gerard	Omnibus Books	2016	9781742991504	7-9	Maggie Butt's world is under siege. Not only is a stranger taking over her mother's life but her own as well, and Maggie is not going to let that happen. But, then, there's Sister Evangelina, the one-eyed, snaggle-toothed cat, senior subject choices, the dream date and Cyber Boy, the geek in the library, to contend with as well.
649014	Paint with Magic Wooton, Sandi and Kan, Pat (ill)	Big Sky Publishing	2019	9781922265098	K-2	A touch of magic and suddenly all you paint comes to life. A tale brimming with imagination and creativity. What would you paint?
8928	Painted love letters Bateson, Catherine	University of Queensland Press	2002	9780702232893	9plus	Chrissie is twelve years old and very close to her dad, an artist, who is dying of lung cancer. Her mother buries herself in her work and Chrissie has to work through her own great grief, clinging to the special gifts her father has given her. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
660429	Painted ponies, The Lester, Alison	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781741758894	K-2	Matilda loves staying at Grandma Lucky's, riding Luna in the front paddock and playing with the painted ponies in their carved wooden wagon. The gold palomino, the chestnut, the bay, the pinto, the brown and the dappley grey. One day, Lucky tells Matilda about when she was a little girl and the real ponies were her friends...
17910	Painting out the stars Peet, Mal & Graham, Elspeth & Foreman, Michael (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781406324860	3-4	Includes three intriguing fable-like stories. When Tashi's mother falls ill and is unable to work, Tashi looks to the monkeys on a Himalayan tea plantation for help. Yazul and his clan, trapped inside their desert fortress by bandits, are saved from starvation by fiercesome dragon kites. Issa, the old mountain guide, has his life turned upside down when he stumbles upon a camel sheltering a baby girl in a desert storm.

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64097	Painting the wind MacLachlan, Patricia & MacLachlan, Emily & Schneider, Katy (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2003	9780064438254	5-6	A young boy watches various artists who come to his island over the summer. He tries to learn something from each one in the hope that he might, one day, be able to paint the wind.
4980	Paladero: The riders of thunder realm Lochran, Steven	Hardie Grant Egmont	2016	9781760124700	7-9	Joss, a mysterious boy with a tragic past, has only ever dreamed of being a Paladero. A cowboy knight of the Thunder Realm. Will he be able to complete his quest of crossing the savage lands to the doomed Ghost City of Vaal? With his fellow questors and his Raptor mount, Joss must complete this traditional rite of passage or die trying.
68097	Paladin Luckett, Dave	Omnibus Books	2010	9781862918672	7-9	Sam could never have imagined how one good deed would change his world. Finny knows a lot more about changing worlds than she has let on. Together, these two strange friends will find their true calling in a land far from their own, one where danger and magic go hand-in-hand.
45928	Pan's whisper Lawson, Sue	Black Dog Books	2011	9781742032061	7-9	Pan Harris is brash, loud and damaged. Ordered into foster care, Pan is full of anger at her mother who abandoned her and her older sister who kept her from her father. Pan is certain that she knows the reality of her past until she meets Hunter, the boy who understands her story better than anyone else. He may be the key to unlocking the truth of Pan s memories but that would mean breaking her most important rule. Never. Trust. Anyone.
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.
23844	Pandamonia Owen, Chris & Nixon, Chris (ill)	Fremantle Press	2016	9781925163339	K-2	When visiting the zoo, whatever you do, don't wake the panda.

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4490	Pandora Turnbull, Victoria	Frances Lincoln	2016	9781847807496	K-2	Pandora lives alone, in a world of broken things. No one ever comes to visit, so she spends her time gathering and mending what she can. But when a bird falls from the sky, slowly her world begins to change...
	Pandora Jones series Various				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
15342	Pangkarlangu and the lost child, The Napurrurla, Molly Tasman & Nicholls, Christine (ed)	Working Title Press	2002	9781876288273	3-4	When a small boy ignores his parents' advice, he becomes separated from them and meets a huge, wild-eyed, knotty-haired Pangkarlangu, a monster known to the Warlpiri people.
299	Pannikin & Pinta Thiele, Colin & Gouldthorpe, Peter	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2001	9780734403605	5-6	The pelicans at Lake Eyre leave for the coast when the lake dries up. Pannikin and mother, Pinta, leave a little too late with the other members of the family.
64164	Pants Andreae, Giles & Sharratt, Nick (ill)	Corgi Books	2003	9780552548335	K-2	A colourful and hilarious celebration of pants which will appeal to the very young. Each double-page depicts a different type of pants. There are also musical versions of this book.
30504	Papa Sky Heinrich, Sally & Jolly, Jane (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2017	9781925227291	K-2	Papa Sky sits where earth meets sky, until one night the wind blows him down, down, down through the cloud forest, where he lands with a bump. What will happen next? Who will help him?
12246	Papa, please get the moon for me Carle, Eric	Simon & Schuster	1999	9780689829598	K-2	A little girl, Monica, sees the moon from her bedroom window and wants to play with it. Her father sets out to bring it to her - it isn't easy to climb to the moon.
9551	Paper bag princess, The Munsch, Robert & Martchenko, Michael (ill)	Scholastic UK	2008	9781865049212	3-4	Princess Elizabeth has it all, including the handsome prince and the fairytale ending, until a dragon comes to spoil it. This strong and independent girl is the real hero of the story.
885980	Paper boat, paper bird Almond, David & Beautyman, Kirsti (ill)	Hachette Australia	2022	9781444963274	3-4	Mina is travelling in Japan with her mother, exploring the culture and experiencing a new sense of self as she journeys. On a crowded bus, Mina is gifted a paper bird and paper boat. These gifts carry her into a wondrous world that is both ancient and brand new.
1423932	Paper chase Donaldson, Julia & Sandoy, Victoria (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761723360	3-4	Much loved author Julia Donaldson weaves a magical tale of two friends, a tall tree and the amazing story of how paper is made.

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35589	Paper cranes don't fly Vu, Peter	Ford Street Publishing	2017	9781925272765	9plus	Suffering from an incurable disease, Adam Auttenberg sees the hospital as his second home. With some long-term special friends and an exciting new friendship he faces the toughest challenge. Peter Vu uses his own experiences to create an emotive text as a page turner. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
13454	Paper planes Worland, Steve	Penguin	2015	9780143308744	5-6	Twelve year old Dylan Webber lives in a small country town in outback Western Australia. When he discovers a talent for folding and flying paper planes, Dylan aims for the World Junior Paper Plane Championships. He is determined to create a plane to compete with the world's best. During his quest, Dylan makes unlikely new friends, clashes with powerful rivals and comes to terms with his family's past.
43458	Paper planes: 25 superdynamic aeroplanes to make and fly Mitchell, David	Pavilion	2017	9781911163312	5-6	25 step-by-step paper aeroplanes for you to make. Clearly arranged, easy to follow and with lots of colour diagrams, this will be a popular book with kids from 7 years to 77 years.
1078779	Paper-Flower girl Lamond, Margrete & Jager, Mateja (ill)	Dirt Lane Press	2023	9780645352399	5-6	A paper-flower girl finds herself unable to survive unless she works for a giant who enforces his own conditions and design for her skills. By her gentle nature she finds a way to respond to escaping the situation she is in through a deceit that brings her success.
1379522	Paperbark tree committee, The McEwen, Karys	Text Publishing Co	2025	9781922790705	5-6	Twelve-year-old Art and his younger brother Hilary are great friends, best friends. When they move to Melbourne from a small town in Queensland things seem to be easy for Hilary, who is still in primary school, but Art struggles to fit in, and he's become a target for school bully Jack. His dad is too busy to give him much attention, but Art has his stepmum, Sally, who is always ready to listen. And there's the paperbark tree. Art and Hilary climb into its branches and hold a secret meeting whenever they need to sort things out. The only problem is Art's not sure he still wants to be part of the paperbark tree committee. He's getting older and he thinks he needs to solve his problems on his own.
300	Papio Kelleher, Victor	Penguin	1991	9780140320442	9plus	The dramatic story of two children who rescue Papio and Upi, male and female baboons, from an experimental research station in Central Africa, only to find freedom brings problems for the animals and themselves. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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9226	Papunya School book of country and history Wheatley, Nadia & staff & students of Papunya School	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2001	9781865085258	7-9	A unique and fascinating account, from an Indigenous perspective, of the history of Western Desert communities.
1263	Parachute Parker, Danny & Ottley, Matt (ill)	Little Hare Books	2013	9781921894206	K-2	The parachute is the first thing Toby puts on each morning. It gives him the courage to deal with all kinds of tricky situations, such as getting out of bed and riding his bike. But sometimes someone else's trouble can be greater than your own and they need his parachute more than he does.
8312	Paradise garden, The Thompson, Colin	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1998	9780224046329	3-4	Peter escapes from his busy, noisy life into a beautiful garden. When he returns home, he finds he can make his own refuge with the knowledge he has gained.
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.
911796	Paradise sands Pinfold, Levi	Walker Books	2022	9781406383942	5-6	When a young girl and her brothers step into a ghostly hotel, they fall under the spell of the mysterious Teller. She makes a deal with him to free them all from his haunting paradise. But can she hold up her side of the bargain?
3878	Paradise trap, The Jinks, Catherine	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742375748	7-9	When Marcus goes on a boring holiday to the beach, things quickly become much more interesting when he discovers his smelly old caravan has a hidden cellar, filled with amazing fantasy worlds.
8199	Paraphernalia's present Lawrenson, Diana & Huxley, Dee (ill)	ABC Books	2008	9780733317422	3-4	Dottie Devine has only one friend, Paraphernalia the hen, who visits regularly. They share breakfast and trips into town. When Dottie doesn't collect the eggs for a dew days, Paraphanalia has a wonderful surprise for her and more friends come into their lives.
21946	Parent Agency, The Baddiel, David	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2014	9780007554485	5-6	I wish I had better parents! Barry said a third time. And suddenly the entire room started to shake..... Barry Bennett hates being called Barry. In fact it is number 22 on the list of things he blames his parents for, after number 1: being boring. But there is a world where parents don't just have children. That's far too random. Instead, children are allowed to choose their parents. For Barry Bennett, this world seems like a dream come true. Only things turn out to be not quite that simple....

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22123	Parents are revolting, The Katz, Danny & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Puffin Australia	2008	9780143303077	5-6	Terry and her little brother, Harry, always get exactly what they want from their parents. But, the situation changes drastically when Mum and Dad go on strike.
12067	Park in the dark, The Waddell, Martin & Firth, Barbara (ill)	Walker Books	2002	9780744594089	K-2	Deserted parks seem exciting places after dark. The toy monkey and his friends, Loopy, the elephant and Little Gee, the dog, creep out of the bedroom as the moon rises. But, when the night train comes to chase them, they all run home.
301	Parkland Kelleher, Victor	Penguin	1996	9780140378924	9plus	Parkland is an enclosure that houses humans and human-ape hybrids. They are controlled by vicious creatures called leopards. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
4887	Parrot carrot Temple, Jol & Temple, Kate & Foye, Jon (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742376868	K-2	See what happens when you mix animals that rhyme with objects and then illustrate them. Lots of mixed-up animals and humour.
36206	Parsley Rabbit's book about books Watts, Frances & Legge, David (ill)	ABC Books	2007	9780733321450	3-4	Celebrate the joy of reading and begin a lifelong love of literature with the endearing Parsley Rabbit and his pesky little brother, Basil. This book is full of fun, with flaps to flip and questions to share, as Parsley takes the reader on an hilarious and stimulating journey through the world of books.
528	Particular cow, A Fox, Mem & Denton, Terry (ill)	Harcourt Children's Books	2006	9780152002503	K-2	The particular cow in this story is everything the word conveys. She is individual, special, specific and noteworthy but she is not very good at taking care which leads to riotous catastrophes.
6638	Paruku: the desert brumby Blackadder, Jesse	ABC Books	2014	9780733331794	7-9	A middle eastern sheik wants to capture wild brumbies roaming the Kimberley Ranges and train them to become race horses. A horse vet and his daughter Rachel go into the outback to round up some horses with the help of local aborigines. Rachel finds her feelings divided between wanting freedom for the horses and serving her father.
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302	Parzival: the quest of the Grail Knight Paterson, Katherine	Penguin USA	2000	9780141305738	7-9	Parzival meets three mounted men in armour and is determined to have adventures in the court of King Arthur.
10578	Passenger Bracken, Alexandra	HarperCollins Australia	2016	9781460752043	9plus	New York violin prodigy Etta loses everything one night when she is pulled through time to 1776 to the midst of a fierce sea battle. Etta discovers that the powerful Ironwood family are looking for a long lost object that could remake the future, and they think Etta holds the clue to finding it. Along with the swashbuckling privateer Nicholas, who has his own painful history with the Ironwood family, Etta must embark on a perilous journey across centuries and continents to piece together the clues and stay one step ahead of the Ironwood clan. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
3281	Passing on Dumbleton, Mike & Denton, Terry (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780091840839	K-2	A boy shares a very special bond with his grandma and his life changes when she dies. The book shows how he deals with his grief, how he can think lovingly about the people who have died and pass on memories and feelings.
80084	Passing the music down Sullivan, Sarah & Root, Barry (ill)	Candlewick Press	2011	9780763637538	5-6	A young boy travels to the hills of Appalachia to meet the old-time fiddle player whose music he admires. A friendship develops that will forge a bond between generations. Under the man's care and instruction, the boy develops. From playing on the front porch to performing at American folk festivals, the two carry on the tradition of passing the music down.
17268	Pasta detectives, The Steinhofel, Andreas & Wells, Steve (ill)	Chicken House	2010	9781906427276	7-9	Rico is unusual. His head gets mixed up but Rico is brilliant at noticing little things - like the strange goings-on in the next apartment block. When his new and only friend, the gifted, anxious Oscar is kidnapped, Rico gets a chance to put all his special skills to the test in a violent, dangerous adventure.

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1177168	Pasta! Arena, Felice & Cerocchi, Beatrice (ill)	Affirm Press	2023	9781922848604	K-2	Pasta tastes delicious, but do you know that pasta names are also fun to say? Grab your fork and spoon and get stuck into this rhyming feast. It's enough to make anyone hungry for pasta!
303	Pastures of the blue crane Brinsmead, Hesba	University of Queensland Press	2004	9780702234620	7-9	A lonely girl discovers that she has inherited a property in northern Queensland. The grandfather she has never known goes with her to this unfamiliar, rural community.
304	Pat Rafter Sheppard, Barrie	Harcourt Education Australia	2000	9781863919364	5-6	Pat Rafter is a tennis champion who has won the prestigious US Open twice and been ranked number one in the world.
29831	Patch and Ruby Jones, Anouska & Jones, Gwynneth (ill)	EK Books	2016	9781925335224	K-2	Patch the pony is lonely. Sometimes it feels as if he doesn't quite fit in on the farm. But one day something happens that changes his life forever.
5328	Patch from scratch, A Forward, Megan	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9780670078295	3-4	Jesse and Lewis want to grow their own fruit and vegies, just like people do on a farm. They're going to dig and build, plant and grow, and when they're finished they're going to have a feast!
11671	Patchwork bike, The Beneba Clarke, Maxine & Rudd, Van T (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9780734416681	K-2	When you live in a village at the edge of the no-go desert, you need to make your own fun. That's when you and your brothers get inventive and build a bike from scratch, using everyday items like an old milk pot and a used flour sack. You can even make a number plate from bark, if you want. The end result is a spectacular bike, perfect for going bumpetty bump over sand hills, past your fed-up mum and right through your mud-for-walls home.
34021	Patricia King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2006	9781865049380	K-2	Patricia's head was filled with wonderful, amazing thoughts. All she needed was someone to share them with.
7084	Pattan's pumpkin: An Indian flood story Soundar, Chitra & Lessac, Frane (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2016	9781910959442	K-2	Pattan finds an ailing flower and decides to plant it near his hut and nurture it. To Pattan's surprise, the flower changes into a magnificent pumpkin and grows until it reaches the summit of the mountain. When the storm clouds burst and the waters rise, Pattan's pumpkin just might save the family.
305	Pattern of islands, A Grimble, Arthur		1965	9780719505652	7-9	The colonial governor gives his account of life on Kirabati and Tuvalu, two islands in the Pacific.
64414	Patterns of Australia Bancroft, Bronwyn	Little Hare Books	2006	9781921049705	5-6	The illustrations are patterns from ten different landscapes, with a description highlighting some key features. Children can try to find certain objects within each vibrant, indigenous artwork.

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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?
10879	Pause, The Larkin, John	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9780857981714	9plus	Declan seems to have it all, a loving family, friends he's known for years and a beautiful girlfriend. But, something in Declan's past just won't go away and he makes the only decision he thinks he has left. As the train approaches and Declan teeters at the edge of the platform, two versions of his life are revealed to him. One moment. One pause. One whole new life. A challenging, confronting read. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
5737	Paw, The Prior, Natalie Jane & Denton, Terry (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1995	9781863734110	3-4	School girl by day, but the world's cheekiest cat burglar by night. That's Leonie, otherwise known as The Paw, foe of the rich but friend of orphans and starving cats.
783577	Pawcasso Lai, Remy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526771	5-6	Every Saturday, Pawcasso trots into town with a basket, a shopping list, and cash in paw to buy groceries for his family. One day, he passes eleven-year-old Jo, peering out the window of her house, bored and lonely. Astonished by the sight of an adorable basket-toting dog on his own, Jo follows Pawcasso, and when she's seen alongside him by a group of kids from her school, they mistake her for Pawcasso's owner. Excited to make new friends, Jo reluctantly hides the truth and agrees to let ""her"" dog model for an art class the kids attend. What could go wrong? But what starts as a Chihuahua-sized lie quickly grows Great Dane-sized when animal control receives complaints about a dog roaming the streets off-leash. With Pawcasso's freedom at stake, is Jo willing to spill the truth and risk her new friendships?
785306	Paws Foster, Kate	Walker Books	2021	9781760652661	5-6	Everything is changing for eleven-year-old Alex Freeman and, as an autistic person, change can be terrifying. With the first day of high school only a couple of months away, Alex is sure that having a friend by his side will help. So he's devised a friend-making plan. But making friends is tougher than Alex expected, and it looks as if his last chance to succeed rests on the shoulders of his dog Kevin.

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28050	Pax Pennypacker, Sara & Klassen, Jon (ill)	HarperCollins US	2016	9780008124090	5-6	Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But, one day, the unimaginable happens. Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild. At his grandfather's house, three hundred miles away from home, Peter knows he wants to be with Pax. Despite the encroaching war, Peter strikes out on his own to reunite with his fox.
846079	Pax: Journey home Pennypacker, Sara & Klassen, Jon (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2016	9780008470289	5-6	It's been a year since Peter and his pet fox, Pax, have seen each other. Once inseparable, they now lead very different lives. Pax must protect his litter of kits in a dangerous world. Meanwhile Peter, orphaned after the war, has left his adopted home and joined the Water Warriors, a group determined to heal the land from the scars of the war. When one of Pax's kits falls desperately ill, he turns to the one human he knows he can trust. And no matter how hard Peter tries to harden his broken heart, love keeps finding a way in. Now both boy and fox find themselves on journeys toward home, healing, and each other.
37853	Payback Hayes, Rosemary	Frances Lincoln	2009	9781845079352	9plus	Halima, 18, has moved with her family to London and her horizons are beginning to expand. Then, just as she is about to start university, she discovers her father's plan to marry her to the son of a distant relation in Pakistan who once did him a favour. Halima is to be the repayment of the debt. And it's payback time. Adult themes and strong language in context. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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1393416	Payback girls, The Travis, Alex	Sourcebooks Inc	2025	9781464217715	9plus	His first mistake was underestimating them. Senior year is going to be perfect. Meghan won't settle for anything less. She's already crushing her classes and dating the star of the basketball team. Nate's friends have been less than welcoming, but it's never easy being one of the only Black kids at a mostly white prep school. Still, Meghan did not expect the scene at the pep rally. Robin and Bria dated Nate too. Correction: Are dating him. He never broke up with them, and Meghan is furious. When Nate is found bloodied and unconscious in the locker room after the big game, suddenly the three teens are prime suspects-and a tenuous alliance may be the only way to clear their names. Except Meghan doesn't remember everything that happened that night, and the more clues they uncover, the more Meghan, Bria, and Robin each look responsible... Usually read by students in years 9, 10, and above.
750948	Pea + Nut, go for gold! Stanton, Matt	ABC Books	2020	9780733340680	K-2	Pea, wants to sleep under his umbrella in the shade and Nut wants to jump in the swimming pool. Can Nut convince Pea to swim a race to other end of the pool? What shenanigans will Pea and Nut get up to in order to win the race?
43451	Pea pod lullaby Millard, Glenda & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760290085	K-2	I am the small green pea, you are the tender pod, hold me. Pea pod lullaby is an inspiring and timely story of courage, endurance and hope, for a world in which we can reach out and embrace one another.
6219	Peace and me Winter, Ali & El Fathi, Mickael (ill)	Lantana Publishing	2018	9781911373650	5-6	This illustrated collection of inspirational ideas about peace is based on the lives of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates of the 20th and 21st centuries, among them Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Theresa and Malala Yousafzai. A must for anyone interested in exploring this essential issue of our times, this child-friendly exploration of what peace means to you and me is a book for every bookshelf.
12168	Peace at last Murphy, Jill	Dial Books (Penguin)	1984	9780803767577	K-2	Mr Bear spends the night searching for enough peace and quiet to get a little sleep.
64577	Peace book, The Parr, Todd	ABC Books	2004	9780733319761	K-2	Discover the many different things that can mean peace to different people. See if you agree, or tell someone what peace means to you.

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1395175	Peach king, The Simpson, Inga & Harricks, Tannya (ill)	Lothian Books	2025	9780734418517	K-2	This contemporary fable tells the story of the Peach King and his orchard as the land faces drought, bushfires and change. It is a gentle and lyrical tale that shows how nature is able to endure and renew itself. The accessible language and rich imagery invite readers to reflect on the beauty and resilience of the natural world. Suitable for students in Years 3 to 4, this book offers an age appropriate way to explore themes of hope, growth and connection with the environment.
28003	Peacock detectives, The Nugent, Carly	Text Publishing Co	2018	9781925603705	5-6	The last time the peacocks, William Shakespeare and Virginia, went missing Cassie found them sitting on a coiled hose behind the fire station, and Dad called 'Cassie Andersen, Peacock Detective'. So this time she knows what to do - she'll look for clues, write down all the important details in her Notebook for noticing and track them down. But the clues lead her in unexpected directions, and Cassie finds herself investigating a puzzling mystery about her family, searching for a missing friend, and facing her worst fear. And, in the middle of it all, she is working out how to be a writer.
689210	Peanut goes for the gold Van Ness, Jonathan & Reid, Gillian (ill)	HarperCollins US	2020	9780062941008	K-2	Peanut does things in their own way. They love cartwheeling and having banana pancakes! When they decide to become a rhythmic gymnast, nothing will stop them. Their routine is perfect - perfectly Peanut!
9630	Pear in the pear tree, The Allen, Pamela	Penguin	2000	9780140564976	K-2	When John and Jane go out walking, what do they see? They see a pear in the pear tree. The problems of how to get the pear from a branch that is too high for them sets in motion a funny and unlikely chain of events.
785424	Pear of hope Shurety, Wenda & Hudson, Deb (ill)	EK Books	2021	9781925820867	K-2	Told through sensitive words and beautiful illustrations, this is a story of hope for any child who might be struggling to feel positive, whatever journey they may be on.
25822	Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley Blabey, Aaron	Penguin Books Australia	2007	9780670070947	K-2	Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley are friends, really great friends, much to the amazement of others because the two are so different in personality. The book looks at how their differences make their friendship so strong.
15180	Pearl of Tiger Bay, The Wang, Gabrielle	Penguin	2004	9780143300830	5-6	Annie moves to Tiger Bay where there are lots of secrets to be unravelled. Most mysterious of all is Madam Olenka, who lives in The Pearl, a grand, dilapidated hotel, above the township. Madam Olenka has not spoken to anyone in thirty years.

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	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.
2027	Pearl verses the world Murphy, Sally & Potter, Heather (ill)	Walker Books	2009	9781921150937	5-6	At school, Pearl feels as though she is in a group of one. Her teacher wants her to write poems that rhyme but Pearl's poems don't. At home, however, Pearl feels safe and loved but her grandmother is slowly fading, and so are Mum and Pearl. When her grandmother eventually passes away, Pearl wants life to go back to the way it was.
1862	Pearl-shell diver, The Crabbe, Kay	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760290474	5-6	Thirteen year old Sario lives with his family on a remote Torres Strait island. it's 1898 and the pearl-shell trade is at its height. When his father is coerced to join a white trader on his pearling lugger, Sario must go to work as a swimming diver to support the family. He's excited by the idea of walking on the sea floor but the competition is fierce and the only captain who will take him on runs the worst outfit in the fleet. And, there's the the constant danger of shark attacks and the storm of the century is approaching.
	Pearlie 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.
1052144	Pearly and Pig and the island of secrets Whiting, Sue	Walker Books	2024	9781760657697	3-4	Pearly Woe is a worrier. When Pearly and Pig are winched from a helicopter onto a remote island off the coast of Iceland to complete a five-day survival challenge alone, Pearly worries about all that can go wrong. But they are not alone. And that's not the only surprise in store for Pearly and Pig as they race to save the islands secrets from falling into the wrong hands. Sometimes, when you're sure things will go wrong, the best surprise is when they go right.

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4665	Peas and quiet Tozer, Gabrielle & deGennaro, Sue (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2017	9781460752395	K-2	Best friends Pip and Pop live in peapod, but sometimes it can get a little too cosy- especially because they are so different! Pip loves to sing, while Pop won't stop snoring. How are they ever going to work out how to live together?
7664	Peas in a pod McCartney, Tania & Snerling, Tina (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2015	9781921966712	K-2	Pippa, Pia, Poppy, Polly and Peg are quintuplets. Since birth, the five sisters have looked the same, sat the same, eaten the same, slept the same and even cried the same. Mum and Dad want to keep their adorable, identical girls forever matching, like peas in a pod. But, as the sisters grow, they discover they are not the same. In fact, they are very different from each other.
7159	Peasant prince, The Cunxin, Li & Spudvilas, Anne	Penguin	2007	9780670070541	5-6	Chinese-inspired watercolours charmingly support this picture-book adaptation of the true story of the life of a boy in Communist China, during the last decade of Chairman Mao's reign. At eleven, Li was plucked from obscurity to train as a ballet dancer, thus escaping his poor, peasant village roots. He travelled the world as a dancer and was finally reunited with his parents.
959178	Pebble and Wren Hallbeck, Chris	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780358541288	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.
2717	Pecan pie baby Woodson, Jacqueline & Blackall, Sophie (ill)	Putnam	2010	9780399239878	K-2	Gia is tired of hearing about the new baby. It hasn't even been born yet, but everyone, even her friends, seem fixated on it. Gia thinks things are fine just the way they are and is worried about what's going to happen to her nice, cosy life with Mama.
1357354	Peculiar parents Reeder, Stephanie Owen & Bartkowiak, Ingrid (ill)	NLA Publishing	2025	9781922507822	3-4	Peculiar Parents explores 60 Australian native animals, focusing in particular on all things family, including their courting practices, gestation periods, births and the raising of their young.
810	Peculiar, The Bachmann, Stefan	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2012	9780007498857	7-9	Don't get yourself noticed and you won't get yourself hanged. Bartholomew Kettle and his sister live by these words. They are Peculiars, half-human, half-faery, and hated by both. But, one day, when a mysterious lady magically whisks away a little boy, Bartholomew forgets the rules. And gets himself noticed.

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34219	Peeking ducks Bell, Krista & Rippin, Sally (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2010	9781921136450	K-2	Three young ducklings live with their parents and sister on a quiet stream. Ignoring instructions against exploring too far, the trio investigate the much larger River Li, where they soon find out how much they still need to learn to be safe.
306	Peeling the onion Orr, Wendy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1996	9781741149333	9plus	Following a car accident in which her neck is broken, a teenage karate champion has to recover from this tragedy with the help of her family. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
9618	Peepo Ahlberg, Janet & Allan	Penguin	1997	9780670871766	K-2	On each page, there is a clever hole to peep through so you can see what the baby sees.
801163	Peeves Van Waes, Mike	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780008249120	5-6	Steve (Slim) Pickings has debilitating worries but when they start actually coming alive, Slim in all sorts of trouble. Not only are they wreaking havoc on Slim's life, they are contagious ... the whole town is being taken over! Can Steve face his fears?
5458	Peg and Cat: The camp problem Oxley, Jennifer & Aronson, Billy (ill)	Candlewick Press	2018	9780763699222	K-2	Welcome to Camp Niniwawa. Peg + Cat are joined by their friends Richard and Aki, and together they are Gopher Bunk! But, working together, over coming homesickness and using their problem-solving skills are all needed if they are to score 100 points against Raccoon Bunk.
22961	Peg and Cat: The lemonade problem Oxley, Jennifer & Aronson, Billy	Candlewick Press	2018	9781536200614	3-4	It's a hot day, so what could be cooler than setting up a lemonade stand? When Peg needs some marbles to keep her special marble company, she and Cat decide to sell lemonade in exchange for ten marbles a cup. But the Teens have other ideas. Can they barter their way back into business - or will they end up totally freaking out?
3298	Peg leg Meg Bodsworth, Nan	Puffin Australia	1999	9780141303444	3-4	Meg is the daughter and granddaughter of two pirates. Poll, the talking parrot, helps rescue Meg from the worst grandmother in the world. A tale of high seas adventure, kidnapping and betrayal.
30138	Peggy Walker, Anna	Scholastic Australia	2012	9781742832708	K-2	Peggy lives in a small house in a quiet street. One blustery day a big gust of wind sweeps down and scoops up leaves, twigs and... Peggy! The wind blows Peggy into the city where she discovers strange new things, but how will she find her way back home?
660657	Pen pal club, The Morgan, Sally & White, Annie (ill)	Australia Post	2020	9780648525103	K-2	Follow pen pals Maria, Ruby, Jack and Ahn as they write letters to each other from different parts of Australia. They discover interesting things about the life of their pen pal and the part of Australia they are from all while growing friendships.

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97736	Penalty, The Peet, Mal	Walker Books	2007	9781406309362	9plus	As the city of San Juan pulses to summer's sluggish beat, its teenage football prodigy El Brujito, the Little Magician, vanishes without trace. Paul Faustino, South America's top sports journalist, is reluctantly drawn into the mystery. As a story of corruption and murder unfolds, he is forced to confront a bitter history of slavery, and the power of the occult. Includes some adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
74282	Pencil, The Ahlberg, Allan & Ingman, Bruce (ill)	Walker Books	2008	9781406309621	5-6	A lonely little pencil creates things which have a life of their own. All is well until pencil draws a rubber which then creates mayhem. Pencil must work out a way to stop the rubber from rubbing out every drawing.
4443	Penderwicks on Gardam Street, The Birdsall, Jeanne	Corgi Books	2009	9780440868408	5-6	The Penderwick sisters, Rosalind, Jane, Skye and Batty, are ready for an adventure but what happens isn't quite what they had in mind. When Mr Penderwick's sister, their Aunt Claire, decides it's time for him to start dating, it can only mean one thing, disaster.
	Penelope Perfect series Perry, Chrissie				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.
2824	Penguin Dunbar, Polly	Walker Books	2007	9781844280650	K-2	Ben just can't seem to get the response he wants to out of his toy, Penguin. When it's needed, Penguin shows himself to be a toy of action with his own special way of talking.
19568	Penguin bloom Bloom, Cameron (photo) & Grieve, Bradley Trevor	ABC Books	2016	9780733334948	9plus	In a shocking accident, Cameron's wife, Sam, suffers a near fatal fall that leaves her paralysed and deeply depressed. Into their lives comes Penguin, an injured magpie chick, abandoned after she fell from her nest. A true story of hope and courage. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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774379	Penguin bloom (young readers edition) Kunz, Chris	ABC Books	2021	9780733341670	5-6	Sometimes stuff happens that you would do anything to try to avoid. But you can't. And that's what happened to us. Penguin Bloom tells the true story of Sam Bloom, a young mother whose world is turned upside down after a horrible accident that means she cannot walk. Sam's husband, mother and three young boys are struggling to adjust to their new life when an unlikely ally enters their world in the shape of a magpie chick they name Penguin. The birds arrival is a welcome distraction and ends up making a profound difference in their lives.
111115	Penguin book, The: Birds in suits Norman, Mark	Black Dog Books	2006	9781921167300	5-6	Some are shy, some are curious and some are grumpy enough to give you a slap as you walk by. But, all penguins are amazing. Includes seventeen different species of penguin, with fact boxes and descriptions of penguin physiology and habitats.
7460	Penguin friend, The Sussex, Lucy	Omnibus Books	1997	9781862913073	3-4	This conservation story warns of the affects of attempting to domesticate cuddly wildlife, especially the risk of killing an animal with kindness.
903295	Penguin huddle Montgomery, Ross & Warburton, Sarah (ill)	Walker Books	2022	9781406389838	K-2	The penguin family squeeze and squish together to stay warm and cosy all night long. Then one morning they wake up frozen together like a giant penguin ice pop! How will they solve this penguin puzzle? Pipsqueak, the smallest of them all, has an idea.....
1097641	Penguin oh Penguin Milroy, Gladys & Milroy, Helen	Magabala Books	2023	9781875641697	K-2	Can Penguin make it back to its family?
4841	Penguin problems John, Jory & Smith, Lane (ill)	Walker Books	2016	9781406375992	3-4	Little Penguin has problems: his beak is cold; there is snow everywhere; the water smells salty; he waddles; he looks the same as everybody else. No, it is not easy being a penguin.
21193	Penguins Arlon, Penelope & Gordon-Harris, Tory	Scholastic US	2012	9781407131528	3-4	Meet every kind of penguin up close. Watch them walk, talk and make friends, share meals, and raise fluffy chicks. Journey to Antarctica and find out how penguins there survive natural and man-made dangers in their icy home.
1013326	Penny draws a best friend Shepard, Sara	Text Publishing Co	2023	9781922790248	5-6	Fifth grader and budding artist Penny Lowry has a multitude of worries - why does the cubby room always smell of farts? Why is my mum suddently acting like she has a secret? And why has my best friend ditched me for the most popular (and meanest) girl in school? Penny chronicles these and other questions in a journal she writes to her dog, Cosmo. Find out how Penny deals with her worries because there's a lot to be worried about in fifth grade, and even more to laugh about!

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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!
1019790	Penny draws a school play Shepard, Sara	Text Publishing Co	2023	9781922790408	5-6	Penny Lowry is back with more worries and more challenges - what if I don't want a part in the school play? Why do we have to move to a new house? Why does everything keep changing? It's scary moving to a new house, especially one with a strange new neighbour and a bedroom with weird creaky sounds. Even scarier is the school play where everyone has to have a part - even Penny! Change is hard, but lucky for Penny, she has Cosmo the dog and good friends by her side.
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.
	Penny Dreadful 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.

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3302	Penny Pollard's diary Klein, Robin & James, Ann	Hodder & Stoughton	2004	9780733618062	3-4	Penny Pollard hates pink dresses, twitty lavender bags, Simone, Annette Smurton who has her own horse and Jason Taylor. She likes horses, Mrs B who is her eighty-one year old best friend, collecting things, visiting cemeteries and writing.
112261	Penny to remember, A Murray, Kirsty & Bray, Peter (ill)	National Museum of Australia Press	2007	9781876944537	3-4	George is transported to seven years' hard labour in Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) for stealing. He leaves a love token with his sister Hannah, hoping she will never forget him. Across the world from each other, it seems they will never be reunited.
41228	Peony lantern, The Watts, Frances	ABC Books	2015	9780733332920	7-9	When Kasumi leaves her remote village for the teeming city of Edo, her life is transformed. She has been chosen by a samurai to become a lady-in-waiting to his new wife. Kasumi is surprised as she has no skills for this role and, worst of all, she is always in trouble for speaking her mind. Surely, this will get her into trouble with her new mistress. When Kasumi learns of a secret that puts them both in danger, she must solve the mystery, behind the danger they face, in order to save herself and her mistress.
3308	People might hear you Klein, Robin	Puffin Australia	1993	9780140366297	9plus	An arresting story about a strange and sinister religious sect called The Temple and how Frances discovers its secrets. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
307	Peopling of Australia, The Trezise, Percy	HarperCollins Australia	1990	9780207170379	7-9	From the very early days of Australia, the people shared the land with dangerous beasts and began to develop a culture and traditions.
30611	Pepi sings a new song Ljungkvist, Laura	Simon & Schuster	2010	9781416991380	3-4	Every night while his human, Peter, studies the stars, Pepi the parrot sings a special space song. Pepi loves singing but he's getting a little tired of space. So, one day, he decides to step out into the neighbourhood to find some new things to sing about.
669560	Peppa loves our planet Holowaty, Lauren (adapt) & Astley, Neville (ill) & Baker, Mark (ill)	Penguin	2020	9780241436721	K-2	It is Love Our Planet Week at playgroup and Madame Gazelle asks the children to make a scrapbook of all the things they can do to help look after our planet. Peppa and George recycle, grow their own vegetables, turn off the taps when they are brushing their teeth, and scooter to playgroup instead of going in the car. They learn that every little thing makes a BIG difference!

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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?
977576	Pepper Masalah and the flying carpet Hawke, Rosanne & Berry, Jasmine (ill)	Wombat Books	2023	9781761111105	3-4	A fierce storm sweeps Zamir and his cat Pepper Masalah away upon their ancient carpet. After flying far from home, they crash-land in the Arabian Peninsula. Pepper and Zam make a friend but it's not enough to escape the local camel traders. How will they escape? Can they make the carpet fly again?
1013608	Pepper Masalah and the temple of cats Hawke, Rosanne & Berry, Jasmine (ill)	Wombat Books	2023	9781761111143	3-4	Pepper Masalah's flying carpet lands in Ancient Egypt where Pepper and Zam are in danger again. A girl called Tabia takes them to a temple full of cats where Pepper is so special the people want to turn her into a mummy! But how can they escape? The carpet has floated away down the Nile, leaving Pepper and Zam stuck in time.
308	Peppermint Pig, The Bawden, Nina	Penguin	1997	9780140309447	5-6	Poll and her family have to move to a small town in the English countryside in the early twentieth century. They take their family pet, a pig. Now Poll's father has gone away and there is a mystery surrounding his departure.
6134	Percy Jackson and the lightning thief: Graphic novel Riordan, Rick & Venditti, Robert (adapt) & Futaki, Attila (art)	Puffin UK	2010	9780141335391	5-6	Look, I didn't want to be a half-blood. I never asked to be the son of a Greek God. I was just a normal kid, going to school, playing basketball, skateboarding. The usual. Until I accidentally vaporised my maths teacher. That's when things started really going wrong. Now I spend my time fighting with swords, battling monsters with my friends, and generally trying to stay alive. This is the one where Zeus, God of the Sky, thinks I've stolen his lightning bolt- and making Zeus angry is a very bad idea. Can Percy find the lightning bolt before a fully-fledged war of the Gods erupts?
	Percy Jackson series Riordan, Rick				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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	Percy Jackson series Riordan, Rick				7-9	Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to ten more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
6861	Perfect Parker, Danny & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2015	9781760125554	K-2	On a perfect day, the hours stretch endlessly ahead. Three children scribble with chalk, run with kites, dig for shells, paddle, climb and dream.
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...
28005	Perfect leaf, The Plant, Andrew	Ford Street Publishing	2018	9781925736014	K-2	Two girls meet under the wind-tossed Autumn trees. Knee-deep in the fallen leaves they search for the perfect leaf. But they find something much more wonderful.
773923	Perfect on paper Gonzales, Sophie	Hachette Australia	2021	9781444959277	9plus	But when Brougham catches Darcy in the act of collecting letters from locker 89 - out of which she's been running her questionably legal, anonymous relationship advice service - that's exactly what happens. In exchange for keeping her secret, Darcy begrudgingly agrees to become his personal dating coach. The goal? To help him win his ex-girlfriend back. Darcy has good reason to keep her identity secret. If word gets out that she's behind the locker, some things she's not proud of will come to light, and there's a good chance Brooke will never speak to her again. Okay, so all she has to do is help an entitled, bratty, (annoyingly hot) guy win over a girl who's already fallen for him once? What could possibly go wrong? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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28861	Perfect petunias Jenkins, Lynn & Lonergan, Kirrili (ill)	EK Books	2018	9781925335583	3-4	Loppy is very worried about not doing his homework well enough. He always focuses on what he hasn't done rather than what he has, and then becomes very frustrated. So, his friend Curly teaches him about how petunias grow - in lots of different, imperfect directions that we can't control.
15972	Perfect present, The Roberton, Fiona	Penguin Books Australia	2011	9780670074761	K-2	Henry has the perfect pet, a duck called Spot, who thinks he's found the perfect present for Henry's birthday. But, when the big day comes, Henry's grandparents arrive with a perfect present of their own, a strange and wobbling box. This could change things between Spot and Henry forever.
574	Perfect puppy for me, The O'Connor, Jane & Hartland, Jessie	Puffin USA	2005	9780142403358	3-4	A boy explores all the different types of dogs he knows that might be the perfect puppy for him. Some coarse language used in context.
16861	Perfect thing, The Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, Ambelin (ill)	Omnibus Books	2017	9781742991122	K-2	No problem is too big for Lily's grandpa. He knows how to solve all of them. He always knows the perfect thing.
699083	Perfectly imperfect stories Potion, Leo & Strumpf, Ana	Magic Cat Publishing	2020	9781916180536	7-9	Meet 29 icons, including pop star Ariana Grande, Hollywood icon The Rock, sporting hero Serena Williams, and even royalty - Prince Harry - and discover how they have dealt with mental health issues to live inspiring lives. Whatever you are going through, learn why it is ok to not be ok with these perfectly imperfect stories.
855807	Perfectly weird perfectly you Pang, Camilla & Boglio, Laurene (ill)	Hachette Australia	2022	9781526364326	7-9	Camilla Pang grew up with autism and loved lists, numbers and science. As an adult, she has used this love of science to help explain the hows and whys of growing up. In her unique style she links big ideas like confidence, friendships and finding out who you really are to fun scientific concepts. This is a celebration of what makes us all unique, or perfectly weird.

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982992	Perilous promotion of Trilby Moffat, The Temple, Kate	Lothian Books	2023	9780734420923	3-4	In this second edition of the Trilby series, Trilby Moffat makes a terrifying discovery: her mother has disappeared into the Passage of Time. Now Trilby must make her way through this strange and treacherous tunnel, filled with extinct animals, forgotten treasures and a very dark and scary person in a tall black hat. Fortunately for Trilby she is not alone, she has the help of a guild of ancient children. Told by Benjamin, a very intelligent thylacine, we are taken on another fantastic adventure of mystery, cake, cryptic clues, cake, amazing facts, cake and more cake. Once they arrive on the Island of Time, Trilby must attend a strange festival, of which she is the guest of honour, with Colin, the most dastardly adult known to children, attempting to get rid of Trilby for good. Will Trilby keep her new job as The Keeper of Time? Will she find her mother? Will she eat more cake? Is there a safer way to play Race Against Time? Are those cats always so rude?
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.
42245	Perky little penguins Mitton, Tony & Parker-Rees, Guy (ill)	Orchard Books	2007	9781846163388	K-2	Follow the delightful little penguins as they slide and jump and waddle around in their world of ice and snow.
892	Permaculture gardens Bollard, Kellie	National Library of Australia	2013	9780987407702	3-4	Discover how nature works in your backyard. Compost and some vegie seeds, a shovel, hat and gloves.

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9146	Person controller, The Baddiel, David	HarperCollins Australia	2016	9780007554546	3-4	Pick up The Person Controller and enter a whole new level of fun. Fred and Ellie are twins. But not identical (because that's impossible for a boy and a girl). They do like all the same things, though. Especially video games. Which hey are very good at. They aren't that good, however, at much else - like, for example, football, or dealing with the school bullies. Then they meet the Mystery Man, who sends them a video-game controller, which doesn't look like an other controller they've ever seen. And it doesn't control any of their usual games. When the twins find out what id does control, though, it seems like the answer to all their problems. And the key to all their wildest dreams. At least it seems like that.....
309	Personal best Duder, Tessa & McFarlane, Peter	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1997	9781863307741	7-9	An anthology of stories about a range of sports written by two authors from Australia and New Zealand.
660510	Perspective Perry, Ellyse	HarperCollins Australia	2019	9781460758083	9plus	From the lessons of a high-performance athlete's career to appreciating the small things in life - this inspiring illustrated book, for fans of Ellyse Perry, features stories and reflections from her childhood and career on the themes of dreaming, belief, work, resilience, acceptance, opportunity, balance and perseverance - and their importance in everything we do.Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
660667	Pests Stamp, Emer	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2020	9781444949629	3-4	Stix is the mouse who lives behind the washing machine of Flat 3 Peewit Mansions with his strict Grandma. He never gets into trouble and must NEVER let the humans know he is there. Then one day, he discovers PESTS- a school in the basement full of other creatures, just like Stix. Except, these creatures do not play by Grandma's rules...and they are about to teach Stix how to make a REAL pest of himself. What could go wrong?
15453	Pet crabs Simon, Leslie A & Davis, J	Indij Readers	2004	9780975686034	5-6	An 'old Koori lad' tricks some 'gungies' (police) about his seafood hunting practices, highlighting laws about Native Title Fishing rights.
15101	Pet fish Nelson, Robin	Lerner Publishing Group	2003	9780822512677	K-2	Tells how to keep fish as pets and contains lots of fishy facts.
9584	Pet for Mrs Arbuckle, A Smyth Gwenda & James, Ann (ill)	Penguin	1990	9780140509373	3-4	Mrs Emmeline Arbuckle needs a pet and decides to advertise for one. soon after she sets off to interview some of the more unusual applicants.
15102	Pet guinea pig Nelson, Robin	Lerner Publishing Group	2003	9780822512684	K-2	Introductory book on how to keep a guinea pig as a pet plus lots of facts about the animals.

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18578	Pet palace Frater, Adrienne	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2006	9780734408464	3-4	A mysterious neighbour moves next door and renames her house Pet Palace. Angie and her brother Jeremy watch in amazement as a parade of pampered pets arrive.
9518	Pet poems Foster, John & Paul, Korky (ill)	Oxford University Press	2000	9780192761927	3-4	This collection includes dogs, cats, budgies, bugs, tarantulas, leopards, crocodiles, rabbits, dolphins, porcupines, werewolves, vultures and pterodactyls, every pet you could possibly imagine and more.
677707	Peta Lyre's rating normal Whateley, Anna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760525309	9plus	Peta Lyre is far from typical. The world she lives in isn't designed for the way her mind works, but when she follows her therapist's rules for 'normal' behaviour, she can almost fit in without attracting attention. When a new girl, Sam, starts at school, Peta's carefully structured routines start to crack. But on the school ski trip, with romance blooming and a newfound confidence, she starts to wonder if maybe she can have a normal life after all. When things fall apart, Peta must decide whether all the old rules still matter. Does she want a life less ordinary, or should she keep her rating normal? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
15443	Pete the sheep French, Jackie	HarperCollins Australia	2004	9780207199660	3-4	Shaun doesn't have a sheep dog, he has a sheep sheep called Pete. The other shearers are not happy about it particularly when Pete and Shaun set up in business. Pete doesn't know how the other shearers are going to react.
643772	Peter & Ernesto: a tale of two sloths Annable, Graham	First Second	2018	9781626725614	5-6	Peter and Ernesto are sloths. Peter and Ernesto are friends. But Peter and Ernesto are nothing alike. Peter loves their tree and never wants to leave, while Ernesto loves the sky and wants to see it from every place on Earth. When Ernesto leaves to have a grand adventure, Peter stays behind and frets. The two friends grow even closer in separation, as Peter the homebody expands his horizons and Ernesto the wanderer learns the value of home.
15118	Peter and the starcatchers Barry, Dave & Pearson, Ridley & Call, Greg (ill)	Disney Press	2004	9780786856831	7-9	In a fast-paced adventure on the high seas and on a faraway island, an orphan boy named Peter and his mysterious new friend, Molly, overcome bands of pirates and thieves in their quest to keep a secret safe and save the world from evil.

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39693	Peter in peril Bate, Helen	Otter-Barry books	2016	9781910959572	5-6	Peter is just an ordinary boy, who loves playing football with his friends and eating cake. But, when war comes to his city, Budapest, Peter and his family have to go into hiding.
3322	Peter Pan Barrie, J M	Wordsworth Editions Ltd	2002	9781853261206	5-6	In this classic, magical Peter Pan comes to the night nursery of the Darling children. He teaches them to fly and takes them through the sky to Never-Never Land for many adventures, including a battle with the infamous villain, Captain Hook.
12740	Peter Pan in scarlet McCaughrean, Geraldine	Oxford University Press	2006	9780192726209	5-6	The former lost boys of Peter Pan's Neverland now lead normal adult lives but are plagued by realistic dreams. In this gripping official sequel, they return to find Peter Pan and to seek some answers.
7927	Petlandia Hannan, Peter	Scholastic US	2015	9780545162111	3-4	When Madame Wigglesworth, a supremely aloof cat, finds her place with her family usurped with the arrival of Grub, a ridiculous and stupid puppy, she decides action must be taken. But, her plans misfire and, as chaos reigns, she resorts to increasingly destructive tactics to regain her perceived rightful place in charge.
	Pets series Pyers, Greg				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.
30142	Petunia Paris's parrot Haworth, Katie & Williamson, Jo (I'll)	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760403690	K-2	Petunia Paris lives a life of luxury and has everything she could possibly want, from a swimming pool to a bicycle with its very own chauffeur. When she requests a parrot for her fifth birthday, a parrot is what Petunia gets. The problem is, Petunia Paris's parrot doesn't do what Petunia Paris wants it to.

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1333993	Phantom hearts Talbot, Rosie & Maxwell, Sarah (ill)	Scholastic UK	2024	9780702333408	9plus	Malia's life is upended when a student bus crash kills her fellow classmates: rebel and dropout Shepherd; volatile track star Russ; brainy Emil; and mysterious new girl Carolina. Malia's dad was driving, and housing journalists are reporting that he crashed on purpose. While her dad remains in a coma and unable to tell the truth, Malia sets about clearning his name with the help of her cute crush, Keezy. But then the ghosts of the students start appearing. Wherever Malia goes, the restless spirits follow ... Why do her classmates all have unfinished business? Secrets will out. Will Malia ever find the courage to tell Keezy how she feels? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1144	Phantom of Terawhiti Hunt, Des	HarperCollins NZ	2013	9781869509545	7-9	Staying with his father on New Zealand's wild remote coast, Zac finds some animal pawprints on the beach. What is the exotic animal that is being hunted and what does the Russian billionaire have to do with this mystery.
3332	Phantom tollbooth, The Juster, Norton	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1993	9780394820378	5-6	A young boy receives a special birthday gift that takes him on a journey through an extraordinary land.
2837	Phar Lap, the wonder horse Kerin, Jackie & Mullins, Patricia (ill)	Museums Victoria	2008	9780980381313	5-6	The story of Phar Lap is famous in Australia's history. His story is told in the form of a ballad accompanied by vivid illustrations that evoke the period.
7983	Pharaoh: death and life of a God Kennett, David	Omnibus Books	2008	9781862915930	5-6	Egypt of the Pharaohs comes to life in this brilliant account of the reign of two pharaohs, Seti I and his son, Ramesses II, known as Ramesses the Great. Ramesses reigned as Pharaoh of Egypt for sixty-five years and built more temples than any other ruler in Egyptian history. The life, death and successes of each pharaoh are described against the backdrop of life and customs in Egypt at the time.
6987	Pharaoh: the boy who conquered the Nile French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2007	9780207200823	7-9	Prince Narmer is fourteen, clever and handsome and, as his father's favourite, destined to be King of Thinis one day. But, when he is involved in a terrible accident that leaves him lame and horribly scarred, Narmer decides to leave his home to travel with the Trader, whose healing skills saved his life.

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2923	Phasmid: Saving the Lord Howe Island Stick Insect Cleave, Rohan & Tulloch, Coral (ill)	CSIRO	2015	9781486301126	3-4	Sometimes, a story of animal survival in the wild is so unbelievable that you couldn't possibly think it was true. The Lord Howe Island Phasmid, also known as the Stick Insect, was once thought to be extinct. Dedicated people have carried out an extraordinary conservation effort. The story is told in the voice of a phasmid, whose life begins inside a small egg where it grows for up to nine months, and becomes three times longer than the egg.
310	Pheasant and Kingfisher Berndt, Catherine & Meeks, Arone Raymond (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1998	9781863889742	5-6	Beautifully illustrated, by an Aboriginal artist from Cairns, the retelling of how creatures came into the world during the Dreamtime. The author, an anthropologist, lived among the Aborigines in the north of Australia for many years.
	Philomena wonderpen series Bone, Ian & Dawson, Janine (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.
89611	Phoebe Nash: girl warrior D'Ath, Justin	Laguna Bay Publishing	2010	9780980566420	5-6	Phoebe is holidaying with her family in Africa. From the outset things do not go according to plan as Phoebe becomes involved in an adventure of a lifetime, having witnessed the kidnapping of an African politician, and then being part of his rescue. All this is set in the wilds of Africa, with lions and elephants aplenty.
17036	Photographs in the mud Wolfer, Dianne & Harrison-Lever, Brian	Fremantle Press	2005	9781920731205	9plus	Jack and Hoshi are soldiers on opposite sides who meet on the Kokoda Track during World War Two. Graphic illustrations enrich this sensitive, realistic and harrowing story of the personal tragedy of two soldiers and their loved ones at home. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
	Phredde series French, Jackie				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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	Phyllis Wong series McSkimming, Geoffrey				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.
846254	Piano fingers Magerl, Caroline	Walker Books	2022	9781760652616	3-4	Bea came from a big musical family who made all sorts of noisy noises, and she just couldn't wait for her own special music to start.
829	Piano piano Cali, Davide	Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd	2008	9780980416534	3-4	Everyday at the same time, Marcolino practises the piano, just as his mother wants. Marcolino has other plans.
2885	Pica Gardiner, Jeff	Accent Press	2016	9781783759286	9plus	When mean, self centred bully Luke meets Guy, he just thinks he's another weirdo to hate, but soon enough Luke finds out that Guy is not quite what he first seems. To begin with, he catches wild snakes with his bare hands and seems to have a way with animals that is just too intriguing for Luke to ignore. But what Luke discovers is that becoming friends with Guy could change his life, and indeed himself, in ways he never would have previously dreamed. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
903391	Pick a story: A pirate + alien + jungle adventure Coyle, Sarah & Walker-Parker, Adam (Ill)	Farshore	2022	9781405299046	K-2	Hey, you! Yes... YOU! You have been chosen for an important mission. Vincent's dog, Trouble, has disappeared and he needs your help. Has trouble been stolen by aliens? Pilfered by pirates? Or wandered deep into the jungle? It's up to you to decide!
6623	Picture atlas, The Holland, Simon & Calder, Jill (ill)	Bloomsbury	2017	9781408884867	3-4	Explore the world by looking not only at borders, mountains, rivers, seas and oceans, but by discovering the natural wonders of the world, historical artefacts, amazing animals, fascinating cultures and much more. From the freezing Arctic Circle with its powerful orca whales, to the amazing Sydney Opera House and the Great Barrier Reef, learn, explore and be amazed by the wonders of the world.

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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.
628095	Pie in the sky Lai, Remy	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2019	9781760651626	5-6	When Jingwen moves to a new country, he feels like he's landed on Mars. School is torture, making friends is impossible since he doesn't speak English, and he's often stuck looking after his (extremely irritating) little brother, Yanghao. To distract himself from the loneliness, Jingwen daydreams about making all the cakes on the menu of Pie in the Sky, the bakery his father had planned to open before he unexpectedly passed away. The only problem is his mother has laid down one major rule: the brothers are not to use the oven while she's at work. As Jingwen and Yanghao bake elaborate cakes, they'll have to cook up elaborate excuses to keep the cake making a secret from Mama.
	Pie rats series Stelzer, Cameron				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.
10077	Pied Piper of Hamelin, The Morpurgo, Michael & Clark, Emma Chichester (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781406315110	5-6	In the town of Hamelin, the rich and greedy live like kings and queens, while the poor and sick scavenge rubbish tips for scraps. An orphan boy tells the classic tale of how a plague of rats take over the town and how a fantastic piper offers to rid Hamelin of its rats for a single gold coin. But, when the greedy mayor breaks his word, the piper lures the town's children away.

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	Pig called Pete series Bowater, Alan & Pascoe, Pete (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.
12480	Pig gets lost Amery, Heather & Cartwright, Stephen(ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2005	9780746063149	K-2	Curly, the pig, goes missing. Mrs Boots, Sam, Poppy and Rusty, the dog, must find him. It's a very muddy job.
29841	Pig in a wig Krebs, Chrissie	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742762654	K-2	The pig was feeling pretty good - even better than a piggy should. His skin was pink. His eyes were big, and he was wearing a glorious wig! When a wig lands on a pig, expect the unexpected in this hilarious tale of mistaken identity!
12061	Pig in the pond, The Waddell, Martin & Barton, Jill (ill)	Walker Books	1966	9780744543919	K-2	Neligan's pig sits by the pond, watching the ducks and geese play on the cool water. The pig gets hotter and hotter and the ducks and geese get louder and louder. The pig has to find a solution to this problem.
12225	Pig tale Oxenbury, Helen	Egmont Childrens	1990	9780749702724	3-4	When two discontented pigs find a treasure chest in the orchard, they abandon their rural paradise for what they think will be a more luxurious life.
	Pig the pug series Various				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.
7525	Pig's knickers, The Emmett, Jonathan & Cabban, Vanessa (ill)	Walker Books	2010	9781406316247	K-2	Pig loves his polka-dot knickers and can't stop showing them off. His friends tell him he is extraordinary but they may not still think so when disaster strikes.
15027	Pigeon finds a hot dog, The Willems, Mo	Walker Books	2005	9781844280476	K-2	The pigeon is thrilled when it finds a hot dog. A duckling asks the pigeon what hot dogs taste like. Perhaps, one of them will outsmart the other and get to eat the hot dog.
2330	Pigeon needs a bath, The Willems, Mo	Walker Books	2014	9781406357783	K-2	The pigeon is filthy, but will not take a bath.
100977	Pigeon wants a puppy, The Willems, Mo	Walker Books	2008	9781406315509	K-2	Pigeon decides he really wants a puppy to care for. When he comes face to face with a real one, pigeon's choice of pet changes.

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3347	Piggotts in peril Ball, Duncan	HarperCollins Australia	2002	9780207197833	5-6	The Piggotts of Piggot Place return, triumphantly, in this cleverly-paced story of elusive pirate treasure.
5025	Piggy Lai, Trevor	Bloomsbury	2016	9781681190655	K-2	Piggy loves books so much that he never has time for friends. But one day Piggy sees a cat reading alone. And he wonders if, perhaps, they could be best friends. Try as Piggy might- in increasingly spectacular ways- the cat just won't notice him. Piggy just wants to let her know just how he feels.
9459	Piggybook Browne, Anthony	Walker Books	1996	9780744533033	3-4	The men in the Piggott family take Mum for granted a little more each day and expect her to do everything for them. Mum decides to do something about it and teaches the family a valuable lesson.
31479	Piglet and Granny Wild, Margaret & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Working Title Press	2009	9781921504020	K-2	Piglet loves his Granny and has been waiting all day for her to visit. Cow, horse, duck and sheep all think she'll be here soon but Piglet wonders what is taking her so long to arrive.
12414	Piglet and mama Wild, Margaret & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Working Title Press	2004	9781876288426	K-2	Piglet has lost her mama. Everyone wants to help - Duck, Sheep, Donkey, Dog, Horse and Cat. But, Piglet won't be consoled until she finds her mama.
130953	Piglet and Papa Wild, Margaret & King, Stephen Michael	Working Title Press	2007	9781876288754	K-2	Little piglet is feeling insecure. Horse, sheep, donkey, duck and dog make her feel loved but there is someone else who loves her a billion times more.
3327	Piglet called Truffle, A Peters, Helen & Snowdon, Ellie (ill)	Nosy Crow Ltd	2016	9780857637734	3-4	When a young girl finds a piglet, that is too small to fend for itself, she nurses it back to good health. She knows she cannot keep Truffle the pig forever and then disaster strikes.
312	Pigs and honey Adams, Jeanie	Scholastic Australia	1993	9781863880466	5-6	An account of an Aboriginal family on a weekend outing.
12406	Pigs don't fly French, Jackie	Koala Books	2003	9780864613981	K-2	Lift the flap to find out all the things farm animals love to do.
3350	Pigs might fly Rodda, Emily & Young, Noela (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2017	9781460753743	3-4	Young Rachel, sick and bored in bed, just wishes something interesting would happen for a change. Yeah, pigs might fly... or do they? When she mysteriously finds herself transported to a place where pigs really do fly, she needs to work out how to get back home to her family.
14384	Pigtails the pirate Elliot, David	Red Fox	2003	9781740518055	3-4	Jess sets out to find her father and rescue him from Pigtales, the pirate.
313	Pilawuk: when I was young Brian, Janeen	Era Publications	1990	9781863742573	5-6	Pilawuk explains that she was one of the Stolen Generation, and describes her life growing up with non-Aboriginal families and her search for her surviving relatives.

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38147	Pilgrim Oliver, Jo	New Frontier Publishing	2008	9781921042850	3-4	Pilgrim is the name of a boat, built by the narrator's great-grandfather. The narrator, a small boy, tells the reader about his first journey to sea. He and his father rise early and make their preparations for the fishing trip.
570820	Pilot and the Little Prince, The: The life of Antoine De Saint-Exupery Sis, Peter	Pushkin Press	2014	9781782690597	5-6	The story of airplanes and flight captured the imaginations of many. This picture book captures the history of flight leading up to World War I, the life of author Antoine De Saint-Exupery and his imaginative work 'The Little Prince'. Featuring imaginative artworks and diagrams.
3351	Pinballs, The Byars, Betsy	Harper	1977	9780062881786	5-6	You can't always decide where life will take you especially when you're a kid. Carlie knows she's got no say in what happens to her. Stuck in a foster home with two other kids, Harvey and Thomas J, she's just a pinball being bounced from bumper to bumper. As soon as you get settled, somebody puts another coin in the machine and off you go again. But against her will and her better judgment, Carlie and the boys become friends. And all three of them start to see that they can take control of their own lives.
	Pine Valley ponies series Welshman, Kate & McKenzie, Heath (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.
7255	Pinhoe egg, The Jones, Diana Wynne	HarperCollins Australia	2007	9780007228553	5-6	In the village around Chrestomanci castle, magic is being misused and when Cat Chant finds the Pinhoe egg, chaos begins, and Chrestomanci may not be the one able to bring control to the villages.
1424125	Pink easter Hennessy, Tanya & Kent, Sophie	Albert Street Books	2026	9781761181153	K-2	'Twas the night before Easter, the workshop was busy! There were baskets to fill and eggs to make pretty. There was so much to do for the Big Easter Quest. And the Bunny herself? She was, honestly stressed. Sometimes a catastrophe is just what you need to see the world in a whole new rosy light!
21751	Pink hat, The Joyner, Andrew	Penguin Books Australia	2018	9780143789369	K-2	Once there was a pink hat. A cat played with it. A baby caught it. A dog swiped it. That is, until...a girl found it. And one day she wore it someplace special. Join this girl and millions of others as they stand up for what it is right.

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750984	Pink! Wild, Margaret & Rossell, Judith (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9781460757499	K-2	Pink is a small dinosaur who stands out from the crowd. Hide-and-seek is her favourite game but her colour means she's always the first one to be found. She doesn't want to be pink anymore until her difference helps her friends find their way home again.
3355	Pinocchio Collodi, Carlo	Wordsworth Editions Ltd	2002	9781853261602	5-6	The classic tale of Pinocchio, a wooden puppet, carved by Old Gepetto, whose nose grows longer whenever he tells a lie. He runs away and joins a circus but a talking cricket and Pinocchio's guardian fairy save him and his wish is granted.
7014	Pinquo Thiele, Colin & Milton, Mary (ill)	New Holland Australia	1992	9781863025324	5-6	The emotional story of Pinquo, a fairy penguin, who lives in a penguin colony in South Australia.
35606	Pip and Houdini Jones, J.C & Keys, Caroline (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760296056	5-6	After the death of her guardian, Sully, Pip has finally found a family who are planning to adopt her- at least they were until Pip gets into trouble AGAIN. Pip is sure she won't find a home with a regular family. There's only one place she might belong, and that's with the mother she has never met. With her faithful dog Houdini by her side, Pip sets off to find out what has happened to Cass. It's a journey filled with colourful characters, including a musical young woman and a friendly surfer. As Pip draws nearer to Byron Bay, is she prepared for what she will find when she gets there?
4540	Pip and Pim Hegarty, Aunty Ruth & Harrold, Sandi (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781760151973	K-2	Tonight, for the very first time, Pip and Pim, two young possums, are going down to the forest floor with their mother. Papa Possum warns them to be careful but the two young possums are too excited to listen.
659810	Pip finds a home Topouzoglou, Elena	New Frontier Publishing	2019	9781925594744	K-2	After a long journey over the seas, Pip arrives at the South Pole. But as he meets his fellow penguins, he realises he is not quite the same as them. What makes him different...and does it matter?
84290	Pip: the story of Olive Kane, Kim	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2007	9781741751192	7-9	Olive Garnaut is in Year 7 and likes things in pairs. But, even with her own perfectly symmetrical family, birthday and bedroom, Olive has only ever felt half. How extraordinary, then, that her twin sister, Pip, appears one day. But, Pip is visible only to Olive.
314	Pipe, The Moloney, James	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	1996	9780850917871	7-9	A skateboarding story with a twist.
15322	Pipeline O'Connor built, The Lefroy, Joy & Frylinck, Diana & Duke, Marion (ill)	Sandcastle	2003	9781920731601	5-6	Fantastic photographs, diagrams and drawings explain how water was pumped to the Kalgoorlie goldfields because of one man's vision. Told in the style of 'The house that Jack built'.

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751086	Piper picks the perfect pet Tuohey, Caroline & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2020	9781925804591	K-2	My dad says I can choose a pet, but I'm not sure which pet to get. A dog, a cat, a fish, a rat? How can Piper pick the perfect pet when there are so many appealing possibilities?
15026	Pipkin of pepper, A Cooper, Helen	Random House Children's Books	2004	9780385600071	K-2	Duck and Squirrel go to the big city to buy salt for their pumpkin soup. But, Duck thinks it will taste better with a pipkin of pepper and that is how he gets lost. A delicious sequel to Pumpkin Soup.
636642	Pippa Powell, Dimity & Plant, Andrew (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2019	9781925804270	K-2	Pippa thinks she's ready for a blue-sky adventure. But it's a big wild world out there. Can she make it safely home on her own?
41404	Pippa the perfect flowergirl Nickerson, Julie & Dawson, Janine (ill)	Puffin Australia	2011	9780143305859	3-4	Pippa is really excited because she's going to be the flowergirl at her aunt's wedding. Pippa wants to be the best flowergirl ever and for everything to be perfectly perfect. But, a game of hide and seek almost ruins the day.
	Pippa's Island series Murrell, Belinda				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.
53343	Pippa's perfect ponytail Nickerson, Julie & Dawson, Janine (ill)	Puffin Australia	2009	9780143304012	3-4	Pippa is sure her birthday party will be perfect. She has the perfect cake and the perfect dress, and now all she needs is a perfect ponytail in her hair.
315	Pippi Longstocking Lindgren, Astrid & Ross, Tony (ill)	Oxford University Press	2015	9780192793799	5-6	A humorous story about a super strong, super rich pirate's daughter who has adventures with her two friends, a monkey and a horse.
5388	Piranhas don't eat bananas Blabey, Aaron	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781743625781	K-2	Brian is a piranha. He is also a vegetarian who loves fruit. Brian is trying to convince his family to join him in eating the food.
1480161	Pirate academy: Missing at sea Somper, Justin & Skaffa, Teo (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2026	9781761182051	5-6	Pirate Academy is buzzing with anticipation about the upcoming Oceans Bound weekend - two whole days of freedom and adventure. It's a competition that requires five crews, five ships, excellent leadership and amazing teamwork. Each crew must complete a range of challenges delivered to them via a message in a bottle. And there'll be no teachers on board!

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1120944	Pirate Academy: New kid on deck Somper, Justin & Skaffa, Teo	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761182044	5-6	The year is 2507. The oceans have risen. A new dawn of piracy has begun. Jacoby Blunt and Jasmine Peacock are students at the elite Pirate Academy. This is no ordinary school. Lessons range from Knots Class and Sailing to Combat Workshop. The students hail from famous pirate families. The teachers are all legendary sea captains. The pressure is always on and friendship is everything. When a new kid - the mysterious Neo Splice - arrives, everything changes FAST. Suddenly, the dangers are no longer at sea but stalking the classrooms and corridors of Pirate Academy. In the face of real peril, the students of Barracuda class must put everything they have learned to the test against an unexpected and ruthless new enemy. Welcome to Pirate Academy where every day is a swashbuckling adventure!
5329	Pirate Blunderbeard 1: Worst. Pirate. Ever Sparkes, Amy & Cort, Ben (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2017	9780008201807	3-4	Blunderbeard describes herself as the worst pirate ever. She has wrecked her ship, she is scared of fish, she uses tourist to help her find her way and she loves to bake. Then to her horror, her Mum enters in to the Pirate of the Year competition-POTY. It all goes pretty badly, and Blunderbeard cannot win a thing. Can she use one of her amazing inventions or her pet chicken, Boris, to help get through the difficult and stupid competition?
6242	Pirate Blunderbeard 2: Worst. Movie. Ever. Sparkes, Amy & Cort, Ben (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780008201951	3-4	When the famous Jolly Roger movie director comes to Crossbones Island to make his latest blockbuster movie Tentacles Wonderbeard is determined to get a part, he just has to learn to act and teach his pet chicken to be a parrot. Due to a series of disasters he ends up with a main part, but not everyone is happy. Will he be able to be a successful movie star?
596795	Pirate boy of Sydney Town French, Jackie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781460754795	7-9	When 12 year old Ben's father loses their ancestral home in 1809 as payment for a gambling debt, Ben reluctantly joins him in a desperate venture to win it back, capturing enemy trading ships off the west Australian coast. While at sea, Ben must face not just the giant waves of the Southern Ocean but also the guns of a Dutch ship, along with unexpected treachery. And only the friendships of the mysterious convict Higgins and the young Indigenous sailor Guwara will help Ben survive, as well as show him the true meaning of loyalty and riches.

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933	Pirate company: on the trail of the golden toucan Cason, Susan	Omnibus Books	2013	9781742990026	5-6	When Tom's famous father fails to return home from an expedition, his corrupt step-mother has the explorer declared dead. Eager to be rid of her stepson, she ships him off to his stuffy old aunt in Boston. But his journey takes an unexpected turn. Before long he is working on a pirate ship and making plans to mount an expedition to discover his father's whereabouts.
66027	Pirate diary: journal of a cabin boy Platt, Richard & Riddell, Chris (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781406330601	3-4	In September, 1716, nine year old Jake Carpenter joined his Uncle Will aboard his ship to become a sailor. His uncle has told him about sea monsters and mermaids, and has sailed through a hurricane. When the ship, the Greyhound, is captured by pirates, Jake embarks on an exciting new life but on the wrong side of the law.
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.
30760	Pirate X Clark, Sherryl	University of Queensland Press	2011	9780702238895	5-6	Will Shepherd is not having the best of times. After six days on the wintery streets of London, he is beaten and robbed. After losing consciousness, he wakes to find he has travelled back to 1717, to a world of danger. Forced to work on Blackbeard's pirate ship, looting and burning, Will's unlikely friend is Major Bonnet, a disaster as a pirate but the key to his survival.
9451	Pirates ahoy Smiley, Sophie & Foreman, Michael (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842708828	3-4	Charlie's football-mad family swap goalposts for the seaside and her brother's on a quest for a pirate adventure. It's all hands on deck as cannonballs fly and damsels in distress are rescued.
693084	Pirates are coming, The Condon, John & Hunt, Matt (ill)	Nosy Crow Ltd	2020	9781788006781	K-2	"Pirates! Quick! Everybody Hide!" Tom is on the lookout for pirates! But every time he sees a ship, it turns out to be a false alarm. Everyone is fed up with Tom's warnings. So what will happen when the pirates really DO arrive?
660325	Pirates: Dead men's tales Rooney, Anne & WIlson, Joe (ill)	Carlton Books	2018	9781783122325	5-6	This book takes you on an epic adventure to meet pirates throughout history. Explore what life was really like as a member of a villainous pirate crew. However, don't let the title fool you; information is included about female pirates as well.
6223	Pixel raiders: Lava Island Bajo & Hex & Kennett, Chris (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781743817650	3-4	This is the final game level of tricky puzzles that lead Rip and Mei to the dangerous volcano at the centre of Lava Island. There they must outsmart the game and survive their toughest battle yet!

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46341	Pizza cake Gleitzman, Morris	Puffin Australia	2011	9780143305989	5-6	A reader's feast. Ten wonderfully fresh stories, full of imagination and humour.
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.
782120	Place inside of me, A: A poem to heal the heart Elliott, Zetta & Denmon, Noa (ill)	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	2020	9780374307417	7-9	There is a place inside of me a space deep down inside of me where all my feelings hide. In this powerful, affirming poem by award-winning author Zetta Elliott, a Black child explores his shifting emotions throughout the year. Summertime is filled with joy-skateboarding and playing basketball-until his community is deeply wounded by a police shooting. As fall turns to winter and then spring, fear grows into anger, then pride and peace.
37299	Place to call home, A Deacon, Alexis & Schwarz, Viviane (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781406323023	K-2	The baby hamsters have outgrown their home, an old mattress, so it's time to find a new one. They go on a mission across the garden, in various funny disguises so they're not attacked. Their quest takes them through a puddle that looks as big as the sea, across the sand, which they think is a desert, and the most dangerous part of all is getting past the beast.
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.

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955	Plague Orme, David	Evans Bros	2008	9780237535223	7-9	The year is 1665 and the plague has come to the city of London. For apprentice Henry Harper, life will never be the same. His father has died of the plague, and his mother and brother have fled to the country. Now Henry is alone and he must find a way to escape from the city he loves, before he, too, is struck down.
25417	Plague of unicorns, The Yolen, Jane	Zonderkidz	2014	9780310746119	5-6	James, an aristocratic son in medieval England, is sent to Cranford Abbey to study under the good monks. The abbey is falling into disrepair and, to make money, the Abbott sells cider made from the golden apples. But, the apples are constantly being eaten by a herd of marauding unicorns. When various methods fail to eradicate the unicorns, James must come up with a plan to eliminate them. He must become a perfect hero and risk his life to save the abbey and the monks, and, hopefully, find a way to return home.
5345	Planetwatch Bramwell, Martyn & Burnie, David & Dicks, Lynn & Few, Roger	Dorling Kindersley	2009	9781740337021	5-6	A comprehensive look at life on Earth, a fragile and changing place. Find out how climate change affects the world around us and what might happen in the future to the food we eat, the air we breathe and the land we live on.
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.
775547	Plantastic! A to Z of Australian plants Clowes, Catherine & Gyan, Rachel (ill)	CSIRO	2021	9781486313211	7-9	Plantastic! presents 26 of Australia's most unique and incredible native plants. Discover and identify native plants found in your local park, bushland or even your own backyard. With its perfect balance of fun facts, activities, adventurous ideas and gorgeous illustrations Plastic! will prove just how fantastic Australia's native plants really are.
12183	Plants Claybourne, Anna	Raintree	2003	9781410900791	3-4	With interesting photographs, this book introduces young readers to some of the weirdest plants in the world.
785444	Plastic throne, The Uduman, Amani and Bruton, Kera (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2021	9781925227802	K-2	Denver flushes all kinds of things down the toilet not thinking of the consequence. Then one night while he sleeps the ocean begins to stir, unable to contain its fury. Can Denver and his sister Maisy make it right before it is too late?

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41699	Play School: The useful book ABC Books	ABC Books	2016	9780733334016	K-2	Packed with activities, recipes, songs and poems to share and celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Australia's most iconic television show.
19091	Playground Wheatley, Nadia (ed) & Searle, Ken (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742370972	5-6	Read the true stories about the childhood of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, compiled from memoirs and oral histories. Find out about getting bush tucker, going fishing, taking part in ceremony, playing games and having fun. The warmth of home, the love of family and the strength of community shine through every story. Eighty Elders, both past and present, have contributed their words or artwork.
317	Playing Beatie Bow Park, Ruth	Penguin	1998	9780140314601	7-9	Fourteen year old Abigail finds herself transported back to Sydney's Rocks area in the nineteenth century when she follows a mysterious girl, who appeared during a scary game with other children in the neighbourhood.
628192	Playing with collage Baker, Jeannie	Walker Books	2019	9781406378665	5-6	A how-to guide to making your own collages, brimful of fascinating hints and tips from a master of the genre, Jeannie Baker. In Playing with Collage, she shares her secrets at last - and encourages her readers to get creative. Within each of this book's four main sections, Jeannie presents an abstract collage of her own and offers suggestions and starting points for beginners. There are no right or wrong answers in this treasure of a book, it's all about trusting your instincts... and playing!
12047	Playmates Tanner, Jane	Viking Children's	2002	9780140541472	K-2	Ben gets a little, bouncy puppy to love.
3791	Please be nice to sharks: fascinating facts about the ocean's most misunderstood creatures Weiss, Matt & Botelho, Daniel (photo)	Sterling Publishing Co	2016	9781454917489	3-4	You're probably thinking, "Why be nice to sharks?" Well, if you like the sea, you should love sharks. They are essential to the health of the ocean's ecosystem. But the sad truth is that sharks are being fished to extinction. That's bad news for our planet. Besides, sharks are cool. Dive into this book and learn more about these amazing, awesome and misunderstood fish.
3380	Please Mrs Butler Ahlberg, Allan	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	1999	9780140314946	3-4	A funny collection of poems all about one school. The verses cover such things as playtime, the school outing, French lessons, the three Rs, nicknames, best friends and a host of other familiar topics.
9448	Plenitude Bloom, Jessica	self-published	2002	9780958136006	9plus	Poetry, written by a young Sydney girl, to inspire primary and junior high school students. Some of the poems have challenging themes for older readers, including insightful views on death. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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2514	Plenty: a place to call home Braxton-Smith, Ananda	Black Dog Books	2014	9781742032429	5-6	Maddy receives an unexpected and quite unpleasant tenth birthday present. The family is to move from their inner-city home to the country, to be closer to her rarely-visited grandmother, who is battling the early stages of dementia. Stories by her grandmother and her Sudanese refugee classmate help Maddy to realise the true meaning of home, family and belonging.
14996	Ploo and the terrible gnobbler Inkpen, Mick	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2004	9780340879009	K-2	Ploo must face the terrible Gnobbler to rescue the moon. If he can't, day will never come and there will be no oggs for breakfast on Blue Nose Island.
846266	PM's daughter, The Costain, Meredith	Penguin	2022	9781761046704	7-9	Catalina Parkes Perez is used to living a normal life. But when her mum becomes Prime Minister her whole life changes. Life at The Lodge means having every moment scheduled and every outfit preapproved. But Cat and her mother disagree on practically everything, especially the government's climate policy. Now someone is trying to sabotage the new PM, putting Cat and everything she loves, in danger. Will she, with the help of some new friends, be able to make things right for her family and the country?
63900	Pobble's way Booy, Simon Van & Edelson, Wendy (ill)	Flashlight Press	2010	9780979974663	K-2	Daddy and Pobble discover a butterfly raft and frog umbrellas on their walk through the forest. When Pobble drops something, the animals all have a suggestion as to its purpose. A book for all who love to imagine alternative uses for things.
1514171	Pocket bear Applegate, Katherine & Santoso, Charles (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781760266622	5-6	Born during the throes of World War I, Pocket was designed to fit into the pocket of a soldier's jacket, eyes sewn a bit higher than normal so that he always gazed upward. That way, glancing at his pocket, a soldier would see an endearing token of love from someone back home, and, hopefully, a good luck charm. Now, over a century later, Pocket serves as unofficial mayor of Second Chances Home for the Tossed and Treasured, where stuffed toy animals are refurbished and given a fresh opportunity to be loved. He and his best feline friend Zephyrina, a Maine Coon known far and wide as "The Cat Burglar," have seen it all, and then some.
2986	Pocket dogs and the lost kitten, The Wild, Margaret & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742991054	3-4	Biff and Buff love riding in the pockets of Mr Pockets' very big coat and having him all to themselves. But, when a little lost kitten needs a home, they might have to learn about sharing.

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26079	Pocket dogs go on holiday, The Wild, Margaret & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2008	9781862917385	3-4	Biff and Buff have always loved being Mr Pockets' very own pocket dogs. When Mr Pockets takes them on a holiday by the sea, they love travelling in his pockets. But, when he takes his coat off to play on the beach, something dreadful happens and the coat disappears.
37476	Pocket dogs, The Wild, Margaret & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2007	9781862914445	3-4	Biff and Buff, Mr Pockets' dogs, are so tiny they fit into his pockets and that is how they travel to the park and to the shops. One day a hole appears in the right pocket. It keeps getting bigger and bigger until there is sure to be a disaster.
1401591	Pocket Potters: Harry Potter Rowling, J.K & Smillie, Natalie (ill)	Bloomsbury	2025	9781526672605	5-6	How old was Harry when he first started at Hogwarts? Who gave him the Marauder's Map, and how big is a Golden Snitch? Find out all this and much more about Harry Potter! Peek at Harry in his spidery cupboard under the stairs, find out what he buys in Diagon Alley and explore the Gryffindor dormitory. Get set for dragon encounters, Quidditch thrills, secret passwords and a wand from Ollivanders ...
1401608	Pocket Potters: Hermione Granger Rowling, J.K & Proietti, Laura (ill)	Bloomsbury	2025	9781526674029	5-6	What is Hermione's favourite subject? How did she make friends with Ron and Harry, and what does a mountain troll smell like? Find out all this and much more about Hermione Granger! Follow her through a day at Hogwarts, discover why she loves the library and learn all about her pet cat, Crookshanks. Get set for spectacular spells, charms and potions, and lots of Gryffindor house points!
1447488	Pocket Potters: Luna Lovegood Rowling, J.K & Brady, Helen (ill)	Bloomsbury	2026	9781526688682	5-6	How did Luna first meet Harry Potter? Why does she wear spectrespecs, and what sort of beast is a crumple-horned snorkack? Find out all this and much more about Luna Lovegood!
1447481	Pocket Potters: Professor Dumbledore Rowling, J.K & Escobar, Paola (ill)	Bloomsbury	2026	9781526685186	5-6	Why is Dumbledore such a brilliant headmaster? What's on his chocolate frog card and who is his favourite quidditch team? Find out all this and much more about Professor Dumbledore!
1401573	Pocket Potters: Ron Weasley Rowling, J.K & Muza, Olia (ill)	Bloomsbury	2025	9781526674012	5-6	How many big brothers does Ron have? Where do the Weasley family live, and how exactly do you de-gnome a garden? Find out all this and much more about Ron Weasley! See Ron get sorted into his Hogwarts house, explore his bedroom at The Burrow and meet the rest of the Weasleys. Get set for a flying car, wizard sports, Hogwarts feasts and a houseful of unforgettable pets ...

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44283	Pocketful of eyes, A Wilkinson, Lili	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742376196	7-9	Beatrice May Ross, otherwise known as Bee, is in her element working at the taxidermy department at the Museum of Natural History. But, her summer job is full of surprises. For starters, there's a dead body, a mysterious benefactor, a large stuffed tiger and a pocketful of glass eyes. Bee must sift through the clues to discover whether a murder has been committed.
802	Pocketful of posies: a treasury of nursery rhymes Mavor, Salley	Harcourt Children's Books	2010	9780618737406	K-2	A collection of classic nursery rhymes, beautifully illustrated with incredibly detailed, embroidered fabric and cloth scenes.
3394	Podkin One-Ear Larwood, Kieran & Wyatt, David (ill)	Faber & Faber	2016	9780571328406	5-6	As the midwinter feast rolls on, the children gather to hear the storyteller tell tales of the Great warrior, Podkin one-ear. How will the greatest Rabbit that ever lived become the Hero? How will he escape the evil Gorm, and will the children be allowed to hear the end? An eternal story, and the start of a new adventure in the five realms of rabbits.
35549	POE: Stories and poems Hinds, Gareth	Candlewick Press	2017	9780763681128	7-9	Seven of Edgar Allan Poe's most famous and best love stories and poems are collected here in one handsomely illustrated graphic novel for young readers. Poe's classic works have been skilfully adapted to the graphic format in a way that will entrance and terrify a young generation of horror fans without losing their original atmosphere and thought provoking depth. Poems including The Raven are presented in their entirety.
1424081	Poem for every question, A Bilston, Brian & Berger, Joe (ill)	Red Shed	2025	9780008682804	5-6	What are rainbows made of? Can poo heat your home? Why do my fingers and toes wrinkle in water? Brian Bilston will have you laughing out loud at these funny, informative and intriguing question and answer poems.
15028	Poems by young Australians Various & Greive, Bradley Trevor (ed)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2004	9780759320369	9plus	A wonderful, creative collection of works by young Australian poets, aged from eight to eighteen years to inspire would-be poets and readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
5372	Poems by young Australians Vol 6 Petty, Ron (ed) & Grieve, Bradley Trevor (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741664065	5-6	Enjoy this collection of bright, witty, powerful and dark poems, written by students from five to seventeen years for The Taronga Foundation poetry prize.
9273	Poems in my luggage Thiele, Colin	Puffin Australia	1989	9780140342796	5-6	Includes a wide variety of Australian poems - humorous, reflective, serious and wise.
4529	Poesy ring, The: A love story Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2017	9781406378276	K-2	Love is always there, it just needs to be found...Follow a little treasure on its astonishing journey to find its beloved owner.

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723432	Poet X, The Acevedo, Elizabeth	HarperCollins US	2018	9781405291460	7-9	Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking. But Xiomara has plenty she wants to say, and she pours all her frustration and passion onto the pages of a leather notebook, reciting the words to herself like prayers - especially after she catches feelings for a boy in her bio class named Aman, who her family can never know about. With Mami's determination to force her daughter to obey the laws of the church, Xiomara understands that her thoughts are best kept to herself. So when she is invited to join her school';s slam poetry club, she doesn't know how she could ever attend without her Mami finding out. But she still can't stop thinking about performing her poems. Because in the face of a world that may not want to hear her, Xiomara refuses to be silent.
5567	Poetry to the rescue Herrick, Steven	University of Queensland Press	2002	9780702233180	3-4	A collection of amusing poems on everyday life. These funny, touching and thought-provoking poems depict the lives of young people at home, school and play with honesty through the eyes of the children.
12139	Pog Lee, Lyn & Gamble, Kim	Omnibus Books	2000	9781862914124	K-2	Pog is a warty, bug-eyed monster who is terrified of children. One day, he comes face to face with his worst nightmare. An engaging twist to the story of a child who is about to start school and is still scared of monsters.
18388	Pog and the birdies Simmons, Jane	Orchard Books	2005	9781843624967	K-2	Cats stop chasing birds so they can enjoy their songs.
9537	Poke in the I: A collection of concrete poems Janeczko, Paul B (comp)	Walker Books	2001	9780744556568	3-4	A selection of poems to enchant the eyes and intellect. Striking and imaginative artworks illustrate the delightfully unravelling threads of words and sentences.
25440	Polar bear explorers' club, The Bell, Alex	Faber & Faber	2017	9780571332540	3-4	When Stella joins the Polar Bear Explorers on an expedition to the Icelands, her eyes are opened to a world of danger, adventure and snow pirates! Out in the icy wilds there are giant yetis, magical golden geese, terrifying carnivorous cabbages and important new friendships to be made. Join the explorers on an unforgettable adventure across the ice...
751042	Polar bear in Sydney Harbour Feiner, Beck & Feiner, Robin	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780733339400	K-2	Imagine finding a polar bear in Sydney Harbour. Hannah finds one but no-one else seems to notice him. Hannah helps him fit into the climate while she tries to find a way to help her new friend get home.

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9203	Polar Boy Fussell, Sandy	Walker Books	2008	9781921150388	3-4	Life isn't easy in the land of snow and ice and for Iluak, a Too-lee boy travelling with his tribe, there are daily challenges. Now, though, a new challenge is coming. His grandmother, the Shaman, tells him a bear is coming and that it will be Iluak who will save his people from the bear. But, Iluak is afraid of bears and doesn't want to face one.
15047	Polar express, The Van Allsburg, Chris	Andersen Press Ltd	1985	9780862641436	K-2	A small boy boards a train with other children and travels across snow covered country to the North Pole. He receives a silver bell from Santa as the first Christmas present of the year.
26707	Polar eyes: a journey to Antarctica Patrick, Tanya & Hutcheson, Nicholas (ill)	CSIRO	2009	9780643096103	5-6	Find out where penguins go to dance, what it's like to sleep in an igloo and how ancient ice can be used as a time machine. Take a journey through the scenes and science of one of the most fascinating parts of the planet, and try some hands-on activities. Heat-related activities may require supervision.
3128	Poles apart Willis, Jeanne & Jarvis (ill)	Nosy Crow Ltd	2015	9780857634924	K-2	Everybody knows that penguins belong at the South Pole and polar bears live at the North Pole-that is until a family of picnicking penguins accidently get lost journeying home. When the hapless Pilchard-Brown family find themselves at completely the wrong pole, they need Mr White, the friendly polar bear, to guide them all the way home.
61405	Poles apart: life at the ends of the Earth Norman, Mark	Black Dog Books	2010	9781742031354	3-4	Despite the movies, polar bears and penguins will never meet in the wild. That's because they live on different poles. Find out about their homes at opposite ends of the Earth.
9453	Police officer Artis, Lara	Heinemann	1997	9781863918497	3-4	Explores the role of police officers in our community. Bright, photographic illustrations show one officer completing a range of work tasks that are typical of the officer's responsibilities.

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587837	Polina Vives, Bastien	Vintage/Ebury (Random House)	2014	9780224096935	9plus	As a very young girl, Polina Oulinov is taken on as a special pupil by the famous ballet teacher Professor Bojinsky. He is very demanding and refuses to adapt his standards to the talents of his pupils, and Polina has to work hard and make great sacrifices in order to reach the level Bojinsky senses she has the talent for. When she graduates and is admitted to the official theatre school, she discovers that Bojinsky's view of ballet is only one of many and that she can't adapt to new rules, new visions. She flees Russia for Berlin, where she meets a group of drama students. Together they create a new form of theatre, and conquer the world. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1038939	Pollination: How does my garden grow? Cheng, Christopher & Snell, Danny (ill)	CSIRO	2023	9781486313235	K-2	A child spends the day in their grandparent's garden, learning about the importance of bees, possums and birds in the ecosystem. With additional information about pollination in the back of the book, students can learn all about how our world needs these creatures and the important roles they play in food and plant production.
	Polly and Buster series Rippin, Sally				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.
18565	Polly's march Newbery, Linda	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2005	9780746060315	5-6	The new occupants in the apartment upstairs turn out to be two women friends who are heavily involved in the suffragette movement. Polly is inspired by their beliefs and finds herself questioning the views of those around her.
647166	Polonius the pit pony O'Neill, Richard & Parker Thomas, Feronia (ill)	Child's Play International Ltd	2018	9781786281852	3-4	When Polonius the pit pony escapes from the coal mine he's worked in all his life, he joins a family of Travellers. Although he enjoys the freedom and the fresh air that their lifestyle offers, he wishes he could give something back to the family in return.When the chance arrives for him to do something to help, he rises to the challenge!

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59598	Pompeii: a Roman girl's diary AD78-79 Reid, Sue	Scholastic UK	2008	9781407103082	5-6	Claudia lives in Pompeii and begins her diary in August AD 78. She has been to the forum and felt the earth shake. It is a day of portents and omens, and on this same day, she first sees the mysterious slave boy, Aengus. Their paths continue to cross as they live in the shadow of the great volcano, Vesuvius.
5302	Pongwiffy stories, The Umansky, Kaye & Riddell, Kate (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2017	9781471167386	5-6	Pongwiffy has just moved into a new cave, and it's dirty, smelly and damp - in other words it's perfect for a witch like Pongwiffy! At least it would be if her next door neighbours weren't a group of extremely noisy Goblins... Before long Pongwiffy can bear it no more and enlists the help of her best friend, Witch Sharkadder, to find her somewhere else to live. And that's when the problems really start! Two laugh-out-loud stories of humour and warmth, enticingly mixed with much sludge, slime and very bad habits.
3479	Ponkidoodle McMullin, Neridah & Pocock, Aaron (ill)	Little Steps Publishing	2010	9781921042881	K-2	At night, Ponkidoodle keeps watch over the family home. He's very friendly and happy, and his antics are hilarious. Nocturnal by nature, Ponkidoodle likes to hang out on top of the roof, underneath the house, in the kitchen and, sometimes, even in the loo. But, despite his comical capers, what Ponkidoodle loves more than anything, is protecting children.
846088	Pony Palacio, R J	Puffin Australia	2021	9780141377056	5-6	Silas and his father live a quiet life on the outskirts of a small farming town. Besides his father, Silas' only other friend is a loyal and often helpful ghost, Mittenwool. One day their peaceful life is disrupted when some men show up on horseback to take Silas' father away because they believe he can help them with a very big crime. Silas is faced with conquering his fears of the outside world as he sets out to find his father.
717669	Pony question, The Merchant, Jackie	Walker Books	2020	9781760651640	5-6	Essie likes facts, and the fact is, she's left her love of horses behind her. She doesn't want a new horse and she certainly doesn't need one. Not with the price she would have to pay. That is a line she just won't cross. Except the universe has other ideas and there is a pony that needs her. This pony makes Essie face her past and her future. For the sake of the pony she must face difficult questions. In searching for answers she must decide if she can forgive the past.

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	Pony tails series Bryant, Bonnie				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.
579468	Pony with no name, The: Seaview stables Corderoy, Tracey	Simon & Schuster	2018	9781471170416	5-6	Bryony knows there is something special about the beautiful bay pony she sees in the woods, she loves him at first sight. The she meets the pony's owner, Georgina, who doesn't seem to care about him at all, she hasn't even given him a name. Georgina is determined to keep Bryony away from the pony. Bryony must come up with a plan quickly or risk never seeing her dream pony again.
832	Ponyo Miyazaki, Hayao	VIZ Media	2009	9781421530659	3-4	A modern adaptation of the little mermaid's story translated from the Japanese and beautifully illustrated by award winning animation director, Hayao Miyazaki. Sosuke, a young boy, lives high on a cliff overlooking the sea and rescues a little fish he calls Ponyo. Ponyo becomes a real girl and they are firm friends until her sorcerer father forces her to return to the sea. But, Sosuke's heart is pure and true and brave.
23331	Poo bum Blake, Stephanie	Gecko Press	2011	9781877467974	K-2	Once there was a rabbit who could only say one thing.
751184	Poo! and other words that make me laugh Arena, Felice & Jellett, Tom (ill)	ABC Books	2021	9780733341427	K-2	In the grand tradition of The Book with No Pictures and This Is a Ball, comes a brand-new read-aloud to get everyone laughing WARNING: Reading this book out loud may cause fits of giggles. If symptoms persist, read it again to appreciate our weird and wonderful language. And whatever you do, don't say POO!
895522	Poo, spew, and other gross things animals do! Gill, Nic & Cristescu, Romane & Tribout, Rachel (ill)	CSIRO	2022	9781486314867	5-6	Poo and spew isn't just hilariously gross, it is an important survival strategy for animals and insects across the world. From poopy nests to slimy attractors and deterrents, the animal world is disgustingly fascinating. Discover the grossest clues to become a scientific detective.
7614	Pooka Chataway, Carol & Rycroft, Nina (ill)	Working Title Press	2012	9781921504372	K-2	From the moment she's discovered on the doorstep, everyone loves Pooka. She's the best dog ever. Grandad warns the family not to get attached but it's too late for that.

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36815	Pookie Aleera is not my boyfriend Herrick, Steven	University of Queensland Press	2012	9780702249280	5-6	In a country town, the kids in class 6A tell their stories. Mick, school captain and sometimes trouble-maker, wants to make the school a better place, while brother Jacob just wants to fly. Shy Laura hopes to fit in with a circle of friends, while Pete struggles to deal with his grandpa's sudden death. Selina obsesses over class comedian Cameron, while Cameron obsesses over Anzac biscuits and Pookie Aleera - whoever that is.
16218	Pool D'Ath, Justin	Ford Street Publishing	2007	9781876462512	9plus	Something odd has happened to the public swimming pool, its claimed to have curative powers. When 16 year old Wolfgang Mulqueen takes a summer job there, he befriends Audrey, a blind girl, who claims she's nocturnal. The discovery of a black butterfly, unknown to science, and an unusual request from Audrey's father change Wolfgang's life forever. Deals with serious issues in a sensitive manner. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
3453	Poor fish Godwin, Jane	Penguin	2000	9780141306650	K-2	There's something wrong with Brendan's fish. A story about football, friends and a fish with nine lives.
318	Pop-up machines Crowther, Robert	Walker Books	1988	9780744507850	5-6	Twenty-eight working pop-up machines feature in this book.
1556514	Popcorn. Sometimes life turns up the heat Harrell, Rob	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781835870877	5-6	Will school photo day be the biggest test on my anxiety scale? Will my kernel pop today?Mum takes it all in , the black eye, the stained face and shirt, the broken lens in my glasses. It's... been a day for Andrew Yaeger.
12942	Pope John Paul II: Pope for the people Burns, Peggy	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2001	9780750232487	5-6	In 1978, Karol Wojtyla from Poland became Pope John Paul II. Through photographs, quotations and a glossary of terms, this book gives an insight into his life.
1019814	Popo the emperor penguin Jatwani, Beverly & Hale, Annabelle	New Frontier Publishing	2023	9781922326843	3-4	An enchanting story about a boy and an emperor penguin. When a big ball of snow separates Seb from the rest of the group, he doesn't know what to do. A special encounter with Popo the penguin will forever change Seb's understanding of gratitude.
	Poppa platoon series Various				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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1995	Poppy Hooper, Mary	Bloomsbury	2014	9781408827628	7-9	Poppy is fifteen, beautiful and clever but, in 1914, society has already carved out her destiny. She will become a servant at the big house. But, Poppy's life is thrown dramatically off course, through a forbidden love then her decision to tend the wounds of injured soldiers at war. As she experiences the best and very worst of humanity, Poppy will find an unexpected freedom and discover how to be truly her own person.
1425877	Poppy & Pipsqueak: The mighty pipsqueak Kelly, Deborah & Sabadin, Amie (ill)	Wombat Books	2026	9781761112768	3-4	Jessie-Dog has had her puppies, but one is much smaller than the others. Dad says there's no place for weak pups on a farm. But Poppy insists it can do everything the others can, too. After all, when Poppy was born, it was a long time before she could come home from the hospital. So Poppy is determined to convince him that Pipsqueak can grow into a fine dog. But what if she fails? What if Dad decides Pipsqueak needs another home, far away from Poppy?
2398	Poppy cat Acton, Sara	Scholastic Australia	2014	9781743620168	K-2	Poppy Cat is a copy cat, she likes to do everything I do. But sometimes she is mischievous.
	Poppy Fields series Landman, Tanya				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.
5532	Poppy in the field Hooper, Mary	Bloomsbury	2015	9781408827635	7-9	When Poppy learns that the love of her life is marrying someone else, she is devastated and volunteers her nursing skills overseas. But, the journey to Flanders is full of horrors, the hospital's Ward Sister is spiteful and the nurses are unfriendly. The dangers of frontline warfare soon make Poppy forget her own troubles and she finds that comfort for a broken heart can be found in the most unexpected places.
22515	Poppy wash Brown, Kerry & Pike, Michelle (ill)	ABC Books	2010	9780733325212	K-2	Poppy loves her job of dragon cleaning and one special dragon makes her realise it's not just the cleaning she loves.
21703	Poppy's gift Kuchling, Guundie	Windy Hollow Books	2006	9781921136924	K-2	Oswin is a common cricket, far too common for the vain and beautiful poppy, She does not care for his courting. When her fair-weather friends leave her, Oswin is her last remaining admirer.

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2495	Poppy, The Plant, Andrew	Ford Street Publishing	2014	9781925000320	5-6	On Anzac Day 1918, a desperate counter-attack in a French town became one of Australia's greatest victories on World War I. A bond was forged and never forgotten by the town and should never be forgotten by Australians.
1196	Portraits of Celina Whiting, Sue	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9781922077479	9plus	Following the death of her father, Bayley's family is not coping, with her sister's rebellious behaviour and her brother feeling guilt about his role in the accident. Bayley is trying to keep things together for everyone. Mum decides a move to an old family home in the country is best, where there is the 40 year old unsolved disappearance of Bayley's cousin, who is using Bayley to seek revenge. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
2021	Possum and wattle: my big book of Australian words Bancroft, Bronwyn	Little Hare Books	2008	9781921272585	K-2	This book explores the natural, rich landscape of Australia through Bundjalung woman's eyes. The Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal words are printed alongside each vibrant image of flora and fauna. A glossary of Indigenous words such as willy-willy, that are now part of everyday use, are included.
12280	Possum in the house Jensen, Kiersten & Oliver, Tony (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2000	9780949130020	K-2	This nameless possum creates havoc, and many sounds, crunch, clatter, rip, rustle, as he races through a house avoiding capture.
3467	Possum magic Fox, Mem & Vivas, Julie (ill)	Omnibus Books	1991	9781862910959	K-2	Grandma Poss uses bush magic to make Hush invisible but, when Hush wants to see herself again, Grandma can't remember which particular Australian food is needed to reverse the spell.
6453	Postcards from the town that disappeared Lendis, Celia & John	Forest Eductaion Foundation Inc. Tas	2005	9780958537612	3-4	Describes a way of life in the Tasmanian bush in the early 1900s including the pioneering spirit of the people as well as the basic conditions in which they live. Told through letter extracts and illustrations.
9510	Postie Warbrick, Sarah	Harcourt Education Australia	1999	9781863916288	3-4	An exploration of the role of postal workers in our community. Bright, photographic illustrations and simple clear text show the postie performing a range of typical work tasks.
18310	Postman's dog, The Shanahan, Lisa & Harris, Wayne (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2005	9781741142525	K-2	Features lovable dogs, a lonely postman and a big-hearted multicultural community.
27464	Potato music Booth, Christina & Groves, Pete (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781862917880	3-4	It is wartime and the family is desperately poor. But, they are content because they still have their piano and music. There comes a time when they have to make unpleasant sacrifices but they never give up hope.

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9631	Potato people, The Allen, Pamela	Penguin	2002	9780670896608	K-2	Every Friday, Jack spends the day with Grandma. They play, read stories and eat cake. Then, one cold and rainy Friday, they make two little people using potatoes, toothpicks and scraps of fabric.
7459	Pout-pout fish, The Diesen, Deborah & Hanna, Dan (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781742830063	K-2	A fish with a pout-pout face is spreading the dreary-wearies all over the place. We need to turn this fish's frown upside down.
	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.
6709	Pow: meet the renewables Trafford, Caren & Lance, Charlotte (ill)	Etram Pty Ltd	2008	9780958187848	5-6	A fun look at how renewable energy can help turn around climate change and all the positive ways you can help. The Renewables want to Power Our World and give everyone a bright, clean, energy-efficient, power-filled, pollution-free tomorrow.
	Power of Five series Various				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.
	Power of Five series Various				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
3481	Power to burn Fienberg, Anna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2000	9781865080918	7-9	When Roberto arrives in Italy from Australia, he discovers dark family secrets, la magia, the power that is feared and suppressed, a tragic story of love and icy revenge. He and Angelica must stop the curse spreading beyond their family into the world.

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	Practical guide series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
965820	Prank queen! George, Zoe & Vee, Dani & Lopez, Jesus (ill)	Larrikin House	2023	9781922804396	K-2	Mum is the Prank Queen, creating chaos with wild and whacky pranks but what happens when the Prank Queen gets a taste of her own medicine?
1494849	Prayer for a river Loughrey, Uncle Glenn & Kelly, Andrew	Wild Dog Books	2025	9781742036915	5-6	Water falls from the sky, joins the river and gives life to Country. This book tells how waterways hold knowledge, memory and story. A simple, direct and moving acknowledgement of the life-giving role water plays.
18673	Prayer for Blue Delaney, A Murray, Kirsty	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2005	9781865087368	9plus	In the fifties, Colm McCabe is sent from England to an Australian orphanage. He suffers terribly under the cruel nuns and brothers. His faith shines through as he searches for self and family. Strong language used frequently in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
22318	Precious and the monkeys McCall Smith, Alexander & McIntosh, Iain (ill)	Polygon	2011	9781846972041	3-4	Well before Precious Ramotswe founded her famous Number One Ladies Detective Agency, she was already solving mysteries as an eight year old. Here, young Precious finds out just who has been stealing her schoolfriends' snacks and we see how, and why, she became a crafty and intuitive private investigator.
12816	Precious Little Hunt, Julie & Moss, Sue & Chapman, Gaye (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9781741751475	3-4	Precious Little wants to be a trapeze artist but no one in the circus encourages her, apart from Fat Chance and Tough Luck, who run the lucky dip. Precious Little practises her skills but it's only when she takes a risk in the lucky dip that she really takes off.
1463	Prehistoric giants: the megafauna of Australia Clode, Danielle	Museums Victoria	2009	9780980381320	7-9	Step back to a time when giant goannas and marsupial lions stalked the Australian bush. Imagine herds of two-tonne animals roaming the plains and flocks of flightless ducks, bigger than emus, striding across the shallow, inland sea. This book reveals an Australia when humans shared the land with giants.

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4851	Prehistoric marine life in Australia's inland sea Clode, Danielle	Museums Victoria	2015	9781921833168	5-6	Step back to a time when Australia's red centre was flooded by a vast shallow ocean, the Eromanga Sea. While dinosaurs stalked the scattered islands that made up the Australian continent, giant marine reptiles ruled the waves. Plesiosaurs and ichthyosaurs swam in an inland sea filled with schools of ammonites. Pterosaurs flew overhead and giant carnivorous amphibians lurked in the rivers.
319	Present takers, The Chambers, Aidan	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1994	9780099991601	5-6	Bullies have spoiled Lucy Hall's birthday and are threatening to ruin her entire year. A gang of aggressive girls has chosen Lucy as their newest target and Lucy is unwilling and unable to defend herself or ask for help.
32786	Press here Tullet, Herve	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742375281	K-2	Press here. That's right, just press the yellow dot. Now turn the page.
660804	Press start! Super rabbit boy powers up! Flintham, Thomas	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781338034738	3-4	Winning isn't easy at the Super Cup Grand Prix. Our hero Super Rabbit Boy needs to beat meanie King Viking. Can he beat King Viking despite all the tricks, traps and other racers?
652808	Press the button Nicholls, Sally & Woollvin, Bethan (ill)	Affirm Press	2018	9781925870206	K-2	It's a book full of buttons. What do they do? There's only one way to find out: press them all!
14976	Preston Campbell edition, The (An Indij sport report) Campbell, Preston & McDougall, Wendy (ill)	Indij Readers	2004	9780975686041	5-6	An insight into the life and family of Preston Campbell, a talented player with the Penrith Panthers rugby league team. Exciting layout contributes to the impact of the text and makes information more accessible.
660722	Pretty funny Elliott, Rebecca	Penguin	2020	9780241374627	7-9	Hayley, or Pig to her school mates, is a curvy, funny girl in a world of skinny, pretty girls. She wants to be a stand up comic, her friends want to find the right mascara and hot boyfriends.
35587	Pretty girls don't eat Salamon, Winnie	Ford Street Publishing	2017	9781925272772	7-9	Sixteen-year-old Winter Mae Jones knows exactly what she wants. A career in fashion design. There's only one thing standing in her way. She's fat. And fat girls don't work in the fashion industry. So Winter decides to take matters into her own hands. She goes on a diet, which at first makes her feel fab and in control. It's only when things get out of hand that she comes to realise that, not only has she less control than she thought, but also that her weight has nothing to do with what's holding her back.

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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.
6642	Pretty Salma Daly, Niki	Frances Lincoln	2008	9781845074982	3-4	When Granny asks Pretty Salma to go to the market, she warns her not to talk to strangers. But, cunning Mr Dog tricks Salma and, before she knows it, he's wearing her stripy ntama, her pretty white beads and her yellow sandals. And he's on his way to Granny's house. A retelling of a favourite fairy tale.
22779	Previously Ahlberg, Allan & Ingman, Bruce	Walker Books	2007	9781844280629	5-6	A fascinating backwards walk through familiar narratives that would appeal to multiple age groups, the read to and the reading. A sound knowledge of fairy stories and nursery rhymes and a willingness to think in new ways are prerequisites for enjoying this book to the full.
67810	Priceless painting pinched Holper, Paul & Torok, Simon & Axelsen, Stephen (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2009	9781405037334	5-6	A suspicious new art teacher starts at Zac and Hannah's school just as the newspaper headlines announce the robbery of a priceless painting. Follow the clues and the red herrings, collect the evidence and check out the suspects to solve the crime of the missing painting.
1424119	Prickles Cummings, Phil & Goldsmith, Jennifer (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781760266028	K-2	Prickles lived in a city alleyway. He wandered the streets every day, bringing warmth and joy to the lives of everyone he met. But then... the colour in his eyes began fading to shadow. Prickles was afraid and alone, with no-one to help... until he met Molly and her family. A gentle but powerful story of community, connection, family and the importance of those who help us find our way.
919357	Pride and premeditation Price, Tirzah	HarperTeen	2020	9780062889829	7-9	When a scandalous murder shocks London high society, seventeen-year-old aspiring lawyer Lizzie Bennet seizes the opportunity to prove herself, despite the interference of Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy, the stern young heir to the prestigious firm Pemberley Associates. Convinced the authorities have imprisoned the wrong person, Lizzie vows to solve the murder on her own. But as the case - and her feelings for Darcy-become more complicated, Lizzie discovers that her dream job could make her happy, but it might also get her killed.

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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?
846230	Primer Muro, Jennifer & Krajewski, Thomas & Lusky, Gretel (ill)			9781401296575	5-6	Ashley Rayburn is an upbeat girl with a decidedly downbeat past. She has bounced from foster home to foster home and represents a real challenge to the social workers who try to help her, because trouble always seems to find her! Ashley's latest set of foster parents are Kitch and Yuka Nolan. Like Ashley, Kitch is an artist. Yuka, on the other hand, is a geneticist working for a very high-level tech company. Yuka's latest top secret project is a set of body paints that, when applied to the wearer, grant them a wide range of special powers. When Ashley discovers the paints, she assumes these are for her, but soon realizes that she's stumbled upon something much bigger and a lot more dangerous. Although she uses her newly discovered powers for good, it's not long before the military becomes wise to what happened to their secret weapon. And this spells big trouble not only for Ashley, but for her newfound family and friends as well."
977801	Prince & the apocalypse, The McDowell, Kara	Wednesday Books	2023	9781761264535	9plus	Wren is a planner, but breaking news of a comet hurling towards Earth leaves her careful itinerary in tatters. Left behind after her senior-year trip to London she meets cute Prince Theo, the British crown prince. Wren and the Prince are soon forced into the highest-stakes journey of them all, racing through Europe to get her back home before the end of the world. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
3492	Prince and the pauper, The Twain, Mark	Dial Books (Penguin)	1999	9780803720992	3-4	Picture book version of Twain's classic, the fictional account of England's Edward VI and his adventures when he swaps roles with a poor boy.

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580942	Prince and the witch and the thief and the bears, The Chisholm, Alastair & Tuya, Jez (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781406365139	K-2	When it's time for Jamie's bedtime story, his Dad begins to tell an age-old fairy tale about a prince in a faraway land full of dragons, wolves and princesses in distress. But inquisitive Jamie can't help but add to his dad's story, and the prince is soon joined by an evil-eyed witch who turns people to jelly, a broccoli-wielding ninja frog and a jewel-thief, lock picking princess. It may not be the story Dad set out to tell, but together, he and Jamie create something much more energetic and hilarious than they could have alone.
3494	Prince Cinders Cole, Babette	Puffin UK	1987	9780140555257	K-2	Prince Cinders leads a hard life as he spends all his time cleaning up after his three brothers who bully him. One night, his luck changes when a small, dirty fairy falls down the chimney and promises that his wishes will come true.
9275	Prince in waiting, The Christopher, John	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1983	9780003300109	7-9	Luke does not adequately anticipate the future changes to his primitive society.
7750	Prince of Afghanistan Nowra, Louis	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781743314821	9plus	Black parachutes fall from the sky. Young soldiers and a dog are on a rescue mission in a remote part of Afghanistan. But, the mission ends in chaos. Eighteen year old Corporal Mark Hollis and Prince, the dog, embark on a perilous journey. To get back to base, they must navigate an unforgiving landscape and avoid capture or death at the hands of the Taliban. Mark and Prince must depend on each other to survive. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
15446	Prince of butterflies Coville, Bruce & Clapp, John (ill)	Harcourt Children's Books	2002	9780152058548	5-6	A beautiful story about John Farrington, a boy who loved butterflies and grew into a man who saved them.
660384	Prince of ponies Gregg, Stacy	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2019	9780008332310	5-6	War destroyed the worlds of two young girls decades apart. Their love of amazing stallions will draw them together, and bring peace to them both.
1446731	Prince of stars, The: Ulugh Beg's quest to map the stars and seasons Yuksel, M.O & Firdauzia, Zelma (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780063240155	5-6	Ulugh Beg's curiosity burned as bright as the stars. He yearned to count every star in the sky, every day in a year, and to know why the seasons change. Ulugh Beg's quest for knowledge led to the creation of new schools, the world's largest observatory and star catalogs, and innovative tools to better chart the secrets of the skies.
50768	Princess and her panther, The Orr, Wendy & Stringer, Lauren (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9781742374246	K-2	What do you get when you take one brave, big sister, one not-so-brave little sister, a spooky night-time backyard, and heaps of imagination? The most magnificent camp-out ever. The perfect story for chasing away the spooky shadows of the night.

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8040	Princess and the packet of frozen peas, The Wilson, Tony & deGennaro, Sue (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781741693362	K-2	Once upon a time, there was a prince called Henrik who wanted to fall in love and get married. He was an outdoorsy type and he hoped that the princess he married would like hockey and camping. But, it's not easy to find a real princess.
3496	Princess and the pea, The Child, Lauren & Borland, Polly (captured by)	Puffin Australia	2005	9780141500140	3-4	The tale of a prince, a princess, perfect politeness, pages of love and a peculiarly hard pea. A fairytale of a down-to-earth princess recreated through a mix of artwork and photography.
15200	Princess and the unicorn, The Blaxland, Wendy & Millard, Kerry (ill)	Puffin Australia	2005	9780143301608	3-4	The king is ill and only the magic of a unicorn might cure him. No-one believes in unicorns, except Princess Lily. Can she find one? Her two brothers certainly can't. Through Lily's efforts, the whole family is able to resolve some sad emotions.
1433867	Princess and unicorn: Mikka's magical surprise Louise, Zanni & May, Kyla (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2026	9781460766965	3-4	Princess Mikka has a palace, a dress for every occasion and even her own water-slide, but there's one thing she wants more than anything else: a pet. So when her parents surprise her with her very own unicorn called Marshmallow, all her dreams come true. That is, until Marshmallow's magical horn ZAPs everything in sight! Can Mikka help Marshmallow manage her magic, or will the kingdom be covered in orange juice, floating sheep and dancing teapots forever?
774467	Princess Benjamina has a very cheeky bum! Hooper, Claire & Nguyen, Jackie (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760876579	K-2	When you are trying to find your inner voice, sometimes you need to look behind you! This delightful tale, bursting with humour, proves that behind every cheeky princess... is her own rear end.
	Princess Betony series Freeman, Pamela & Ainslie, Tamsin (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.
9244	Princess bride, The Goldman, William	Bloomsbury	1999	9780747545187	5-6	A classic story of pirates, evil princes, sorcerers and true love.

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2727	Princess diaries, The Cabot, Meg	Pan MacMillan	2007	9780330482059	9plus	Mia Thermopokis is not herself any more. According to her dad, she is now Amelia Mignonette Grimaldi Thermopolis Renaldo, Princess of Genovia. Mia so does not want to take princess lessons from grandmere or move to Genovia or, worse still, have anyone find out about this princess thing. Life gets a whole lot more yucky when mum starts dating one of Mia's teachers and everyone else has a date except Mia. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
3497	Princess diaries, The: Take two Cabot, Meg	MacMillan	2000	9780330482066	7-9	Nothing is simple for the new princess of Genovia. With her mother dating her Algebra teacher, a secret admirer sending her emails and a bad case of the hots for her friend Lilly's brother, Michael, life as Princess Amelia Mignongette Grimaldi Thermopolis Renaldo can be just as bad as Mia Thermopolis's. Mia might have to sacrifice Michael for someone more appropriate like Prince William, not the biggest sacrifice.
	Princess in black series Various				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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1423943	Princess knight, The Jacobs, Cait	Magpie Books GB	2025	9780008609115	9plus	Prince Domhnall and Princess Clía are the perfect royal match - that is until he ruins everything by refusing to propose. Heartbroken but determined, Clía wins a place at Domhnall's military academy to win him back. After all, how hard can duelling really be? Warrior Ronan has no time for blonde princesses. Even if she is...well, cute. He tells himself there's no harm training her. Even if his heart does race around her. Even if Domhnall is his best friend. But, as they say, love is a battlefield - and unfortunately for them, a very real war is looming on the horizon. It's a fight that will threaten their kingdoms and their hearts. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
45243	Princess of Egypt: an Egyptian girl's diary 1490 BC Cross, Vince	Scholastic UK	2008	9781407103099	5-6	Asha, the daughter of King Thutmose, does not want to live the constrained life of privileged, pampered Egyptian women. She loves to train her body and her mind, and resents the power and importance of men. One day, a prophecy foretells that a young woman will prove to be the best man in the Two Kingdoms and Asha is caught up in a world of plots, danger and intrigue.
26143	Princess Parsley Rushby, Pamela	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742991610	5-6	Parsley Patterson's first year of high school is not turning out as she had expected. It's not only her name that's the problem. Parsley is targeted by Danielle and her mean group, and bullied about her hippie family and her Possum Creek address. But, just as she decides to keep her head down and try to ignore it all until it blows over, her father's announcement causes the spotlight to rest firmly again on Parsley.
2257	Princess Pigsty Funke, Cornelia & Meyer, Kerstin(ill), Wright, Chantal (trans)	Chicken House	2007	9781905294329	K-2	Princess Isabella is so defiant her father, the King, tries to punish her by taking away her princess privileges. But, Princess Isabella discovers she likes doing chores. In the end, her father's love helps Isabella find the right life for her.
45873	Princess plot, The Boie, Kirsten	Chicken House	2009	9781905294541	7-9	Jenna is excited to be chosen to act in a movie about a princess, amazed when her mother gives her permission to fly off for the filming and confused when she realises she is the spitting image of the missing Princess of Scandia.
660615	Princess rules, The Gregory, Philippa & Chatterton, Chris (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2019	9780008339791	3-4	Princess Florizella has studied the rules about being the perfect princess, she has just decided not to follow them. Instead Princess Florizella rides her horse Jellybean all over the kingdom having great adventures of her own.

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9547	Princess Smartypants Cole, Babette	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	1999	9780140566888	3-4	Princess Smartypants does not want to get married. She enjoys being a Ms but, because she's a rich and pretty princess, all the princes want to marry her. She fights to preserve her independence in this hilarious fairy tale.
9948	Princess who hated it, The Klein, Robin & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Puffin Australia	2009	9780143303428	3-4	Princess Althea hates being a princess. She doesn't want to wear formal clothes, wave to crowds and sew tapestries. She wants to have fun and the farm children that she can see from her castle window have much more fun than she does.
27363	Prism Kellerman, Faye & Aliza	HarperCollins US	2009	9780061905667	9plus	Nothing is the same for Kaida, Zeke and Joy after the accident. They return to their ordinary lives but the world has ceased to make sense. Perhaps this world, with no hope and no cures, is not their world at all. The nightmare begins. They must rely on their own resourcefulness to identify what the problem is and then how to solve it, or they could be trapped in the nightmare forever. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
887077	Prison healer Noni, Lynette	Penguin	2024	9781760897512	9plus	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. 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. 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. 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. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 or above.

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21060	Prisoner B-3087 Gratz, Alan	Scholastic US	2013	9780545459013	7-9	Survive at any cost. Ten concentration camps. It's something no one could imagine surviving. However, based on a true story, it's what Yanek Gruener has to face. As a Jewish boy during WWII, he is at the mercy of the Nazis who have taken control of everything.
43482	Prisoner of ice and snow Lauren, Ruth	Bloomsbury	2017	9781408872758	7-9	Valor is under arrest for the attempted murder of the crown prince. Her parents are outcasts from the royal court, her sister is banished for theft of a national treasure, and now Valor has been sentenced to life imprisonment at Demidova, a prison built from stone and ice. But that's exactly where she wants to be. For her sister was sent there too, and Valor embarks on an epic plan to break her out from the inside. No one has escaped from Demidova in over three hundred years, and if Valor is to succeed she will need all of her strength, courage and love. If the plan fails, she faces a chilling fate worse than any prison.
2356	Prisoner of night and fog Blankman, Anne	Hachette Children's Books	2014	9781472207845	9plus	For Gretchen Muller, Hitler is her friendly uncle who has always been there for her and her family since the death of her father. But, as Hitler's hold over Germany strengthens, he will be forever changed in Gretchen's eyes. She will do anything to uncover the truth, with the help of a young Jewish reporter. Contains some violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
14667	Prisoners in the palace MacColl, Michaela	Chronicle Books	2010	9780811873000	9plus	Sixteen year old Liza expects to make her debut in 1830s London but, when her parents die, she is left penniless and must enter service. She becomes a maid to young Princess Victoria. Liza slowly adjusts to her new life and the temperamental, lonely princess. Liza befriends a young boy and a newspaperman to confront the public slander surrounding the princess. Includes some adult themes and violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
12340	Private and confidential Ripley, Marion & Backhouse, Colin	Frances Lincoln	2003	9780711220973	5-6	Laura, an English girl, discovers that her Australian pen pal is blind. She decides to learn to use a Braille machine to send him a get-well-soon card. They are soon sending Braille letters to each other, making their letters private and confidential.

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15391	Private Peaceful Morpurgo, Michael	HarperCollins Children's Books	2012	9780007486441	9plus	On the battlefields of World War 1, young Private Thomas Peaceful looks back over his childhood. His memories of his loving family come vividly alive. But, every moment takes Tommo closer to something he cannot bear to think about. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
9920	Problem pony Clark, Sherryl & Young, Noela	Puffin Australia	2006	9780143302599	5-6	Beth has always wanted a horse of her own. She is thrilled when she has the chance to look after a pony called Brady. But, Brady is a problem pony who doesn't seem to want to be friends with her.
4935	Probuditi Van Allsburg, Chris	Houghton Mifflin	2008	9781842707005	5-6	Calvin and his friends hypnotise Calvin's little sister, Trudy, and make her do lots of silly things. It is only at the last moment, before Mum comes home, that she snaps out of her hypnotic state.
630945	Professional crocodile Zoboli, Giovanna & Di Giorgio, Mariachiara (ill)	Chronicle Books	2017	9781452165066	K-2	Mr Crocodile loves his job. Every morning he gets up with an alarm. He brushes his teeth. He chooses the right tie to match his outfit, eats a quick slice of toast, and heads off to work on a crowded train. But what is his job? The answer may surprise you.
714426	Professor Astro Cat's deep-sea voyage Walliman, Dr Dominic & Newman, Ben	Flying Eye Books	2020	9781912497126	3-4	Despite covering over 70% of the Earth's surface, the ocean is still roughly 95 % unexplored. Join your helpful guide, Professor Astro Cat, as he takes a dive from the seashore all the way to the ocean's darkest depths. Learn all about ocean creatures big and small, and how humans explore the underwater world in this wonderfully illustrated book on the depths of the sea. From gigantic whales to underwater volcanoes, there's so much to discover on this Deep-Sea Voyage.
31133	Professor Astro Cat's human body odyssey Walliman, Dr Dominic & Newman, Ben	Flying Eye Books	2018	9781911171140	3-4	This latest adventure with Professor Astro Cat is perfect for those with a scientific mind and looking to learn more about the human body. Why do we sneeze? Why are our ears a strange shape? What is the point of having skin? The human body is a complicated thing and if you join Professor Astro Cat and the gang, you can take a journey through the parts of the human body!

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941471	Project Nought Furedi, Chelsey	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780358381693	7-9	Ren Mittal's last memory in the year 1996 is getting on a bus to visit his mystery pen pal Georgia. When he wakes up in 2122, he thinks he might be hallucinating...he's not!Tech conglomerate Chronotech sponsors a time-travel program to help students in 2122 learn what history was really like...from real-life subjects who've been transported into the future...and Ren is one of them.In 2122, Ren's life in the 1990s is practically ancient history-and Ren's not sure how to feel about that. On top of it all, he learns that his memory will be wiped of all things 2122 before he's sent back to the '90s. Adding to Ren's complicated feels, he's forming a crush on his student guide, Mars.And when he crosses paths with the absolute last person he expected to see in the future, he has a bigger problem on his hands: What if Chronotech isn't the benevolent organization they claim to be, and he and his fellow subjects are in great danger.
10948	Project, The Falkner, Brian	Walker Books	2010	9781921529795	5-6	It all began with a book so boring that nobody would ever read it, the perfect place to hide a terrible secret. Now the book has emerged from its hiding place and the world may never be the same. A prank leads Luke and Tommy into a world of trouble, requiring all their investigative skills to save civilisation from a catastrophic occurrence. World War ll, da Vinci's inventions, and time travel all come into play.
870185	Prometheus High: How to make a monster Wilson, Stuart	Puffin Australia	2022	9781761042256	7-9	Athena Strange's first semester at Prometheus High starts with a bang. But when her lessons in reanimation, robotics and skulkers move too slowly and she has trouble making friends, Athena decides to take matters into her own hands. On a ship where science and magic collide, and the monster under your bed is probably very real ... will Athena be able to hold her head above water?
901451	Prometheus High: The books of the dead Wilson, Stuart	Penguin	2022	9781761042263	7-9	A frantic rooftop race, alchemy lessons on the zepplin, a booby-trapped pyramid ... just the start of semester two at Prometheus High. Join Athena and Marceline on their mission to unearth Marceline's past. Does it have anything to do with the ancient monster on the airship and how far are they willing to go to reach their answers?

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638659	Promise Alt, Alexandra	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781742991986	9plus	At 15, Lene is questioning everything. She is sick of the compulsory League of German Girls meetings, and everyone being made to fight for a final victory that never seems to come. She is in love with Ludwig, who lives upstairs and listens to enemy broadcasts. Like Lene, he rejects the war and the endless Nazi indoctrination. When Ludwig is ordered to the Eastern Front, can Lene and Ludwig hold on to their promise to one another and resurface from the darkness of the abyss in post-war Berlin? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
31116	Promise horse, The Merchant, Jackie	Walker Books	2018	9781760650568	7-9	Harry is tired of being the tall new kid with red hair, big feet, and freckles. The one with the dead sister who's voice follows her every where she goes. People tell her she's imagining Sissy, but they are wrong, surely she wouldn't be such a pain if Harry was making her up? When Harry's wish for a horse comes true and Marksman comes into her life she wonders if she should have wished so hard, because Marksman is big, huge even, and Harry wonders if she has taken on more than she can deal with. But could this challenge be just what she needs to learn the difference between standing out and standing up?
118684	Promise is a promise, A Knister, Tharlet, Eve (ill) & Bishop, Kathryn (trans)	Penguin	2006	9780698400405	K-2	After a long winter's hibernation, Bruno, the marmot, wakes to discover a beautiful dandelion outside his burrow. The two become friends and play together until summer when the dandelion asks Bruno to trust her even though she wants his help to disappear.
31244	Promise, The Guille, Derek & Kaff-eine (ill)	One Day Hill Pty Ltd	2012	9780987313966	5-6	Australian soldier Nelson Ferguson was wounded in battle by poison gas which damaged his eyes and lungs. These injuries were made worse because Nelson was an artist and a cornet player. After he died many years later, Nelson's grandson wanted to ensure Australians remembered what happened to thousands of young soldiers in World War 1.

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1409487	Promises and other lies Whiting, Sue	Walker Books	2025	9781760658649	7-9	One year on from a devastating bushfire, the small coastal town of Wangaroo Bay is still reeling. Fletch's family lost their home, and his best friend Immie lost her beloved dad, a volunteer firefighter. Throughout it all, Fletch and Immie have had each other. Immie's grandparents push for the Bayfire investigation to be reopened, but Fletch's mum, dad and elder brother Cooper want to put the past behind them. And when a local, one of their own, is charged with arson, emotions flare, sides are taken, and promises - and secrets - are at stake. The fire has already destroyed Wangaroo Bay, now its aftermath threatens to destroy Fletch and Immie and their families too.
27421	Promising Azra Thurloe, Helen	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760113278	7-9	Azra is sixteen, smart and enthusiastic. When she wins a place in a national science competition, Azra thinks her biggest problem will be getting her parents' permission to go. But, she doesn't know that they're busy arranging her marriage to an older cousin she's never met, in Pakistan, in just three months time. Azra's dreams of finishing high school with her friends then studying science are suddenly overshadowed. Her dreams and ambitions do not include marriage.
9137	Pros and cons of being a frog, The deGennaro, Sue	Scholastic Australia	2012	9781742830636	K-2	Two young friends are trying to find the right animal. This isn't as easy as it sounds, especially when one of them speaks mostly in numbers and the other is a little quirky. And, they're also working out what makes a good friend and how to deal with differences and arguments. Perhaps, you need to read through the pro and cons of being a frog to figure it out.
1424080	Protect biosphere reserves Spilsbury, Louise & Medina, Victor	Franklin Watts	2026	9781445189994	3-4	How would you like to join Team Planet, as they investigate some of the most awe-inspiring places in our world? Trek through rainforests in South America, canoe across gigantic lakes in Asia and get up-close to gorillas in Africa! These are all UNESCO Biosphere Reserves, places which have special importance for everyone on our planet and they are protected by an organization called UNESCO. But these amazing Reserves are under threat - from people, pollution, climate change and natural disasters. Come on an expedition to discover what we can all do to help protect these incredible places.

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875	Protected, The Zorn, Claire	University of Queensland Press	2014	9780702250194	9plus	Hannah's world is in pieces and she doesn't need the counsellor to tell her she has issues. With a depressed mum, an injured dad and a dead sister, Hannah should feel terrible but, for the first time, she feels a glimmer of hope. Maybe it's because Josh is taking an interest in her or maybe it runs deeper than that. In a family torn apart by grief and guilt, Hannah's struggle to come to terms with years of torment shows how long old wounds can take to heal. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
	Protector of the small series Pierce, Tamora				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.
660660	Proudest blue, The Muhammad, Ibtihaj & Ali, S K & Aly, Hatem (ill)	Walker Books	2020	9781783449712	3-4	Asiya's hijab is like the ocean and the sky, no line between them, saying hello with a loud wave. Saying I'll always be here, like sisters. Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad brings a story of being proud of who you are and the strength of sibling understanding
9541	Prowlpuss Wilson, Gina & Parkins, David (ill)	Walker Books	1996	9780744547702	3-4	Prowlpuss is the story of an old, scarred and tough street cat told in rollicking rhyme with bold pictures. He spends his nights roaming the alleys of the town but eventually encounters an enchanting and unobtainable female feline.
20364	Prudence wants a pet Daly, Cathleen & King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781741699654	3-4	Prudence really wants a pet. Branch, Twig and Formal Footware just aren't fit to be pets, neither is her brother.
3510	Prue Theroux: the cool librarian Rubinstein, Gillian & Mackintosh, David (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780091838867	3-4	Miss Prue, the cool school librarian who is both wacky and patient, is to be replaced by the robotic Mr Boycott who is most unsatisfactory. Infectious text features repetition and rhyme.
660781	PS I still love you Han, Jenny	Scholastic Australia	2014	9781442426733	7-9	They were just pretending. Until they weren't. And now Lara Jean has to learn what it's like to be in a real relationship and not just a make-believe one. But when another boy from her past returns to her life, Lara Jean's feelings for him suddenly return too. Can a girl be in love with two boys at once?

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6521	Psycho gran Harris, Christine & Guthridge, Bettina (ill)	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780733612756	3-4	Holly's home alone until an old woman wanders into the house. Is the woman ill or is she dangerous? Then, to make things worse, a couple of burglars break in and things are really turned upside down. Holly's family may not turn up in time to rescue her.
12463	Pudding & chips Matthews, Penny & others	ABC Books	2004	9780733314148	K-2	Pudding, the goose, is fierce and very noisy. The only animal on the farm who isn't afraid of Pudding is the sheepdog, Chips. When a fox starts visiting the farm, it is Pudding who raises the alarm.
571115	Puddle hunters Murray, Kirsty & Blair, Karen (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760296742	K-2	When the rain stops, it's time to go puddle hunting. Ruby and Banjo go up the street, through the park, over the bridge and down to the river flats where the puddles lie waiting. Splosh it, Ruby! Splosh it, Banjo!
707966	Puffin book of big dreams, The Puffin	Puffin Australia	2020	9780241438206	5-6	Celebrate Puffin's 80 years of magical storytelling with this wonderful collection of brand-new and beloved stories, poems and pictures.
750749	Puffin little explorer: The ocean Puffin Books	Puffin Australia	2020	9781760897666	3-4	An underwater adventure for little explorers. Find out what lives in rock pools, beaches, sea grass meadows and kelp forests. Investigate the mysteries of the world's ocean from top to bottom, surface to seabed.
751000	Puffin little historian: The ANZACs Puffin	Puffin Australia	2020	9781760897024	5-6	How did the ANZACs get their name? Lets march back into the past to find out.
750747	Puffin little scientist: Robotics Puffin Books	Puffin Australia	2020	9781760897680	3-4	Just because we're little doesn't mean we can't learn big facts. Have you ever wondered how robots work? If you're a little scientist who is curious about robotics, you're about to step into the lab with Puffin Little.
28885	Puffin Peter Horacek, Petr	Walker Books	2011	9781406324600	K-2	Peter and Paul are the best of friends but, when Peter gets lost in a terrible storm, he can't find his mate anywhere. With the help of a big blue whale, Puffin Peter sets off to find Paul. They find all kinds of birds that match Peter's description but none of them are quite like Paul.
578091	Puffin the architect Andrews, Kimberly	Penguin Random House Australia	2018	9780143793755	K-2	Meet Puffin, a clever architect who always creates the perfect home for her clients. But her newest clients are very hard to please - her own pufflings! Will Puffin come up with a puffling-perfect home design?
5399	Puffling Wild, Margaret & Vivas, Julie (ill)	Omnibus Books	2007	9781862915985	K-2	Baby puffin is safe and warm in the burrow but longs to make his way in the world. He knows that he can leave the burrow when he is strong enough, tall enough and brave enough to go. He knows that when he goes both scary and good experiences await.

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10689	Puggle Hoy, Catriona & Plant, Andrew (ill)	Working Title Press	2011	9781921504228	K-2	When Puggle the baby echidna is found in mother's pouch on the side of the road, he is taken to a tall house on a hill to live with lots other rescued animals who need help to get back into the wild. Little by little, Puggle thrives and grows, until the day comes when he is old enough to look after himself.
11682	Puggle's problem Darlison, Aleesah & Temple, Sandra (ill)	Wombat Books	2010	9781921633072	K-2	Pipp is a tiny puggle with a big problem. He's the only echidna without spines. Determined to have them. Pipp sets out to ask friends for advice.
916530	Pugnacious & Scuttlebutt: Ready... steady... itch! Wallace, Adam & Bryant, Wayne (ill)	Larrikin House	2022	9781922804013	3-4	A pugnacious Pug. A butt-scuttling Greyhound. An unlikely friendship... If they can both avoid being captured by infamous dog catcher, S.M. Ellybutt, that is.
5628	Pugs don't wear pyjamas Worthington, Michelle & Johansson, Cecilia (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2018	9781925594034	K-2	When Tom visits his Aunt, he meets her pug Ellie. Ellie is no ordinary pug. Wherever Tom and his aunt go, Ellie must go too. His aunt dresses Ellie up for their outings. Tom finds Ellie strange, but she makes friends everywhere she goes. Tom makes no friends. He realises something has to change.
1316525	Pull of the moon, The Smith, Pip	University of Western Australia Press	2025	9781760803032	7-9	Coralie threw the life jackets one by one, as hard as she could, and watched them catch on the wind and blow into the sea. Coralie is thirteen years old and lives on Christmas Island, where sea birds circle the sky and the seasons are marked by the migratory patterns of crabs. But life on the island isn't always paradise. During a fierce tropical storm, a fishing boat carrying eighty-nine asylum seekers crashes into the island's cliffs. Coralie locks eyes with Ali, an eleven-year-old Iranian boy, as his mother pulls her life jacket over his head. But soon Ali disappears beneath the waves and when his body isn't recovered, Coralie resolves to do everything she can to find him.
6031	Pumpkin eater from Pondicherry, The Atherton, Bruce & Redlich, Ben (ill)	Lothian Books	2008	9780734410238	3-4	One night, a young boy encounters a nasty looking creature which is determined to consume grandad's vegie patch. Our hero tricks the creature into eating a habanera chilli with hilariously effective results.

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12187	Pumpkin soup Cooper, Helen	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780385604932	K-2	Cat, Duck and Squirrel live in an old white cabin with a pumpkin patch in the garden. Every day, Cat slices up some pumpkin, Squirrel stirs in some water and Duck tips in some salt to make the perfect pumpkin soup. Then, one day, things change.
15528	Punjabi pappadum, The Newton, Robert	University of Queensland Press	2003	9780702233630	5-6	The legendary, mouthwatering Punjabi Pappadum is doing it tough against the flashy new Burger Barn. There's something sinister going on and it's down to best mates Veejay, Dexter and Travis to get to the bottom of it.
1112565	Punycorn Watson, Andi	Clarion Books	2023	9780358571995	5-6	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?
9996	Pup Heffernan, John	Five Senses Publications	2015	9781876289652	7-9	Against a background of domestic violence and animal cruelty, the strong friendship between a boy and a dog provides a positive outcome for the characters in the story.
47005	Pup on the pitch Smiley, Sophie & Foreman, Michael (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842708835	3-4	Bobby's football team has a dog mascot and he wants a real one to call his own. He dreams of a cuddly puppy that will join him as defender on the pitch. But, when a dog arrives next door, Bobby's love of dogs turns to terror.
	Pup patrol 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.
1174718	Puppet Almond, David & Stewart, Lizzy (ill)	Viking Children's	2024	9781406391619	5-6	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.
22913	Puppet show, The Dubosarsky, Ursula & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Puffin Australia	2006	9780143301776	3-4	Becky can't wait to put on her puppet show but her little brother isn't quite so sure. But, Becky has even thought of a surprise ending.

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1019719	Puppets of Spelhorst: A Norendy tale, The DiCamillo, Kate & Morstad, Julie (ill)	Walker Books	2023	9781536216752	5-6	Spelhorst, an old and lonely sea captain, encounters a puppet which resembles a loved one from his past. He unexpectedly purchases the set of puppets and puts a story in motion just as his own story is about to end. The puppets change hands and have unexpected adventures as they wonder just when their story will begin.
636940	Puppy diary: The great toy rescue Poshoglian, Yvette & Judd, Phil (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760662936	3-4	Archie is off to doggy daycare for the first time. He soon notices that Foxy, his favourite toy is missing and in fact all his new friends have lost their toys as well. Together they need to figure this mystery out and get their toys back.
660707	Puppy diary: The pupstars Poshoglian, Yvette & Judd, Phil (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781760662950	3-4	Archie, the Schnoodle puppy writes about his pawsome adventures in his puppy diary. Archie and his friends can't believe it. The world's most famous pup is coming to film an dog food ad at doggy daycare. But what happens when there's a disaster on set? Will Archie and his pals get the chance to be pupstars?
1424088	Puppy love: Jett dreams big Johnson, Rebecca	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761648403	3-4	Sophie has always wanted a puppy -- she's learned everything there is to know about caring for and training border collies. Now that her family has moved to the country, she can finally get one to help on the farm. But when Sophie brings home a tiny runt named Jett, they are not even sure if he is strong enough to survive. Will Jett ever be the champion that Sophie knows he can be?
8340	Pure chance Rubinstein, Gillian	Walker Books	2004	9780744524000	5-6	It's Lizzie's dream to have her own horse. Her family seems to have just enough money for everyone else, except Lizzie.
24261	Pureheart Golds, Cassandra	Penguin Books Australia	2013	9780143204275	7-9	When her grandmother dies, Deirdre is left alone in a crumbling block of flats. Looking out the window one misty night, she sees a boy who seems familiar. Together, he and Deirdre must discover the secret of the old building, before it collapses and the secret is lost forever.
9031	Purinina, a devil's tale Booth, Christina	Lothian Books	2007	9780734409942	3-4	Purinina, the Tasmanian devil, experiences the joys and sadness of life. But it is hard to survive when you are left without a mum.
75497	Purr: Talk to the pet animals Lester, Alison	ABC Books	2007	9780733318443	K-2	Through rhymes, see what the dog, mouse, fish and other pets are doing. You can help with the noises they make.
14998	Puss in boots Light, Steve (retell)	Harry N Abrams Inc	2002	9780810943681	K-2	A retelling of the classic tale of an enterprising cat who wins riches and fame for her poor master.

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2176	Pyro Watson and the hidden treasure Hilton, Nette & Rogers, Gregory (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741664164	5-6	Pyro Watson loves pirates, treasure and maps. When he is stranded with his Aunt Mor in her caravan on the beach with her latest beau, Pyro calls on Simeon the pirate to pass the time. When Pyro meets another boy, Min, life at the holiday camp becomes more interesting and then dangerous when the local bullies claim territorial rights to the beach.
67463	Python Cheng, Christopher & Jackson, Mark (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2012	9781921529603	K-2	This book is a 'slice of life' following a python living in an Australian forest. Be with her as she wakes up at first light, hunts for birds and rodents, sheds her skin and guards over her first clutch of eggs until they hatch.
15106	Quacky quack-quack Whybrow, Ian & Ayto, Russell (ill)	Walker Books	2003	9780744594607	K-2	All the animals make a terrible row when the baby won't feed the ducks. Full of wonderful sounds, this book is great for reading aloud.
9393	Quangle Wangle's hat, The Lear, Edward & Oxenbury, Helen (ill)	Egmont Childrens	1994	9780749713362	3-4	The Quangle Wangle Quee is a tree-dwelling creature obscured by an enormous hat. He is lonely, but not for long. One animal after another sees the hat as a possible home in this classic poem.
5250	Quark's academy Pelosi, Catherine	Lothian Books	2018	9780734417800	5-6	Quark's Academy is a mysterious and futuristic facility that rewards a lucky few young budding science students a week's summer camp - run by the elusive inventor Quark. Not your usual educational camp, the children soon learn they will need to use their wits and succeed.
1324166	Quarks, sparks and quantum mysteries: a cosmic guide to the building blocks of our universe Harvey-Smith, Lisa & Ryan, Aidan (ill)	Thames & Hudson	2025	9781760763138	5-6	All things in the universe are governed by the laws of science, but what happens when nature acts in unexpected ways? Why does the bizarre behavior of tiny particles in the quantum world bamboozle us? How can objects on opposite sides of the universe be connected? In Quarks, Sparks and Quantum Mysteries, award-winning astrophysicist Professor Lisa Harvey-Smith takes young readers on a journey to meet the invisible forces that guide everything from the smallest atom to the shape of the cosmos, exploring theories of space and time, black holes, gravitational waves, and much more.
85212	Queasy rider Roy, James	Walker Books	2008	9781921150579	5-6	Thicky convinces his mate, Noddy, to help him drag a wreck of a bike, they have discovered in the weeds, back to his place. With Shirley's uninvited help, they hatch a novel plan to make money for the three of them but it may backfire.

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62322	Queen Alice's palaces MacIver, Juliette & Masciullo, Lucia (ill)	ABC Books	2013	9780733331022	3-4	Queen Alice has the finest palace, so good that Sir Hugh tries to trick her into creating a masterpiece just for him.
7270	Queen Celine Shanks, Matt	Walker Books	2019	9781760650346	K-2	Every now and then, Celine was a queen of a kingdom by the sea.
15343	Queen Elizabeth II, monarch of our times Barton-Wood, Sara	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2002	9780750238861	5-6	Elizabeth II came to the throne in 1953. This is the story of her life before and during that reign. In magazine layout, the book provides interesting and historical information.
1539520	Queen in the cave, The Sarda, Julia	Walker Books	2021	9781406367430	3-4	Led by their eldest sister, Franca, Tomasina and Carmela are led deep into the forest behind their house in search of a queen. The sisters stick close together as they encounter strange and unusual creatures until they reach a cave with the strangest creature of all.
15344	Queen Mother, grandmother of a nation, The Wood, Richard & Sara	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2001	9780750232470	5-6	The Queen Mum, as she was affectionately known, led an exciting and glamorous life that was changed forever when her husband unexpectedly became King shortly before World War II. Despite his death in 1952, she was rarely out of the spotlight.
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...

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1424089	Queen of faces Lord, Petra	Harper Fire	2026	9780008688745	9plus	In the nation of Caimor, the wealthy buy and trade bodies like clothes. But Ana can only afford a grey, damaged male form, and by her seventeenth birthday, it's already falling apart. As her extraordinary magical ability grows, but her body continues to fail her, she is left with only one choice: become an assassin for Paragon Academy, Caimor's prestigious school of magic. But rebellion brews in Caimor, and at its helm is Khaiovhe, the most infamous dark mage in history. As Ana steals, fights and kills for Paragon, and forms a tentative alliance -- and maybe more -- with the elusive Wes, she discovers secrets that transform her concept of hero and villain... while striving, above all, to become her truest self. And that might just be the most powerful thing of all
19711	Queen of France, The Wadham, Tim & MacDonald Denton, Kady (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781406331691	3-4	Rose wakes up one morning feeling royal, so she dons her necklaces, bracelets and crown. The Queen of France emerges to survey her domain, disapproving of Rose's mother's thorny gardening choices and asking Rose's father where the Royal Physician may be found to fix her cut finger. When Rose returns to look for the Queen of France, she's nowhere to be seen.
13032	Queen of hearts Oakes, Colleen	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2016	9780008175399	7-9	This is not a story of happily ever after. Beneath each smile lies a secret, and Alice has not tumbled down the rabbit hole into Wonderland. Not yet... Princess Dinah will one day become the Queen of Hearts. She longs for her father's approval and a future with the boy she loves. But when betrayal breaks her heart and threatens her throne, she is launched into danger. Dinah must stay one step ahead of her enemies or she'll lose not just the crown - it will be off with her head.
3533	Queen of the universe Gleeson, Libby & Cox, David (ill)	Omnibus Books	1997	9781862913141	K-2	Everyone in the family is helping Gina with lines, costume and props for her role as Queen of the Universe in the school play. Gina is set to be a star but then she gets chickenpox, the problem will be finding someone to take the starring role.
44437	Queen Victoria's Christmas French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2012	9780732293574	3-4	There's a mystery in the palace. What can it be? There are lots of spicy smells... and a large green tree! Join Queen Victoria's dogs as they discover the magic of Christmas in this hilarious new royal adventure.

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64098	Queen Victoria's underpants French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2010	9780732288228	3-4	Queen Victoria owned many palaces and many jewels but what she didn't have were underpants. A message advising that the Queen wants underpants was delivered to a dressmaker. She and her family explored the options of what type of underpants the Queen wanted and what they would be useful for.
15345	Queen's cubby, The Caisley, Raewyn & Hurst, Elise (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2004	9780734406644	3-4	Elizabeth loves living high up in her block of flats. She feels like she's living in a castle where she knows all her neighbours. Then, mum and dad announce that they are going to live in the country.
4100	Queen's handbag, The Antony, Steve	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2015	9781444925524	K-2	A naughty swan steals the Queen's handbag and, naturally, she races after it. Using various modes of transport, the Queen follows it around the United Kingdom, taking in famous sights and landmarks along the way. This chase includes the Queen's butler and an awful lot of police officers.
4461	Queen's hat, The Antony, Steve	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2014	9781444919141	K-2	A sudden gust of wind sets off a marvellous London adventure for the Queen, the Queen's men and one very special hat. Follow one determined, daredevil Queen through the zoo, over Tower Bridge and up Big Ben. Find out where that hat lands.
5633	Queen's rising, The Ross, Rebecca	HarperCollins Children's Books	2018	9780008245986	7-9	Brienna has lived her whole life in the shadow of her dual heritage. Her Mother was Valenian, a society based around politeness, formality, and academic pursuits, while her father whose name she has never been told to protect her identity hails from the Queen's Realm of Maevana that values strength, bravery and battle prowess. Determined to escape the stigma of her heritage, Brienna strives to master her passion at the prestigious Magnalia House in Valenia and be chosen by a patron to secure her future. But Maevana has long suffered under the rule of a cruel king with no claim to the throne and Brienna's heritage holds the key to unseating this cruel despot.
3536	Queenie the bantam Graham, Bob	Walker Books	1999	9780744563283	K-2	An adventurous little chicken's entanglement with a thoroughly modern and, at times, quirky family.
113915	Queenie: one elephant's story Fenton, Corinne & Gouldthorpe, Peter (ill)	Black Dog Books	2006	9781876372972	3-4	Up to the 1950s, a highlight of visiting a Sydney or Melbourne zoo was a ride on the elephants. This book is about Queenie, the joy she provided until her unfortunate end.

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871666	Queer up Caught, Alexis	Walker Books	2022	9781406399226	9plus	Queer Up is an affirming text to help teens navigate the world of being a member of the LGBTQI or an ally. Chapters include one on coming out, mental health and interpersonal relationships to help the reader understand how to navigate their world with confidence and safety. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 or above.
	Quentaris chronicles series Various				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.
20413	Quest Becker, Aaron	Walker Books	2014	9781406357660	K-2	Entering a magical fantasy world, using her red crayon and finding two new companions has provided colour to the girl's otherwise drab existence. Now, when the children are presented with a puzzling map by a king pursued by soldiers, they take up the challenge. They must travel through mystical places and gather coloured crayons to save the king. A wordless picture book, the sequel to Journey.
992296	Quest for the galleon of time, The Hunter, Tanya	MidnightSun Publishing	2023	9781922858191	3-4	Eleven year old Tobias is sent to be cabin boy on a galleon in 1738, and his adventures include ruthless pirates, shipwrecks and a time traveling ghost ship. Tobias and his new friends face mounting danger when they discover hidden truth about three seafaring brothers - one good, one evil, and one dead!
	Quest of the sunfish series McConnochie, Mardi				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.
9247	Quetta Crew, Gary	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2002	9780734402400	7-9	An emotionally charged picture book based on the facts surrounding the shipwreck of the Quetta in Torres Strait in 1890.

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695151	Quick history of maths, A Gifford, Clive & Young, Michael (ill)	Quarto Group	2020	9780711249011	5-6	Maths was not created by cruel people who wanted to make life difficult for young students. Maths is a human story more than it is a story of numbers and symbols. What we study today comes from thousands of years of human civilisation and has changed the way humans live. This sometimes silly book does a great job of explaining some very serious and confusing mathematical subjects.
903342	Quickly! Quickly! Clark, T M & Magisson, Helene	Wombat Books	2022	9781761110832	K-2	Bongani accepts that he's too small to attend school. But he does not want to be left chasing the animals away on his own either. Maybe he needs a scared crow to help him do this important job. His grandmother tells him it is a scarecrow. When it might not be as easy as it seems, Bongani's family are there to show him the difference between being quick and being fast.
482	Quicksand pony, The Lester, Alison	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2000	9781863739313	5-6	The lives of two children are brought together when Bella, Biddy's pony, is trapped in quicksand in the Australian outback.
7310	Quiet at the end of the world, The James, Lauren	Walker Books	2019	9781406375510	7-9	After a virus caused global infertility, Lowrie and Shen are the youngest people on the planet. Now spending their days in a small, ageing community in London mudlarking and looking for treasure, they suddenly uncover a secret that threatens humankind. Lowrie and Shen must decide what they are willing to sacrifice to save the human race.
614628	Quiet girl, A Carnavas, Peter	University of Queensland Press	2019	9780702260025	K-2	Mary is a quiet little girl who lives with an active family. They make so much noise that they hardly notice her - or anything else around them...until, in her own gentle way, Mary opens their eyes and ears to what they've been missing.
923453	Quiet time with my Seeya Barbarera, Dinalie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781250824271	K-2	Seeya (Grandfather) and I speak different languages but our love speaks volumes. Time with him is quiet time. Seeya and I like the same things, mostly. A lovely story on the bond between grandparent and child with sweet, cheeky mischief and tender insight.
4560	Quiet woman and the noisy dog, The Eves, Sue & Busby, Ailie (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842708293	K-2	In a quiet house in a noisy town lived a quiet woman and a noisy dog. On the other side of the noisy town lived a noisy woman with her quiet dog. Join in the fun and find out what happens when the women meet by accident in the park and the two dogs get muddled up.

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647156	Quiet! Alizadeh, Kate	Child's Play International Ltd	2017	9781846438882	K-2	Ssh! Listen. What's that noise? What can we hear when we're really, really quiet? A toddler enjoys the range of sounds they hear as their busy day comes to an end, from the bustle and chat of dinner time, to the quiet hush of their father's voice at bedtime.
57876	Quillblade Chandler, Ben	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2010	9781864719789	7-9	Twins, Lenis and Missy, are slaves aboard the powerful airship, the Hiryu. Relentlessly pursued, they fly over the perilous Wasteland, where corrupted Demons lie in wait. When Lenis dreams of Apsilla, the Blue Dragon of the East, the airship captain decides to help the twins find Apsilla's daughter. The survival of the last Totem may be their only hope, if they find the dragon's egg in time.
69142	Quincy and Oscar Millard, Kerry	ABC Books	2006	9780733317255	K-2	Oscar and his dog, Quincy, move house and both are lonely without new friends. Oscar decides to take Quincy to school with him. Eventually, thanks to Quincy's outgoing nature, they break down the barriers and begin to make friends.
3547	Quinkin mountain Trezise, Percy	HarperCollins Australia	1997	9780207189180	3-4	A contemporary Dreaming story about the spirit world. The friendliest Quinkins are tall, thin Timaras. They protect children in danger, especially when they are in danger from the mean Timaras, the bouncing Imjins.
3538	Quirky tails Jennings, Paul	Penguin	1995	9780140371017	5-6	A collection of humorous short stories of unexpected phenomena with a twist.
	Quizzical series Davidson, Leanne				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.
1218503	Quokka finds a friend Stewart, Katie	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760994204	K-2	When Quokka meets Seal, he wants to be friends. Quokka thinks that making Seal smile would be a great way to start. But, despite his best efforts, Seal doesn't smile. Can they be friends after all?
1356329	Quoll Cheng, Christopher & Lane, Cindy (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760655679	3-4	An exciting addition to the narrative non-fiction series Nature Storybooks, about an Eastern Quoll. The blue-black sky is painted with glistening stars. Quoll has woken. It's playtime here in the moonlit night. Join a female Eastern quoll and her playful pups as they venture through the forest and fields on their nightly hunt for food.

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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? LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Lucie Stevens read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#r-i-p-nanny-tobbins-lucie-stevens
9487	Rabbit Head, Honor & Burton, Jane (phot)	Belitha Press	2000	9781841383576	3-4	Looking after a pet helps children to understand caring for others. Children can find out how to choose and look after a pet rabbit, information about different breeds of rabbit and the animal's life cycle, from birth to adulthood.
3014	Rabbit and the shadow, The Rutten, Melanie & Ardizzone, Sarah (trans)	Book Island	2014	9780994109804	3-4	Enter the wonderful world of a curious cast. The Rabbit who wants to grow up, the anxious Stag, the Soldier at war, the Cat and his recurring dream, the Book that wants to know everything, and the Shadow. Find out how they grow up, learn to live together and deal with their fears.
55297	Rabbit cooks up a cunning plan Fusek Peters, Andrew & Robert, Bruno (ill)	Child's Play International Ltd	2007	9781846430978	K-2	In this North American folk tale, all the animals in the forest are tired of Lion throwing his weight around. They must work out how to escape being caught and eaten by him.

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13935	Rabbit problem, The Gravett, Emily	MacMillan	2009	9780230704237	K-2	One January day, Lonely Rabbit of Fibonacci's Field sends out an invitation for other rabbits to join her. Two cold bunnies, Lonely and Chalk, snuggle up together and, by March, there's a pair of baby rabbits. By May, there are five pairs, by July thirteen pairs and come October, there are fifty-five. In the field, a large notice forbids rabbits to leave so problems of overcrowding, food shortages and boredom begin to occur.
628164	Rabbit's hop Rance, Alex & McG, Shane (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760524449	K-2	Jack Rabbit loved Rabbit Island. He loved his friends and family and all the little rabbits. He loved being the best at hopping and chomping and (nearly the best) at zigzagging. But Jack Rabbit was restless. So when his cousin Roo invites him to Big Island, he's very excited - and a little bit scared. Can he overcome all the challenges and get to Big Island and become the best Rabbit he can be?
825515	Rabbit, soldier, angel, thief Nannestad, Katrina & Heiduczek, Martina (ill)	ABC Books	2021	9780733341465	5-6	In the spring of 1942 Sasha and his family are enjoying the beautiful flowers and sunshine while still missing his father who has gone to war and not come back. This peace does not last very long before Sasha is on his own and running for his life across the Russian countryside. Sasha soon finds himself in the company of Russian soldiers and faced with keeping himself and his new friends alive. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Katrina Nannestad read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#rabbit-soldier-angel-thief-katrina-nannestad
3182	Rabbit-hole golf course, The Mulvey, Ella & Briggs, Karen (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781925266290	K-2	In the big old ute, on the long red road, in the desert of my home, we all set off for the rabbit-hole golf course. It's the best place around here to find rabbits. We sit by the holes, we dig, we wait...Where are all the rabbits?
320	Rabbits, The Marsden, John & Tan, Shaun (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2000	9780734402219	7-9	A sophisticated picture book depicting the invasion and multiplying of the rabbits. The threat that this poses is symbolic of the coming of white civilisation to Australia.

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30997	Rabbityness Empson, Jo	Child's Play International Ltd	2012	9781846434822	K-2	This is the story of a very special rabbit. He enjoys doing rabbity things but he also loves un-rabbity things. When Rabbit suddenly disappears, no one knows where he has gone. But as it turns out, Rabbit has left behind some very special gifts for them, to help them discover their own unrabbity talents.
593307	Rabby the brave Guest, Patrick & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Little Hare Books	2018	9781760127534	K-2	Leon and Lily do everything with their best pals Rabby and Snuggles, until one night the unimaginable happens and Snuggles is left outside. Faced with sadness, the others must find a way to save Snuggles from a frightful end.
846143	Rabunzel Jones, Gareth P & Schauer, Loretta (ill)	Egmont Childrens	2021	9781405298582	K-2	Rabunzel the rabbit has VERY long ears - so long that her mother worries they will make her easy prey for the hungry creatures of the forest. The answer? Rabunzel must be kept safely in a tower, with daily visits from her mother, calling: "Rabunzel, Rabunzel, let down your ears!" ... until one day when someone else climbs up her very long ears.
12216	Race day Grant, Gwen & Layton, Neal (ill)	Orchard Books	2001	9781841217178	K-2	A refreshing story of kindness, cooperation, persistence and courage. Diesel Dumptruck, Supersonic Sporty and their friends are off and running on a crazy race day. Little Red Bubble Car is one who will try his hardest to win.
52056	Race for the Chinese Zodiac, The Wang, Gabrielle & Rippin, Sally (ill) & Abos, Regine (ill)	Black Dog Books	2010	9781742031231	3-4	The Jade Emperor has declared a great race. The first animals to cross the river will win a place in the Chinese Zodiac. But, there are only twelve places to be won and thirteen animals line up along the shore.
5555	Race to Kangaroo Cliff, The McCall Smith, Alexander & McIntosh, Iain (ill)	Birlinn Ltd	2018	9781780274539	5-6	The School Ship Tobermory and its brave young crew are journeying to Australia to participate the prestigious Tall Ships race. Along the way, the crew will have to face a series of perilous challenges, including water shortages, crocodile attacks and scuba-diving catastrophes. Will the crew be able to win the race in the face of such adversity?
30334	Race to the finish Blathwayt, Benedict	Red Fox	2009	9780099495178	K-2	The nasty Swish Train drivers have challenged Duffy and Jack to a race and the winner gets to keep the Little Red Train's very last route. When the flag goes down, the Swish Train speeds straight out of sight, but there's worse to come. There's oil on the tracks, sheep on the line and someone has switched the points.
3558	Race to the pole Hooper, Meredith	Hodder & Stoughton	2002	9780340785058	7-9	An exciting retelling for younger readers of the desperate Antarctic bids, by Shackleton, Scott and Amundsen, to be first to the South Pole.

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3557	Race, The Mattingley, Christobel & Spudvilas, Anne	Scholastic Australia	1997	9781863882255	3-4	Greg encounters many problems because his impaired sense of hearing can prevent him from succeeding at certain tasks that require being able to hear well.
7877	Race, The Repchuk, Caroline & Jay, Alison	Hardie Grant Egmont	2006	9781921098079	3-4	The traditional fable of the tortoise and the hare is given a modern twist with a race across the world. Told in rhyme with interesting illustration technique.
655264	Racing in the rain (young readers edition) Stein, Garth	HarperCollins Australia	2019	9780062935076	9plus	Enzo knows he is different from other dogs. Most dogs love to chase cars, but Enzo longs to race them.He learns about racing and the world around him by watching TV and by listening to the words of his best friend, Denny, an up-and-coming race car driver, and Denny's daughter, Zoe, his constant companion. Enzo finds that life is just like being on the racetrack-it isn't simply about going fast.Applying the rules of racing to his world, Enzo takes on his family's challenges and emerges a hero. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
13281	Racing the moon Morgan, Michelle	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743316351	9plus	In 1930s Glebe, Joe Riley has to be creative to make pocket money. He's watched his dad keep ahead of the law and he's sure that he can too. When his parents send him to a Catholic boarding school, Joe is homesick and lonely. He meets the darker side of human nature and is at odds with the school, especially Brother Felix. Expelled, Joe is sent to a reform school where life is tough. But, through working the land, Joe eventually finds inner strength, peace and true freedom. Mature themes. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above.
62878	Racing the tide Lester, Alison & Harvey, Roland (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2008	9781741148886	3-4	Bonnie and Sam have a great summer adventure with the horses, mustering sheep for Bon's Aunty and Uncle along the coast. They unexpectedly find themselves caught up with some poachers who are illegally fishing abalone in Whale Bay.
13103	Radio Boy O'Connell, Christian & Biddulph, Rob (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2017	9780008183325	5-6	When Spike gets fired from hospital radio, he decides to launch his own show from a makeshift studio in his dad's shed, under the secret identity of Radio Boy. Spike quickly becomes an underground hit. But will he handle his newfound fame well? Is calling a homework strike a good idea? Will he impress Katherine Hamilton, the girl he wants to marry? Can he keep his identity a secret? The answers to these questions are inside this book. (SPOILER ALERT: mostly the answers are 'no'.)

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5720	Radio boy and the revenge of Grandad O'Connell, Christian	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2018	9780008200596	5-6	Radio Boy, Spike Hughes continues to broadcast to the world from his garden shed. When Grandad Ray comes to stay Spike invites him to join the radio show and he is an instant hit with the listeners, at first.
10144	Radio rescue Jolly, Jane & Ingpen, Robert (ill)	National Library of Australia	2016	9780642278784	K-2	Jim and his family live happily on their remote outback station. Yet, sometimes Jim feels lonely. His Dad enjoys droving and shearing but, sometimes, he wishes he could chat to a mate. Jim's Mum is always busy with the accounts but she sometimes worries about being so far away from everything. When a strange new radio with pedals arrives, Jim is excited, and Mum and Dad can now send messages to their neighbours. Then, something happens and only Jim can save his dad.
804527	Radio silence Oseman, Alice	HarperCollins Australia	2016	9780007559244	9plus	What if everything you set yourself up to be was wrong? Frances has always been a study machine with one goal, elite university. Nothing will stand in her way; not friends, not a guilty secret - not even the person she is on the inside. But when Frances meets Aled, the shy genius behind her favourite podcast, she discovers a new freedom. Then the podcast goes viral and the fragile trust between them is broken. Caught between who she was and who she longs to be, Frances' dreams come crashing down. Suffocating with guilt, she knows that she has to confront her past - She has to confess why Carys disappeared. Meanwhile at uni, Aled is alone, fighting even darker secrets. It's only by facing up to your fears that you can overcome them. And it's only by being your true self that you can find happiness. Frances is going to need every bit of courage she has. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
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.
321	Railway children, The Nesbit, Edith	Puffin Australia	2010	9780141321608	5-6	A middle class family, living in London at the end of the eighteenth century, falls on hard times when their father unexpectedly goes away. They move to a simple cottage in the country where they befriend the local railway porter who goes by the name of Perks. The children have exciting adventures around the railway but the mystery about their father remains.

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69396	Rain Stojic, Manya	Pavilion	2015	9781843653059	K-2	The porcupine smells rain in the air. The zebra sees the lightning. Baboons hear thunder while the rhino feels the first drops. For a time, the grasslands abound with new green leaves, juicy fruits and fresh pools of water.
3999	Rain Usher, Sam	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760405243	K-2	It's pelting down and one little boy can't wait to get outside. His grandad has other ideas...but when at last they leave the house, an amazing adventure awaits.
750950	Rain before rainbows Hallis, Smriti & Litchfield, David	Walker Books	2020	9781406382358	K-2	Before sun there are clouds. Before daybreak there is night. In the midst of rain and thunderstorms rainbows are hard to see. And in troubles we face in life we need to always remember that bright, happy times are just ahead. With the help of friends there is always a way to overcome our dark times. This book is a celebration of hope that is at the heart of everything we do.
5410	Rain fall West, Ella	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760296834	7-9	A missing neighbour, a mysterious boy, a murder? Fifteen year old Annie is off to her basketball game in her sleepy New Zealand town when she sees a raincoat floating down the river. This starts a chain of events that will rock Annie's world. Police want to investigate her neighbour for murder, but before they can, he blows up his own house and goes on the run. Strangers come to town, including a dark-haired cowboy with the most amazing horse Annie has ever seen. As her world begins to crumble around her, Annie sets out to uncover the secret that could rip her small community apart.
9322	Rain May and Captain Daniel Bateson, Catherine	University of Queensland Press	2002	9780702233371	5-6	Rain May and her mum escape their old inner-city life for a dream house in the country. There are more than a few surprises in store like discovering a platypus or the fun of befriending eleven year old, Captain Daniel, who lives next door.
322	Rain stones French, Jackie	HarperCollins Australia	1992	9780207171246	7-9	A collection of five inspiring and thought-provoking stories. Two stories have a fantasy theme and the others have a more conventional approach.
52892	Rain train, The De Roo, Elena & Lovelock, Brian	Walker Books	2010	9781921529146	K-2	All aboard the rain train, through the storm, with clackety-clack and a ratter-tat-tat.
10181	Rainbirds, The Metzenthen, David & Rippin, Sally (ill)	Lothian Books	2006	9780734408860	K-2	Gleeson looks up into the mountains and admires the rainbirds he sees there. He is told that they will fly down to the city when it becomes cold in their mountain home. He eagerly awaits their arrival.

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623122	Rainbow bear King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742997698	K-2	Bear likes to dive into the deep blue ocean, blowing bubbles and turning somersaults. He wakes with the sun and sleeps by the light of the moon. He enjoys spending time with his family and his two cheeky polar bear cubs. One morning, Bear is shocked to discover that his coat has changed colour. Is Bear dreaming or is there more to discover?
20795	Rainbow bird Cavouras, Czenya	Wakefield Press	2007	9781862547735	5-6	An unseen, unnamed narrator takes us on a journey through fear, uncertainty and despair to hope. The book was created by a fourteen year old girl, whose inspiration came from conversations with her grandfather about his trips to Port Augusta's detention centre for refugees and asylum seekers.
12499	Rainbow fish and the big blue whale Pfister, Marcus & James, J. Alison (trans.)	North South Books	1998	9780735810099	K-2	A big, blue whale loves watching the sparkling fish at play but, because of his size, the little fish are suspicious and think he is planning something bad. The whale, hurt and angry, lashes out at the fish. Rainbow fish must save them.
1424130	Rainbow fish and the great escape Pfister, Marcus	North South Books	2025	9780735845909	K-2	'The Rainbow Fish and his friends have heard rumours of huge nets that scoop up fish. But they never imagined one could disturb their peaceful existence. Until the day a fleeing fish reports a trawl net coming quickly toward them!
12232	Rainbow fish and the sea monster's cave Pfister, Marcus & James, J. Alison (trans.)	North South Books	2001	9780735815360	K-2	In order to find healing algae for the ailing bumpy-backed fish, Rainbow fish volunteers to brave the dreaded Sea Monster's Cave.
11479	Rainbow fish to the rescue Pfister, Marcus & James, J. Alison	Pan Asia Publications	1992	9781572270404	K-2	Rainbow fish's friends want to ignore the new striped fish in their midst. Rainbow fish feels a little ashamed, remembering what it feels like to have no friends. So, when a shark appears, it's Rainbow fish who leads the rescue mission.
9941	Rainbow fish, The Pfister, Marcus & James, J. Alison (trans)	North South Books	1995	9781558584419	K-2	The Rainbow fish is so proud of his beautiful decoration that it blinds him to the beauty others hold inside.

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837811	Rainbow Grey Anderson, Laura Ellen	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9781405298728	3-4	Ten-year-old Ray Grey lives in the magical Weatherlands, high in the sky. Ray is surrounded by Weatherlings with astounding weather power at their fingertips . . . but she doesn't have ANY magic! Then, after a trip to Earth, Ray's life changes forever. She is transformed from Ray Grey into RAINBOW GREY! With the help of her best friends (and exploding cloud cat, Nim) now all Ray has to do is master her powers AND save the world from a mysterious, powerful enemy . . .
17166	Rainbow jackets Forrestal, Elaine	Fremantle Press	2003	9781920731670	3-4	Five short stories showing the humour in everyday situations included are stories about bubbles, pet flies, cranky umbrellas and crazy kitchens.
660440	Rainbow of fun, A Ihle, Lyndal M & Brown, Leigh (ill)	Potoroo Publishing	2018	9780994283979	K-2	Pigs LOVE pink...or so we're told. Maybe that was true of most pigs, but Penny was different. Her love of mixed colours brought her class dance display to a standstill. It could have been a disaster, but Penny discovered someone else who shared her rainbow of fun. A Rainbow Of Fun is a story about love, courage, and rainbow underpants.
3572	Rainbow serpent Roughsey, Dick	Collins	1985	9780006614715	K-2	In the Dreamtime, there were no animals, birds, trees, hills or mountains. When the great Rainbow Serpent stirred and set off to look for his tribe, he changed the shape of the country and the lives of the people.
9376	Rainbow, The Crew, Gary & Rogers, Gregory	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2001	9780734401755	3-4	A nostalgic Australian story of friendship. This is a gentle tale of a girl, her brother and his best mate, who build a boat to sail down the creek one Sunday.
647181	Rainforest Groves, Julia	Child's Play International Ltd	2017	9781846439353	K-2	Travel deep into the forest - what elusive and fascinating creatures will you find there? Wildlife fans will be thrilled to encounter all kinds of rainforest creatures - from the familiar species to the more obscure.
323	Rainforests of Australia Churchett, Graham	Jacaranda	1992	9780710630391	5-6	Colourful photographs highlight this book about the ecology of Australian rainforests.
15393	Rainy day, The Milbourne, Anna & Gill, Sarah (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2005	9780746052129	K-2	Happy kids play in rain showers and picnic on fine afternoons. Factual descriptions of weather.
9527	Raised by Frank O'Neill, Dave & Morris, Kiran (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2002	9780734403575	3-4	Frank was a busy cat. After all, he had two kids to raise. You see their parents went away, thinking their Aunt was looking after the children, but their Aunt thought their Uncle was. Poor Frank.
1073061	Raised by moths Archbold, Charlie & Conn, Michelle (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2023	9781922858184	K-2	Willow jumps on the Ferris Wheel and is amazed to see the boy surrounded by moths. As they go up to the sky, he explains why moths love him.

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1522367	Raised by wolves Bancks, Tristan	Penguin	2026	9781761349812	5-6	Twelve-year-old Olive knows how to survive alone, and how to keep secrets. She's had to, ever since her criminal dad abandoned her family five years ago and let them pay for his crime. But now he's back and he wants something. Olive faces an impossible choice - help him, let him escape for good, or track him down and risk destroying her family forever.
774384	Rajah Street Yim, Myo	Walker Books	2021	9781760651480	K-2	Junya loves to sit at his window and watch the goings-on in Rajah Street. He watches the clouds passing overhead, kookaburras singing and skateboard riders zipping by. Today he is waiting for Wednesday. Wednesday is when the garbage trucks come, and garbage trucks are his favourite.
11413	Ramadan moon Robert, Na'ima B & Adl, Shirin (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2011	9781847802064	3-4	Follow Ramadan from one new moon to the next.
324	Ramona the pest Cleary, Beverly	Oxford University Press	2000	9780192750976	5-6	Ramona can't understand how she upsets people when she really doesn't mean to be a pest.
	Ramose series Wilkinson, Carole				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.
5925	Randall's wall Fenner, Carol	Aladdin Publishing	2000	9780689835582	5-6	Randall has found that by building an invisible wall he can protect himself from the judgements of his classmates and his many problems at home. Inside his wall, he can dream and forget about his real life. Living in a house with no running water means Randall can't bathe so he is teased for smelling. One day, Randall makes a friend and slowly, frighteningly, his wall begins to crumble.
	Ranger in Danger series Willmore, Sean & Reynolds, Alison				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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	Ranger's apprentice series Various				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.
5054	Rania: this is the book of you Abdel-Fattah, Randa	Scholastic Australia	2014	9781742990118	5-6	The ghost girl has messages just for Rania, if only she could work out what they mean. Rania works hard at school, has great friends and is happy with her life. Rania is delighted when her favourite cousin joins her at school but now Andrea seems to be competing with her. There is so much going on that Rania struggles to know just what to do first.
2324	Raps 4 big fullas Ross, Monkey Mark	Indij Readers	2004	9780975686027	7-9	Raps and chants that are written by Indigenous Australians and use Aboriginal English will appeal to Aboriginal children.
71498	Raps 4 little fullas Ross, Monkey Mark	Indij Readers	2004	9780975686010	5-6	Raps and chants of appeal to Aboriginal children, written by Indigenous Australians.
12521	Rapunzel dilemma, The Kloester, Jennifer	Penguin	2014	9780143571087	7-9	Lily's had a charmed life and is off to London to pursue her dream of becoming a great actor. But, Lily finds that things don't always go her way at the London Drama Academy. Lily's got a secret that she's not sure how to handle. A room in one of the deserted towers makes a perfect refuge but Lily can't stay locked away forever. When she meets the mysterious Ronan Carver, everything starts to change.
25185	Rapunzel's revenge Hale, Shannon & Hale, Dean & Hale, Nathan (ill)	Bloomsbury	2008	9780747587439	5-6	A fun reworking of the Rapunzel fairy tale that boasts a strong-willed, plucky heroine in an Old West setting. Expect oodles of hair-braid-lassoing as Punzie takes on the bad dudes and even finds the time to fall in love. Graphic novel.
5301	Rat in a stripy sock, A Watts, Frances & Francis, David (ill)	ABC Books	2010	9780733326615	3-4	Rat finds happiness in an unexpected place and explores how he can share it with his friends.

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855832	Rat-catcher's apprentice, The Jankuloska, Maggie	MidnightSun Publishing	2022	9781925227949	7-9	It's 1665. Rats have infested homes and alleys in Marie Perrin's provincial French town. Twelve-year-old Marie is set to become a maid, although she hungers for adventure. However, one mistake alters her fate and as punishment she is forced to apprentice for an intimidating rat-catcher. Away from her parents and twin brother, and handling gnarly rat traps under Gustave Renard's unusual mentorship, Marie must overcome a new set of challenges which come after a plague enters her town. Are rats responsible for the spread of the illness? Can Marie find a way out of the bubbling danger around her?
	Ratbags series NEW 2026 Harris, Tim & Gordon, Shiloh (ill)				3-4	Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to 10 more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
46252	Ratburger Walliams, David	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2012	9780007453535	5-6	Things are not looking good for Zoe. Her stepmother, Sheila, is so lazy, she gets Zoe to pick her nose for her. The school bully, Tina Trotts, makes her life a miser, mainly by flobbing on her head. And, now, the evil Burt from Burt's Burgers is after her pet rat. I wonder what he wants it for.
5921	Ratcatcher's daughter, The Rushby, Pamela	HarperCollins Australia	2014	9780732297138	7-9	In 1900, thirteen year old Issy McKelvie reluctantly leaves school to start her first job in an undertakers. She hates it but there's worse to come. Issy becomes an unwilling rat-catcher when the plague, the Black Death, arrives in Australia. She loathes the rats and her father's four yappy, snappy, hyperactive rat-killing terriers. But, when her dad becomes ill, Issy must join the battle to rid the city of the plague-carrying rats.
9489	Rats and mice Head, Honor & Burton, Jane (phot)	Belitha Press	2003	9781841383583	3-4	Aspects of small pet care including sensible advice, health warnings and descriptions of the breeding behaviour and social needs of rats and mice.

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	Rats of NIMH series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
9337	Rats of Wolfe Island, The Horsfield, Alan	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2002	9780734404411	7-9	In this eerie mystery, Eddie Haite becomes involved in monitoring the behaviour of radiation-affected rats on a remote tropical South Pacific island. Their roles appear reversed and the man who runs the lab seems to be going slowly mad.
3594	Rattler's place Wrightson, Patricia	Puffin Australia	1998	9780140387124	3-4	Guy and family have moved house but his favourite skateboard, toys and even Digby, the dog, have not yet arrived, delayed on the way by a flood. However, there is still so much to explore in this new location.
1334027	Ratus Moratus Pike, Tnya & Challenger, Rebel (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760261146	3-4	Ratus Moratus cared only for status, he made himself leader and sat on a matus. He carried a cane and wore a top hatus, but all the rats knew he was really a bratus When Catus arrives, there's trouble for lazy Ratus. Will Ratus scatus ... or end up splatus?!
2133	Ratwhiskers and me Marwood, Lorraine	Walker Books	2008	9781921150395	7-9	A prose-verse novel, set amidst the chaos and brutality of the Victorian goldfields in the 1800s. The narrator, traumatised by a fire in which her family died, and her mangy dog, Ratwhiskers, are befriended by a Chinese boy. Posing as a boy, she flees to the Chinese camp, pretending to be Chinese and taking a new name.
	Raven Lucas series Harris, Christine				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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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?
47146	Raven's mountain Orr, Wendy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742374659	5-6	Raven's mother remarries and her new stepfather decides to take Raven and her older sister camping. They go to the mountain of his childhood and Raven is the first to climb to the peak. It's here that things go terribly wrong. The rock under Raven's feet cracks and she falls, crashing down over the edge of the cliff. When she finally comes to, no one answers Raven's calls.
903258	Raven's song, The Fraillon, Zana & MacDibble, Bren	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781761065798	7-9	Shelby and her best friend Davey live quiet low-tech lives in a closed community, in a world healing itself after a global pandemic that had an unimaginable impact on humanity. When they climb through a hole in the perimeter fence to venture into the surrounding jungle, they find the past and the present about to collide to threaten the future. It will take all of Shelby's daring and determination to ensure the past does not repeat itself.
751113	Ravens, The Morgan, Kass & Paige, Danielle	Hodder & Stoughton	2020	9781529363838	7-9	At first glance, The Ravens seem like typical sorority sisters. These girls are the most admired at Westerly College. Looks can be deceiving, and these are not just girls but a coven of witches. With a new intake of Littles and a painful secret returning to haunt them, the girls will need to put rivalry aside to save a fellow sister.
18537	Ray's Olympics Gleeson, Libby & Cox, David (ill)	National Museum of Australia Press	2006	9781876944438	3-4	At school, Ray is bullied by the Leary brothers. He now has to find a way into the Olympics before they make mincemeat of him. The story is set in the period of the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games.
1209814	Raymangirrbuy dhawu - When I was a little girl 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.

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812	Raymie Nightingale DiCamillo, Kate	Walker Books	2016	9781406363135	5-6	When her father abandons the family, young Raymie Clarke hatches a plan. To gain her dad's approval and immediate return, she'll enter and win the Little Miss Central Florida Tyre competition. Raymie must do good deeds and learn to twirl a baton. She must also contend with the frequently fainting Louisiana and the fiery Beverley. As the competition approaches, loneliness, loss and unanswerable questions draw them into an unlikely friendship, and challenge each girl to come to the rescue in unexpected ways.
4484	Raymond Le Bec, Yann & Le Bec, Gwendel (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781406362428	3-4	This is the story of Raymond. An ordinary dog who, for a while, led an extraordinary life.
10060	Reach for the stars and other advice for life's journey Bloch, Serge	Koala Books	2010	9780864619730	3-4	You've got your whole life ahead of you. The road may be bumpy but, at the end of the day, you'll see the light and you might just find yourself on top of the world.
1153	Reaching out, messages of hope Kennedy, Mariah (ed)	HarperCollins Australia	2013	9780733331923	7-9	Children around the world have very different experiences of family and potential. Through poems, illustrations, novel excerpts and short stories 28 of the very best children's authors convey the obstacles that many face and strive to overcome with varying levels of success. Conceived and edited by a fifteen year old Australian school girl, this book demonstrates the power of the individual in making a difference.
846208	Read this book and never fart again Miller, Tim & Stanton, Matt (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780733339042	3-4	'Everyone does it, but some people are embarrassed by it. Yes, we are talking about farts. When a boy asks the fart monster for help with the matter, he learns to appreciate his under thunder.
1159940	Reading to baby Wild, Margaret & Sommerville, Hannah (ill)	Affirm Press	2024	9781922930378	K-2	Dora has doting big brothers who play with her, look after her, and guide her as she grows. One of her brothers, Peter, reads to her, which turns out to be the greatest gift of all.

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6941	Ready player one Cline, Ernest	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2012	9780099560432	9plus	It's 2044, and the world has become an ugly place. We're out of oil. We've wrecked the climate. Famine, poverty, and disease are widespread. Wade Watts escapes this depressing reality by spending his waking hours jacked into the OASIS, a sprawling virtual utopia where you can be anything you want to be. And like most of humanity, Wade is obsessed by the ultimate lottery ticket that lies concealed within this alternate reality- OASIS founder James Halliday, who dies with no heir, has promised that control of the OASIS will go to the person who can solve the riddles he has left scattered throughout it. For years, millions have struggled to attain this prize. And then Wade stumbles onto the key to the first puzzle. Suddenly, he finds himself pitted against thousands of competitors in a desperate race to claim the ultimate prize, a chase that soon takes on terrifying real-world dimensions. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1019820	Ready, set, big school Stradling, Jan & Robaard, Jedda (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780733342875	K-2	Maurice is getting ready to start big school. He's excited and a bit nervous too. His friends are with him to take this step, to make new friends and begin their learning together. They will face big and little challenges together.
12676	Ready, steady, grow Lock, Deborah (ed)	Dorling Kindersley	2010	9781740337717	3-4	From sowing to harvesting, you can grow all kinds of plants, fruits and vegetables, from tasty tomatoes to pet-friendly plants. You don't even need a garden.
32282	Ready, steady, hatch! Long, Ben & Cornish, David (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2017	9781925272536	K-2	Ten chicks are excited to discover the world outside their eggshells, but the smallest is soon separated from the rest. Where can she be?
587697	Ready. Set. Discover Logan Tyrrell, Karen	Digital Future Press	2018	9780994302199	K-2	Yana arrives in the city of Logan with her family, feeling alone. She's not sure what children can do in Logan. Yana meets Bunji, an Aboriginal boy at a Logan City library. Bunji shows Yana the best places for kids to explore and play.
1080641	Real cowgirl, The Duff, Isabelle & Crispe, Susannah (ill)	EK Books	2024	9781922539687	K-2	Sal wants to be a real cowgirl. At home, Sal is brave and strong, wild and free, smart and kind. But at school, Sal feels anxious and small. Will she ever be a real cowgirl?

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839070	Real magic Magic, Ash	Penguin Books Australia	2021	9781761043925	5-6	Magic is making the impossible possible. And there are tons of tips and tricks in this book, but the real magic is finding the good vibes every day in everything you do. Learn to bring positive energy and positive people into your life. Once you get the hang of it, life gets a whole lot easier and a whole lot more fun.
	Real pigeons 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.
40661	Really nearly deadly canoe ride, The Metzenthen, David	Puffin Australia	2009	9780143304548	5-6	Shiny-boy Diamond and his mate, Pod, have been given an old Canadian canoe, the Wolverine. They decide to canoe from Sockby all the way down to the sea but didn't count on revolting rubbish traps, killer rapids, freaky whirlpools and a container ship ten storeys high.
499	Really really epic mini-bike ride, The Metzenthen, David	Penguin	2006	9780143301219	5-6	Pete 'Pod' Podlewski with the bad haircut and his mate, 'Shiny-Boy' Diamond from the wrong side of the tracks, ride their illegal mini-bikes to the end of the disused railway line in search of adventure and girls. Some strong language in context.
12393	Really really high diving tower, The Metzenthen, David	Puffin Australia	2003	9780143300434	5-6	Shiny boy and Pod, spend a lot of time at the pool talking, dreaming, making funny remarks to each other about other people who use the pool and trying to impress girls. They often get into trouble with the pool boss for doing silly things.
46080	Really short history of nearly everything, A Bryson, Bill	Doubleday	2008	9780385614801	7-9	An entertaining and accessible look at the how and who of scientific discovery; the wonder and mysteries of time and space; the frequently bizarre and often obsessive scientists and the methods they used; the crackpot theories which held sway and the extraordinary, accidental discoveries which advanced whole areas of science.
1058404	Really short journey through the body, A Bryson, Bill & Young, Emma & Long, Daniel (ill) & Et al.	Puffin UK	2024	9780241606247	5-6	We spend our whole lives in one body and yet most of us have no idea how it works and what goes on inside it. Get ready to marvel at the wondrous creation that is you.

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1075159	Reappearance of Rachel Price, The Jackson, Holly	Electric Monkey (London)	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.
35091	Rebel Tintera, Amy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743316702	9plus	When she died and came back as a Reboot, Wren 178 thought she'd left her human side behind. Then, Callum 22 came along and changed everything. Now, they have both escaped the Human Advancement and Repopulation Corporation, ready to start a peaceful life. But, Micah 163, who runs the reservation, has darker plans to wipe out the humans. All of them. Some violence. Usually read by students 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.
587834	Rebel voices: the rise of votes for women Stewart, Louise Kay & Knight, Eve Lloyd (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9781526300232	5-6	Published in 2018 to mark the anniversary of Women's right to vote in United Kingdom, this incredibly crafted book documents the story of women's right to vote around the world. From 1893 New Zealand to 2015 Saudi Arabia women and their voices have risen up and united to demand the right to "a voice and a choice".

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1088077	Rebels of Mount Buffalo, The Edwards, Helen	Yellow Brick Books	2023	9780645218077	5-6	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. 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. When Clara and Alice are confronted by danger, will Clara rediscover her courage? Will she find the strength to reclaim herself?
1402	Reboot Tintera, Amy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743315507	9plus	After she was shot dead, Wren Connolly came back to life in 178 minutes as a Reboot, stronger, faster, able to heal and less emotional. The longer Reboots are dead, the less human they are on return. Wren 178 is the deadliest Reboot around. Callum 22 is slow and pesky but he makes Wren feel alive. When ordered to eliminate Callum, Wren risks her life to save him. Some violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
896426	Rebound Alexander, Kwame	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780358494836	5-6	Hoop kings SOAR in kicks with wings. Game so sweet it's like bee stings. It's 1988. Charlie Bell is still mourning his father, and struggling to figure out how he feels for his best (girl) friend, CJ. When he gets into trouble one too many times, he's packed off to stay with his grandparents for the summer. There his cousin Roxie introduces him to a whole new world: basketball. A legend on the courts is born. But can Charlie resist when trouble comes knocking once again?
1096800	Recipe for magic potion, A Henseleit, Jack & Horne, Natasja (ill)	Bright Light Books	2024	9781761211881	K-2	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.

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6869	Reckless Funke, Cornelia	Chicken House	2010	9781905294855	9plus	The love of an older brother and a girlfriend must be strong enough to overcome terrifying obstacles or Will is lost to them forever. This is Jacob's story, he is familiar with this treacherous, violent land full of intrigue, power-lust, violence, cruelty, fear, dangerous liaisons and dark secrets. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
	Reconciliation - for older students series Various				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.
	Reconciliation - for younger students 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.
	Reconciliation in Australia seeries Various				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1304092	Recycling day: What happens to the things we throw away? Faber, Polly & Fahlen, Klas (ill)	Nosy Crow Ltd	2025	9781839949494	K-2	What happens to the things we throw away? Discover all the busy people, vehicles and machines needed to recycle and dispose of our waste - and find out how we can all reuse our things more to make it... not-for-the-bin day.
6548	Red Gleeson, Libby	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781741758535	5-6	Red can't remember the cyclone, doesn't remember her name, where she lived or who her parents are. Is there anyone left in Sydney she can trust to help her discover who she is and why she needs to get to Melbourne so urgently.
3613	Red balloon, The Lamorisse, Albert	Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group Inc	1956	9780385142977	K-2	A classic story of Pascal, an only child who is lonely. When he finds a red balloon with a mind of its own, Pascal's life changes.

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32301	Red boat, The Cumming, Hannah	Child's Play International Ltd	2012	9781846434815	K-2	Posy feels lonely in her new home. She doesn't know anyone and worries about making new friends. Luckily, her dog George is around to keep her company, and they spend many hours playing in a mysterious red boat they find in the garden. One night, Posy can't sleep, so she and George go down to the garden, and that's when the magic begins...
10349	Red bridge, The Dunstan, Kylie	Windy Hollow Books	2011	9781921136726	K-2	Claire and her family have moved from Australia to Vietnam. She feels lost and lonely in the busy, bustling streets of Hanoi, until she finds the red bridge and a new friend to show her the way.
46001	Red camel, The Murray, Kirsty & Culkin-Lawrence, Teresa (ill)	National Museum of Australia Press	2008	9781876944698	3-4	This story is set in central Australia at the turn of the twentieth century. Ruby doesn't like working for the Wilsons. She wants to go back to Alice Springs to live with her mum and wonders if Idris, the Afghan boy who works with the camels, will help her to return home.
94547	Red cardigan, The Burke, J. C.	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2004	9780759320291	9plus	Evie sees things. She's wary of the other kids at school- she doesn't want them to see her drawings or know how different she is...what would they say? She tries hard to block it all out and pretends to be normal, just like every one else. But a missing girl is trying to tell Evie something. A girl who is very persistent, who will not give up. A girl who once wore the red cardigan Evie now wears. As much as she tries, Evie can no longer ignore the question that demands an answer...who is the girl in the red cardigan? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
660698	Red day Fussell, Sandy	Walker Books	2020	9781760651886	7-9	Set in a modern-day small town among the remnants of a Japanese POW camp, this is the story of Charlie. Charlie has synaesthesia and hence sees and hears differently: people have auras; days of the week are coloured; numbers and letters have attitudes. But when Charlie meets Japanese exchange student Kenichi, her senses intensify and she experiences flashbacks, nausea, and hears unfamiliar voices in her head pulling her back to the town's violent past.

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	Red dirt diaries series Nannestad, Katrina				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.
5912	Red feather, The Kitchin, Ben & Swan, Owen (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2015	9780957988439	K-2	Claude finds a beautiful, red feather at the beach. His three friends also want the feather and, one by one, each person trades the feather for something else.
1337892	Red flags Jo, Sophie	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761721120	7-9	Neither Poppy nor Cam want it to work ... until it does. Poppy is known for her high standards. Why bother with relationships when boys don't ever seem to live up to her expectations? One red flag and she's out. Cam is known for quickly developing the ick. He's never dated anyone for long - a week here, a month there, but he always spooks. When Poppy's friends challenge her to give someone a chance for two whole months, Poppy decides that Cam (her mysterious bus crush) could be the best of an underwhelming bunch. But Cam's been set his own challenge: he's banned from ending things in his next relationship... and that means he's ready to do whatever he can to put Poppy off. Two skeptics. Two months. And this time, neither of them can disappear the moment they spot something they don't like.
70369	Red haze: Australians and New Zealanders in Vietnam Davidson, Leon	Black Dog Books	2006	9781876372958	9plus	A balanced view of the Vietnam War is presented but it does not tell the whole story, nor does it pretend to. For mature students, the book has evocative and harrowing descriptions of war, the role of the allied soldiers and the tactics of the Vietcong. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
593303	Red house, blue house, green house, tree house! Godwin, Jane & Reiseger, Jane (ill)	Affirm Press	2018	9781925584691	K-2	Red house, blue house, green house tree house! See the tiny mouse in her little brown house? A fresh and fun rythmic exploration of colour for younger readers.

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54719	Red necklace, The Gardner, Sally	Orion	2008	9781842556344	9plus	Yann Margoza, a gypsy boy with supernatural gifts, raised by a dwarf, Tetu, is pursued by the sinister, truly-evil Count Kalliovski who holds half the French aristocracy in his power. Yann meets Sidonie, the unloved daughter of the Marquis of Villeduval. Suddenly, all their lives, present, past and future are intertwined against the momentum and violence of the French Revolution. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
3064	Red pencil, The Davis Pinkey, Andrea & Evans, Shane W (ill)	Little, Brown & Co	2014	9780316247801	5-6	Twelve year old Amira's dream is to go to school. But, life in her peaceful Sudanese village is shattered when the terrifying Janjaweed militia arrives. They burn her village and unleash unspeakable horrors. Amira needs to find the strength to make the long journey, on foot, to a refugee camp. Life is tough at the camp until the gift of a simple red pencil opens her mind and all kinds of possibilities. Verse novel about real events.
23669	Red piano, The Leblanc, Andre & Barroux (ill)	Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd	2009	9780980607017	5-6	For one young girl, a resident of a labour camp, a run-down, old piano brings some humanity into her life and to a system that has none. Each night, she bravely steals away to play on the battered instrument and, sheet by sheet, she gradually assembles, then copies, the music. One night, she is caught at the piano. A story about international concert pianist, Zhu Xiao-Mei, and the Chinese Cultural Revolution.
6274	Red plane to the rescue Firth, Melissa & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781741698534	K-2	Today the planes are putting on a show, vroom vroom, zoom zoom.
23697	Red poppy, The Hill, David & Colston, Fifi (ill)	Scholastic New Zealand	2013	9781775430704	5-6	Young soldier Jim McLeod waits in the trenches of World War I for the order to attack the enemy. With him are his friends, and Nipper, the messenger dog. When they charge across no-man's land, Jim is shot and finds himself face to face with an enemy soldier.
6518	Red Queen Aveyard, Victoria	Orion	2015	9781409155843	9plus	The Reds are commoners, ruled by a Silver elite with god-like superpowers. When Mare Barrow begins work in the Silver Palace, she discovers that, despite her red blood, she possesses a deadly power. One that threatens to destroy the balance of power. This is a world of betrayal, lies and danger. Reds against Silvers, prince against prince, and Mare against her own heart. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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3617	Red sand, blue sky Applegate, Cathy	Feminist Press	2002	9781558612785	7-9	When young Amy goes to stay with her aunt in the central outback, she befriends Lana. Together, they must overcome racial and cultural barriers and join forces to foil a criminal who is stealing artefacts.
18692	Red shoe, The Dubosarsky, Ursula	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2006	9781741142853	9plus	For three sisters growing up in Australia in the 1950s, the news is full of the Petrov affair and spies. Their ordinary lives are juxtaposed with their parents' marriage, their father's attempted suicide and the big events of the adult world. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1424127	Red star rebels Kaufman, Amie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2026	9781761182556	7-9	Eight hours to stop an explosion ... Eight hours to fall in love. It's 2067, and the Graves family has transformed Mars from a lifeless rock into a chaotic patchwork of settlements. You can buy a one-way ticket to a new life - if you're rich. Enter Hunter Graves: handsome, ambitious, and with spectacularly bad timing. He shows up unannounced at the United Nations base just as an emergency evacuation sends everyone scurrying for safety. And he's left behind. Uh-oh. Also stranded: Cleo, a sharp-tongued stowaway with no intention of dying today, and even less patience for overconfident trust fund boys. But the enemy of your enemy is the jerk who might just help you survive, so here we are. Now, Hunter and Cleo have one shot to stop the explosion, escape alive, and deal with the inconvenient fact that they're falling for each other.
3045	Red Ted and the lost things Rosen, Michael & Stewart, Joel (ill)	Walker Books	2009	9781406310375	3-4	One day, a little bear named Red Ted is accidentally left on the seat of a train by his owner and ends up in the place for lost things. He doesn't despair, however, he puts his mind to work. With the help of his new friends, a pessimistic crocodile and a cat with a fondness for cheese, Ted finds his way home to the little girl who loves and misses him.
3618	Red tree, The Tan, Shaun	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2001	9780734401724	7-9	Stunning artwork and minimal text tell the story of a young girl drifting through landscapes which reflect feelings of sorrow and helplessness, until she comes across a sign of hope. Deeply thoughtful.

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1013107	Red vs Blue Tedesco, James & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2021	9781760982928	5-6	A new rugby league team has been created for Teddy and his mates, The Camden Blues. The only problem is they don't have enough players to fill it. Can Teddy and his friends form a team and gel together quickly enough to take on their Camden Red rivals?
5275	Red wheelbarrow, The Stewart, Briony	University of Queensland Press	2012	9780702249259	K-2	With nothing but a paper bag full of lollies and a much-loved blanket, two sisters and a curious chicken share an adventure in a red wheelbarrow.
74142	Red wind, The Carmody, Isobelle	Penguin	2010	9780670074037	5-6	Every year, Zluty journeys to the great forest while his brother, Bily, stays to tend their desert home. And every year, Zluty returns with exciting tales of his adventures. But, when a devastating red wind sweeps across the land, destroying everything in its path, each brother must fight for his survival.
9984	Red woollen blanket, The Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2008	9781406316490	K-2	From the moment Julia is born, her most treasured possession is a red woollen blanket. Wherever Julia goes, her blanket goes too. But, as Julia grows bigger, her blanket becomes smaller.
29456	Red, a crayon's story Hall, Michael	Greenwillow	2015	9780062252074	K-2	Red crayon has a bright red label but he can only colour blue. Everyone tries to help him but he just can't colour red, no matter how hard he tries. Red is really miserable until a new friend offers a new perspective.
1089059	Red, white and whole LaRocca, Rajani	Quill Tree Books	2023	9780063047433	5-6	Reha feels torn between two worlds: school, where she's the only Indian American student, and home, with her family's traditions and holidays. But Reha's parents don't understand why she's conflicted - they only notice when Reha doesn't meet their strict expectations. Reha feels disconnected from her mother, or Amma. Although their names are linked - Reha means "star" and Punam means "moon" - they are a universe apart. Then Reha finds out that her Amma is sick. Really sick. Reha, who dreams of becoming a doctor even though she can't stomach the sight of blood, is determined to make her Amma well again. She'll be the perfect daughter, if it means saving her Amma's life.
9359	Red-eyed tree frog Cowley, Joy & Bishop, NIc (phot) & Kampen, Van (ill)	Scholastic US	2000	9780590871761	3-4	The red-eyed tree frog found in the rainforest of Central America spends the night searching for food while also being careful not to become dinner for some other animal.

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325	Redback leftovers, The Oswald, Debra	Penguin	2000	9780141304946	7-9	Imagine the worst soccer team that you can think of and then triple it. This is a description of the debut of the Redback Leftovers, one of the most unlikely and inspiring soccer teams you are ever going to meet.
4217	Redback mansion Marwood, Lorraine	Five Islands Press	2002	9780864187680	5-6	A collection of well-crafted literary poems with a rural theme.
	Redwall series Jacques, Brian				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.
4377	Redwall: the graphic novel Jacques, Brian	Philomel Books	2007	9780399244810	5-6	A black and white, beautifully illustrated rendition of the classic story. Mathias, the young and clumsy field mouse, must take the place of Martin the Warrior and save Redwall Abbey from the vicious rats. Lead by Cluny the Scourge, the rats prove to be devious and merciless enemies and there will be great battles and much sadness before the end.
2810	Reef superstar Killingbeck, Lesley & Toft, Kim Michelle (ill)	Brolly Books	2005	9781877035579	5-6	In a wondrous world deep within a coral reef, sea creatures assemble for a contest. Each creature has a special skill or a magic trick to display. Find out who wins the contest to become reef superstar.
1495124	Reel love Woolridge, Addie	Delacorte Press	2025	9780593899311	7-9	Jamie Webb prefers to be behind the camera, not in front of it. She uses her filmmaking skills to help build her grandmother's social media presence. That's why they're taking a trip to Las Vegas for an influencers' convention. Jamie is actually looking forward to working with BamBam, relaxing with her friends, and getting away from her parents' critical eye. But as soon as she realises that BamBam's archnemesis, another influencer grannie, is attending the con with her cute grandson, Ethan, her excitement fizzles. Well, until the organisers announce a cash prize and award for the best con video. Jamie could really use that win to set her portfolio apart for film school. Thus, she agrees to a secret partnership with Ethan, a fellow content creator. Their grandmothers will never know that they're exploring Sin City together, or that their feelings for one another are growing stronger than Jamie's guilt. After all, what happens there, stays there. Right?

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29848	Reena's rainbow White, Dee & Grimwood, Tracie (ill)	EK Books	2017	9781925335491	K-2	Reena is deaf and Dog is homeless. Sometimes neither of them feels as if they quite fit in. But when Reena and Dog form a unique bond, it's not long before everyone finds out just how special they are.
2858	Reflection: Remembering those who serve in war Sharpe Shelberg, Rebecka & Cowcher, Robin (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781922179050	3-4	A family journeys through the early morning darkness. A group of young men huddle in a cold muddy trench. Reflection is a powerful tribute to those who have served their country.
66479	Reflections of a solitary hamster Desbordes, Astrid & Martin, Pauline (ill)	Gecko Press	2009	9781877467455	5-6	Meet Hamster, completely self-obsessed and passionate about waffles. Join him and his friends, kindly Mole, diffident Hedgehog, selflessly generous Snail and super-confident Rabbit as they prepare for a celebration, set to change everybody's lives. A deceptively simple book includes philosophical musings on life.
1671	Refuge French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2013	9780732296179	7-9	When a boat carrying a group of asylum seekers is sunk by a freak wave, Faris wakes from the shipwreck in an Australia he's always dreamed of. There are kangaroos grazing under orange trees and the sky is always blue. On a nearby beach, Faris meets a group of young people who have come from far different times and places.
3619	Refuge Gleeson, Libby	Penguin	1998	9780140389852	7-9	A family is tested when asked to hide a Timorese refugee. They must take some personal responsibility for a global issue.
660790	Refugee Gratz, Alan	Scholastic US	2018	9781742997681	7-9	Three different kids. One mission in common: escape. Joseph is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994 with riots and unrest plaguing her country. Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015 with his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction. All three go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge.
12325	Refugees Miller, David	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2004	9780734406330	3-4	A small swamp past the edge of town is home to two wild blue-billed ducks. One day huge machines come to the swamp and out pours the swamp's precious water. The ducks become refugees.

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1773	Reg Saunders: An indigenous war hero Dolan, Hugh & Threlfall, Adrian	NewSouth Publishing	2015	9781742234243	7-9	The little-known story of Reg Saunders, the first indigenous Australian to become an officer in the Army. He survived the World War II battlefields in the Middle East, North Africa, Greece, Crete and New Guinea, and excelled as a military leader. Find out how war transformed a determined young man, born in 1920 from country Victoria, into a war hero. Reg went on to serve with distinction in the Korean War and become a pioneering figure for indigenous rights. He died in 1990. A graphic novel.
15387	Reggie and Lu (and the same to you) Quay, Emma	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2004	9780733619267	K-2	Reggie and Lu are best friends most of the time. But, they discover that even when they're not, making up can be lots of fun.
12293	Reggie, queen of the street Barbalet, Margaret	Penguin	2003	9780670040575	K-2	Reggie is the queen of her street. All the children love her. When her owners decide to move far away, Reggie wonders about her friends and whether the new house will ever be home. Reggie's journey home is going to be a long one.
4250	Reign of shadows Jordan, Sophie	HarperCollins US	2017	9780062377654	9plus	Seventeen years ago, an eclipse cloaked the kingdom of Relhok in perpetual darkness. In the chaos, an evil chancellor murdered the king and queen and seized their throne. Luna, Relhok's lost princess, has been hiding in a tower ever since. Luna's survival depends on the world believing she is dead. But that doesn't stop Luna from wanting more. When she meets Fowler, a mysterious archer braving the woods outside her tower, Luna is drawn to him despite the risk. When the tower is attacked, Luna and Fowler escape together. But this world of darkness is more treacherous than Luna ever realized. With every threat stacked against them, Luna and Fowler find solace in each other. But with secrets still unspoken between them, falling in love might be their most dangerous journey yet. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 & above.
6803	Reindeer's Christmas surprise Dubosarsky, Ursula & deGennaro, Sue (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760113025	K-2	It's Christmas eve in Australia and Reindeer has great fun giving presents to his friends, Cat, Dog and Guinea Pig. But, even when it's warm and sunny outside, it's hard to be far away from home and family. Luckily, Christmas is a time for exciting surprises and, this year, Reindeer might just get one of his very own.

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574205	Rejected princesses: tales of history's boldest heroines, hellions and heretics Porath, Jason	HarperCollins US	2016	9780062405371	7-9	Well-behaved women seldom make history. Good thing these women are far from well behaved . . . Rejected Princesses pays homage to an awesome collection of strong, fierce, and yes, sometimes weird, women: warrior queens, soldiers, villains, spies, revolutionaries, and more who refused to behave and meekly accept their place. An entertaining mix of biography, imagery, and humor, this thoroughly researched exploration salutes these awesome women drawn from both historical and fantastical realms, including real life, literature, mythology, and folklore. Each profile features an eye-catching image of both heroic and villainous women in command from across history and around the world, from a princess pirate in fifth century Denmark, to a rebel preacher in 1630s Boston, to a bloodthirsty Hungarian countess, and a former prostitute who commanded a fleet of more than 70,000 men on China's seas.
1423836	Relic Hunters: The Amulet of Hath Hardy, Vasti & Sheerin, Rebecca (ill)	Barrington Stoke	2025	9780008680725	3-4	A long-lost amulet holds the secret to finding the ancient land of Hath and its hidden treasures. But just as famous relic hunter Lucy Greystone is about to retrieve it, the amulet falls into the hands of nefarious glory hunter Byron Cogsworth. Now the race is on to be the first to uncover the location of Hath and its gold. But how can Mabel and Will Greystone help their aunt when they only have access to half of the clues, and can they stop Cogsworth before his dirty tricks lead to treasure being lost for ever?
1477088	Relic Hunters: The clockwork key Hardy, Vashti & Sheerin, Rebecca (ill)	Barrington Stoke	2024	9780008680732	3-4	Mabel and Will Greystone are looking forward to an exciting holiday with their aunt Lucy, a famous relic hunter in the land of Marvolia. Using an ancient map, they are searching for the legendary lost town of Umber, famous for the invention of clockwork, which was mysteriously abandoned hundreds of years ago. The only other clue they have is a strange old key left behind by the last inhabitant of the town, but they have no idea what the key is for. Also on the hunt for Umber is devious Byron Cogsworth, desperate for the glory such an important discovery will bring. Can Mabel, Will and Aunt Lucy find Umber before him? And what secrets will the clockwork key unlock?

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3623	Reluctant dragon, The Grahame, Kenneth		2015	9781515403302	3-4	From the author of The Wind in the Willows comes this delightful tale of a boy who discovers that there is a dragon living in the downs above his house. But this is no ordinary dragon - it's a smart, thoughtful and poetry-loving dragon. The boy and the dragon become friends, but the villagers also discover the dragon and send for the great dragon slayer St. George. The boy and the dragon need a plan, a plan that will save the life of this unique and delightful dragon.
885986	Reluctant witch's guide to magic, A Plozza, Shivaun	Penguin	2022	9781761043994	5-6	Willa Birdwhistle does not want to be a witch. So when she is told she must choose a coven, she is certain it is a mistake. But it is not. She has only one year to learn how to control her wild magic or she will explode. During that year she faces magical books, an army of cats and a rogue witch who may cause total destruction. Can Willa master her magic and unravel a mystery to save her city, her friends and herself?
11382	Remarkable secret of Aurelie Bonhoffen, The Abela, Deborah	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741660951	5-6	Aurelie's family owns, runs and performs on Bonhoffen's Seaside Pier. They have been there for decades but a developer is working to have the fair and the Bonhoffen's removed.
3676	Remarkably Rexy Smith, Craig	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760113940	K-2	Everybody loves Rex. He is the most dazzling cat on Serengeti Street. The schoolkids who pass by are always impressed by his moves. But, one day, an interloper threatens to take all the attention away from Rex.
15155	Remember me Simons, Moya	Scholastic Australia	2003	9781862915268	5-6	A diary is a good way to get rid of the worries that clutter your mind. Amber needs a diary because her life is getting confusing. Her mum has remarried. Nothing feels the way it should any more, and nothing is ever simple.
3624	Remember me Wild, Margaret & Huxley, Dee (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1992	9780947241322	3-4	A picture book that tells a touching story about children and their grandparents who sometimes forget things as they get older.
1250	Remembering Lionsville Bancroft, Bronwyn	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781742373201	3-4	We are taken back to the family home built by the author's grandfather generations ago and still lived in now by the family. The growing and preserving of food, communications with others, the way of life all beautifully and simply described with magnificent illustrations combining Aboriginal and western techniques.

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4927	Remind me how this ends Tozer, Gabrielle	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2017	9781460751688	7-9	Milo and Layla run into each other after an extended separation. As kids, they shared everything, but five years apart has taken their lives in different directions. Layla is dealing with the death of her mother, and Milo is feeling trapped, his life on hold since he finished year 12. Deals with the decisions that people make about their relationships, and the directions their lives will take. A moving, powerful story.
578869	Remote rescue: An RFDS Adventure Ivanoff, George	Penguin Random House Australia	2016	9780857988768	3-4	What would you do if you were out in the middle of nowhere facing a medical emergency? Dawson, a quiet and cautious boy faces this exact situation. Sam, Dawson and Emma are on a road trip with their dad along the Oodnadatta Track. They have stopped at Farina once a vibrant farming and mining area, now a ghost town full of crumbling buildings Dawson's outgoing sisters start a game of tip, despite their Dad's warnings. As they run through the ruins Dad falls and inures his leg. Unable to move the three children have to organise help. Luckily some fellow travellers stop and they managed to call the Royal Flying Doctor Service. But until they arrive Dawson has to give first aid to his seriously injured Dad. Is he up to the challenge? Will his Dad survive?
1209744	Rene & Glumfoot in the cafe at the edge of the woods Please, Mikey	HarperCollins Children's Books	2024	9780008639006	3-4	Welcome to the Cafe at the Edge of the Woods, the utterly charming picture book from BAFTA award-winning writer Mikey Please. 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. Can Glumfoot's quick-thinking save the day? Join Rene and Glumfoot in this incredible other-worldly story full of magical humour, mythical creatures and culinary curiosities.
70580	Replay Creech, Sharon	Bloomsbury	2005	9780747581864	5-6	Leo, a quiet boy nicknamed Sardine because he's the middle child in a boisterous family, is cast in the school play as an old woman. He discovers the journal his father kept at thirteen and finds out there's more to dad than he ever knew.

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327	Reptiles Creagh, Carson & Greer, Allen (ed.)	Time Life	1999	9780809492473	5-6	Outstanding colour photography with clearly written text presented as informative captions and key paragraphs, on a double page spread for each reptile. Lots of Australian reptiles are featured.
660641	Republic of birds, The Miller, Jessica	Text Publishing Co	2020	9781922268044	5-6	Since the war with the republic of birds, magic has been banned and any girl showing signs of magical ability is whisked away to Bleak Steppe, to a life, it is said, of unspeakable horror. When Olga begins to experience strange things, she knows she must keep it hidden from everyone. But when the birds take the thing that is most precious to her, Olga must summon all her courage, and more, to get it back.
660634	Rescue Long, David & Hyndman, Kerry	Faber & Faber	2019	9780571346325	5-6	Scrambling from the wreckage of his school after an earthquake, a nine-year-old Sichuan boy rescues two unconscious friends. "I was a hall monitor" he said afterwards. "It was my job to look after my classmates". Whether dragging a friend from a blazing car, leading a search far below the earth's surface, or recovering astronauts from space, the true stories in this book reveal the ingenuity, courage and determination of people all over the world who have risked their lives to save others.
5448	Rescue and Jessica: A life-changing friendship Kensky, Jessica & Downes, Patrick & Magoon, Scott (ill)	Candlewick Press	2018	9780763696047	3-4	Rescue thought he'd grow up to be a Seeing Eye dog. When he gets the news that he's better suited to being a service dog, he's worried that he's not up to the task. Then he meets Jessica, a girl whose life is turning out differently from the way she'd imagined it, too. Now Jessica needs Rescue by her side to help her accomplish everyday tasks. And it turns out that Rescue can help Jessica see after all: a way forward, together, one step at a time.
1279	Rescue ark, The Hall, Susan	National Library of Australia	2014	9780642278104	K-2	An Australian representation of the rhyme/song 'The animals went in two by two' here we have a journey around Australia identifying vulnerable and endangered Australian animals at risk of extinction, such as the Orange-Bellied Parrot, Native Bee and Gulf Snapping Turtle.
682656	Respect Muir, Aunty Fay & Lawson, Sue & Kennedy, Lisa	Magabala Books	2020	9781925936315	5-6	Our way is old, other than red earth, older than flickering stars. Our way is respect. A tender, thoughtful story reminding us to respect others and respect ourselves, Respect is suitable for readers of all ages.

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8128	Rest of us just live here, The Ness, Patrick	Walker Books	2015	9781406331165	9plus	It's not easy when the Chosen One goes to your school. The one who fights the zombies or the soul-eating ghosts or whatever new thing there is. Mikey just wants to graduate and find the courage to ask Henna out before school gets blown up, again. Sometimes, there are problems bigger than this week's end of the world and you have to find the extraordinary in your ordinary life. Mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
587662	Restless girls, The Burton, Jessie & Barrett, Angela (ill)	Bloomsbury	2018	9781408886915	5-6	For her twelve daughters, Queen Laurelia's death in a motor car accident is a disaster beyond losing a mother. Their father, King Alberto, cannot bear the idea of the princesses ever being in danger and decides his daughters must be kept safe at all costs. Those costs include their lessons, their possessions and, most importantly, their freedom. But the eldest, Princess Frida, will not bend to his will without a fight and she still has one possession her father can't take: the power of her imagination. And so, with little but wits and ingenuity to rely on, Frida and her sisters begin their fight to be allowed to live.
20544	Return Becker, Aaron	Walker Books	2016	9781406368437	K-2	Failing to get the attention of her busy father, a lonely girl returns to a fantastic world for friendship and adventure. It's her third journey into the enticing realm of kings and emperors, castles and canals, exotic creatures and enchanting landscapes. This time, it will take something truly powerful to persuade her to return home, as a gripping backstory is revealed. The third book in the wordless picture book trilogy, following Journey and Quest.
3926	Return of the dinosaurs Houston, Bronwyn	Magabala Books	2016	9781925360370	K-2	Imagine if dinosaurs came back to visit and they were roaming the Broome coastline today.
27721	Return of the Word Spy Dubosarsky, Ursula & Riddle, Tohby (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780670073542	7-9	The Word Spy returns to take you on a dazzling journey through the strange and wonderful world of words. Discover hidden and silent languages, the secrets of grammar, dying and newborn words, and crack a code along the way.
660375	Return of Thelma the unicorn, The Blabey, Aaron	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781742999890	K-2	Thelma the Unicorn did not like being famous, so she fled the spotlight and disappeared . . . But the world was heartbroken! We miss our UNICORN! Thelma, its time to get your sparkle back on...

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11617	Return to Cardamom Grasso, Julie Anne	Cane River Pecan Co	2013	9780987372529	3-4	Caramel is an elf, but no ordinary elf - she is telepathic and has the ability to get trees and computers to do as she pleases and is an amateur sleuth. She thinks that someone is trying to destroy the cardamom crop which would then destroy the elf economy. The problem is nobody believes the threat except Caramel - can she make others believe and more importantly can she stop the dastardly deed.
846253	Return to FACTopia! Hale, Kate & Smith, Andy (ill)	Walker Books	2022	9781913750398	5-6	Enter Factopia- the amazing world of facts. Every fact is connected in weird and wonderful ways. Choose your own route through the book and discover facts about snowball fights, volcanoes, blue whales and ear wax. Where will your curiosity take you?
1125059	Return to sender Draper, Lauren	MacMillan	2024	9781761266515	9plus	Brodie was sent away from her town of Warwick, after being accused of stealing the town's magical 'Adder Stone'. She returns to strained friendships with Elliot and Levi, needing to face both the town and her former best friends. While living with her eccentric grandmother, Brodie learns about her Grandmother's job in the Dead Letter Office and is drawn into town mysteries once again. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1209811	Returning Saunders, Kirli	Magabala Books	2023	9781922613707	9plus	Returning is a stunning work - a poetic and visual feast that takes you on Kirli's journey of rediscovering self, Country and Connection. Kirli's heartfelt experiences address large contemporary themes of decolonisation, self-determination, Identity, First Nations matriarchy, queerness, justice, love, liberation, and truth-telling. Each poem is accompanied by evocative and poignant artwork that was created in response to its poem and vitalises its meaning. Returning was developed with consultation and guidance from First Nations Elders, Custodians, academics and artists. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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941473	Revelle Smith, Lyssa Mia	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780063323360	7-9	Luxe Revelle, star of her family's fantastical show, knows the splendor is just an illusion. With Prohibition threatening their livelihood, her family struggles to make a living, watering down champagne and patching holes in their sequined costumes. So when the son of Charmant's wealthiest family makes her an offer - everything the Revelles need to stay in business, in exchange for posing as his girl and helping him become mayor - she can't refuse. The moment Jamison Port sets foot in Charmant, he can't shake the feeling of familiarity. An orphan with as few memories as gemstones, he's desperate to learn what happened to his parents. But as he delves into the island's secrets, he risks angering the wrong person and discovering a truth that just might break his heart. When Luxe and Jamison accidentally meet, the sparks that fly are more than her magical enchantments. But keeping secrets from powerful people is a dangerous game . . . one that could destroy them both.
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?
3646	Revolting rhymes Dahl, Roald	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2001	9780140568240	5-6	Quite gory but always funny, classic tales retold in a collection for those who love their fairy tales with a satirical, and worldly twist. Meet Cinderella, a young woman who wants to marry a nice, ordinary man and Goldilocks, the house-breaker.

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91550	Revolution is not a dinner party Compestine, Ying Chang	Puffin Australia	2007	9780143303855	7-9	Ling lived a comfortable life with her parents until Comrade Li moved into their apartment. Her life changed dramatically at home and at school, and Ling soon feared for the lives of her family and friends. She endured extreme hardship just to survive, as she struggled to understand the Chinese cultural revolution. Her love for Chairman Mao and his teaching was tested to the limit.
17141	Rex Dubosarsky, Ursula & Mackintosh, David (ill)	Penguin	2005	9780670042265	K-2	Rex, the class chameleon, is taken home by a different kindergarten student each day. Each child writes or draws imaginatively about the adventures with Rex.
17162	Rhino Neil Goss, Mini	New Frontier Publishing	2005	9781921042300	K-2	Rhino Neil is lonely because all the other animals are too afraid to come near him. Their parents warn them to stay away. One day, Tuscany the elephant arrives and they become good friends.
5704	Rhinos, toucans and woolly dogs Winch, Gordon & Texidor, Dee (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2003	9780958143189	K-2	Whimsical poetry for the very young covering subjects from animals to people and experiences with lots of playful language.
588197	Rhyme cordial Pesenti, Antonia	Scribble Press	2018	9781925322149	K-2	From Alarm Croc to Cheepy Head, you'll enjoy Rhyme Cordial all day long! A fun, new take on wordplay, open the pages to reveal unexpected rhymes and bold, bright illustrations.
12202	Rhyme time around the year Foster, John & Thompson, Carol (ill)	Oxford University Press	2001	9780192762269	3-4	Attractively presented poems and illustrations that focus on seasons, festivals and special days around the world.
2066	Rhyming boy Herrick, Steven	University of Queensland Press	2008	9780702236730	7-9	Growing up can be problematic but, for Jayden Hayden, life is extremely difficult. He has to cope with a very embarrassing name and a football obsessed mother. When a school father-son day is announced, Jayden's quest for his biological father becomes a puzzle he needs to solve, and quickly.
696538	Ribbit rabbit robot Mackinlay, VIctoria & Karmazina, Sofya (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781743834060	K-2	When a friendly frog, a greedy rabbit and a robot with a short fuse discover a magic lamp they go on an adventure full of wishes waiting to be granted and a little bit of trickery.
4135	Rich & rare Collins, Paul (ed)	Ford Street Publishing	2015	9781925272116	5-6	Enjoy this wonderful variety of short stories, poetry and artwork from forty-eight of Australia's best creators. Find out about a knitting needle ninja, a violin that comes to life, a cat with many names, a love that cannot be bought, an alien invasion and so much more. From humour to horror, thriller to fantasy, encompassing the past, the present and the future.

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9956	Richard Hammond's blast lab Hammond, Richard	Dorling Kindersley	2009	9781740337069	5-6	Over thirty really cool experiments from the man who loves fast cars and all things scientific, Top Gear's Richard Hammond. Try these experiments at home but note that some require adult supervision. The book gives practical advice on which ones and how to proceed.
1220580	Richard Scarry's planes and rockets and things that fly Scarry, Richard	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780008694982	3-4	Join Huckle as he takes flying lessons and his friends as they take a trip to the moon in their very own rocket.
751206	Rick Gino, Alex	Scholastic US	2020	9781338048100	5-6	Rick is starting high school and is meeting new kids who we would like to get to know better, but his best friend from primary school, Jeff, is much less kind to people who are different than him. Rick is lucky to have people in his life who he can speak openly and honestly with about the questions he is having about himself as a young man, and about the importance of being true to what you know is right.
18772	Ricker Racker Club, The Guest, Patrick & Eckstrom, Nathaniel (ill)	Little Hare Books	2016	9781760122928	K-2	To be in the Ricker Racker Club, you have to be brave. You have to be kind. You have to not be a girl. But, some people are better than others at being both kind and brave.
	Riddle Gully series Banyard, Jen				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.
3654	Riddle of the Trumpalar Bernard-Waite, Judy	Scholastic Australia	2002	9781863884914	5-6	When two children want to save the Moreton Bay fig tree in their local park, they are taken back in time to colonial days.
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.

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3656	Ride the wild wind: the golden pony and other stories French, Jackie	HarperCollins Australia	2002	9780207198304	7-9	Stories about horses with some told by the horse. The collection includes the story of the first horse tamed by a young girl, King Arthur's horse and the special relationship between a boy and stallion.
13249	Ride, Ricardo, ride Cummings, Phil & Devries, Shane (ill)	Omnibus Books	2015	9781742990736	5-6	Ricardo loved to ride his bike through the village. He rode every day, under endless skies, quiet and clear. But, then, the shadows came and changed Ricardo's life.
7957	Ridiculous story, A Heimann, Rolf	Little Hare Books	2006	9781921049453	5-6	A fantastic collection of funny stories about a pirate ship, a singing spider, a dancing cat, a sugar fairy, a widow who was mistaken for a witch and many more unlikely characters.
9353	Riding Green, Lucinda	Dorling Kindersley	2000	9780751327892	5-6	Lucinda Green, professional horsewoman, eventer and TV commentator, presents an in-depth beginner's guide to the secrets of riding, from choosing a riding school and mounting for the first time to competing in a show and saddling up.
2000	Riding a donkey backwards: Wise and foolish tales of Mulla Nasruddin Taylor, Sean & Theatre, Khayaal & Adl, Shirin (ill)	Otter-Barry books	2018	9781910959305	3-4	Either the wisest man in the village or the biggest fool, Mulla Nasruddin, deals his unique sense of justice and wisdom to thieves, neighbours and religious men alike. Laugh out loud while you follow this trickster on his classic adventures to find out why he rides a donkey backwards.
	Riding high series Kelly, Bernadette				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.
9456	Riding the rough Brassi, G	Scholastic New Zealand	1990	9781869434427	7-9	Angie is an excellent judge of character and a very patient person. She has to be. As major babysitter to her two younger siblings, her stamina is tested to the limit.
10937	Rif and the riddle Cason, Sue & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	Puffin Australia	2012	9780143306375	5-6	After the death of a prime bull which belongs to the village, young Rif is in big trouble. Rif and his grandfather were supposed to be guarding the bull but they went fishing instead. In his quest to make things right, Rif must face a mountain troll, a pair of tricksters, a terrifying dog and a very tough riddle.

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328	Rift Hathorn Libby	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780733608797	9plus	Vaughan gets caught up with an evil Pastor who has created division in his town. He desperately wants to belong. In fact, Vaughan wants to gain entry to the gang so badly he is willing to accept their terrifying challenge. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
587800	Rift, The Craw, Rachael	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2018	9781760650025	9plus	When the Rift opens, death follows. For generations, the Rangers of Black Water Island have protected its sacred creatures from the horrors released by the powerful Rift. Cal West, an apprentice Ranger with rare gifts, fights daily to prove he belongs with the other rangers. Meg Archer, an old friend, returns to Black Water Island after nine years only to discover that the Island is facing a new threat that no one is prepared for. Can Meg and Cal fight their darkest fears to save the Island from disaster? Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 & above.
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.
3123	Right word, The: Roget and his thesaurus Bryant, Jen & Sweet, Melissa (ill)	Eerdmans Books	2014	9780802853851	3-4	For shy, young Peter Mark Roget, books were his best companions and it wasn't long before he began writing his own. But, he didn't write stories, he wrote lists. Peter took his love for words and turned it to organising ideas, and finding exactly the right word to express just what he thought. His lists grew and grew, eventually turning into one of the most important reference books of all time.
846219	Righteous, The Ahdieh, Renee	Hodder & Stoughton	2021	9781529368413	9plus	Only half-fey Arjun Desai can cross the realms to the Sylvan Vale to find a healer who can save his dear friend Odette. Leaving the tare between the realms open, he is oblivious to the fact that Pippa has observed his departure and followed him through in her quest to find Celine. The dangerous, duplicitous world on the other side of the gateway is no place for a sheltered mortal, especially one who is engaged and confused by feelings for a half-fey. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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1310427	Riley's fail proof guide to...Breaking a school record! Vee, Dani & Faber, Jules	Larrikin House	2024	9781922804815	3-4	Riley Noodle has been trying to break a school record for seven years. There is only one problem: Riley doesn't think she's very good at anything. From being superglued to the principal's dog, accidentally swallowing the class pet and being constantly embarrassed by her dad who is intent on saving the world in a kaftan, this year has been nothing but a series of FAILS! Can Riley and her two best friends - Henry the school's hot dog eating campion and the sassy new girl Olivia - help Riley achieve the ultimate goal of finally breaking a school record?
491	Ring bear, The Slater, David Michael & Brooks S G (ill)	Flashlight Press	2004	9780972922517	K-2	Wesley and his mum are the perfect pair of pirates, wicked and mean, until Wesley has to decide whether to let Stan come aboard or not.
329	Ring of bright water Maxwell, Gavin	Penguin	2001	9780141308074	5-6	Set in the wilds of Scotland, this story follows the adventures of Mijbil, an adorable and mischievous otter.
22312	Ring of Solomon, The: A Bartimaeus novel Stroud, Jonathan	Doubleday	2010	9780385619165	7-9	This prequel to the Bartimaeus trilogy sees the return of the sarcastic, chatty and mischievous djinni. Now, Bartimaeus is in Jerusalem and the court of King Solomon in 950s BC. The great Bartimaeus may have finally met his match. He'll have to contend with an unpleasant master and his sinister servant, and he runs into a fair bit of bother with King Solomon's magic ring.
51083	Ring through time, A Pulman, Felicity	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2013	9780732294885	7-9	Alice's family is proud of their historical links to Norfolk Island and are amazed to find out when they move there that their ancestor is considered to have been a tyrant. Trying to prove them wrong, Alice unearths a previously unknown diary which provides an insight into the way of life in the penal colony during the 1840s including the conflicting attitudes towards the treatment of convicts.
11998	Ringle tingle tiger Austin, Mark & Miller, David (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2002	9780734403445	K-2	A young boy decides to face his biggest fear, monsters in the night, when he takes on the ever-stalking Ringle Tingle Tiger. Follow the tiger as he hunts through the fearsome jungle.
9608	Ringmaster, The Odgers, Sally & Stanley, David (ill)	Koala Books	2000	9780864612304	3-4	The Galliano girl had always wanted to be in the circus like her dad. Convincing the principal and the other children, like 'the dancing daydream', to take her seriously and the pain of arthritis, are large obstacles to overcome.

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660788	Rise of the Isle of the Lost De La Cruz, Melissa	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742995861	5-6	The Descendants are back again. Auradon is celebrating the annual Seaside Festival, but something goes wrong. King Titans trident has gone missing - through the magical barrier to the Isle of the Lost, where villains are kept in and magic is kept out. Once the rumour spreads, that a magical object is missing, everyone on the Isle of the Lost wants to get their hands on it, especially Uma, Mal's rival since childhood. The future of Auradon is in her hands. Will Mal and the others be able to save the trident before it falls into the wrong hands?
	Rise of the Mythix series Various				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.
751024	Rise of the Remarkables, The: Brasswitch and Bot Ward, Gareth	Walker Books	2020	9781760652210	7-9	Victorian York is a prejudice society with a vendetta against aberrations. Wrench is a burgeoning Brasswitch. As she discovers her powers, she also discovers that being a Brasswitch can get you killed. When recruited by the department of Regulators, Wrench is drawn into a dangerously deceitful and deadly world.
886014	Rise of the School for Good and Evil Chainani, Soman	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780008508029	5-6	Together, they watch over the Endless Woods. Together, they choose the students for the School for Good and Evil. Together, they train them, teach them, prepare them for their fate. Then, something happens. Something that will change everything and everyone. Who will survive? Who will rule the school? The journey starts here. With magic, surprises and daring deeds at every turn, courage and loyalty will be put to the test, only to lead you to the very beginning of the adventures that are The School for Good and Evil.

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587852	Rise: The Sam Thaiday story Thaiday, Sam & Colley, James	Penguin Books Australia	2018	9780143790419	7-9	For sixteen years, Sam Thaiday has entertained Broncos, Queensland Origin and Australian fans, both on and off the field. This book tells his story. With his trademark humour and honesty, Sam reveals his roots as a Townsville boy and a die-hard Cowboys fan, his family connections to the Torres Strait, how his Mum taught him to pass and tackle, and all the ups and downs of a career playing the game he loves. Including advice for setting and reaching goals, handling setbacks, and finding what really matters in life, Rise: The Sam Thaiday Story (Young Readers' Edition) is a must-read for any young league fan, regardless who they barrack for.
29815	Risk Ferris, Fleur	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9780857986474	7-9	Taylor and Sierra have been best friends their whole lives. But, Taylor's fed up because Sierra always gets what and who she wants. So, when Sierra asks her friends to cover for her while she meets Jacob, a guy she's chatted to online, Taylor 's refuses to show any interest. But, Sierra doesn't come back for one, two, three days. When Taylor finally tells Sierra's mum that her daughter is missing, Taylor and her friends are thrown into a dark world they never even knew existed.
886457	Rita's revenge Tanner, Lian & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781761066009	3-4	The ducks of Little Dismal are angry. A scruffy chicken called Clara has been telling lies about them. They need revenge. Enter Rita, a duck with a talent for poetry. After an embarrassing talent night, she sees revenge on Clara as a chance to restore her reputation. But Rita finds more than revenge. She uncovers a dastardly plan to chook nap Clara that will take them a long way from home. Warning this book includes mockery, rude songs, piracy, warfare and thuggery.
1268022	Rival darling Moody, Alexandra	Farshore	2025	9780008762247	9plus	When seventeen-year-old Violet is left heartbroken by the captain of her school's ice hockey team, she vows to never date a jock again. But, in an attempt to prove she's moved on, she turns to the most unlikely person - her ex's biggest rival, the notorious captain of the Ransom Devils. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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2790	River and the book, The Croggon, Alison & Harnett, Katie (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9781925081725	7-9	In Simbala's village, they have two treasures. There is the River, which is their road and their god, and the Book, which contains their history, their oracle and their soul. Simbala is a Keeper of the Book, the latest in a long line of women who can use it to find answers to the villager's questions. As developers begin to poison the River on which the villagers rely, the Book predicts change. But, this does not come in the form that they expect.
18536	River boy Hill, Anthony & Rawlins, Donna (ill)	National Museum of Australia Press	2006	9781876944391	3-4	In the early 1880s, paddle steamers travelled the Australian rivers to supply inland properties. Nat, a thirteen year old, can't believe his luck when he is asked to help out on the 'Lorelei'. Nat has a lot to learn and must overcome his fear of water.
1940	River charm, The Murrell, Belinda	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9781742757124	9plus	Millie lives in the bush with her mother and sister when, with the help of an old charm, she gains access to the past. There we meet Charlotte Atkinson, whose family is in danger of losing their beloved home, as well as their lives, due to marauding convicts, bushrangers and an abusive stepfather. The law is against Charlotte and her mother, but they're determined to survive. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
684601	River of royal blood, A Joy, Amanda	Penguin Random House Australia	2019	9780525518587	9plus	Born a princess but with a magick so frightening no-one can teach you how to use it. Born into a world that you could one day rule as queen, however to do so you will need to fight your sister in a battle to death. This is Eva's life. if she is to be Queen she needs to master her dangerous magick and kill her sister or be killed herself. Will her mother the Queen support her or her sister, will her absent father be her ally or her sister's? Can Eva trust the strange fairy hunter who has offered to tutor her in her magick and who is the khimaer prince who has appeared to 'protect her' and what can she do about her growing feelings towards him. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
3863	River riddle Dewar, Jim & Tortop , Anil (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781760150518	K-2	A boy, a bale of hay, a sheep and a fox need to cross the river in a boat built for two. Maybe you can help them get to the other side, all in one piece.
71268	River story Hooper, Meredith & Willey, Bee (ill)	Walker Books	2015	9781406325935	3-4	Follow a river's journey, beginning as a small stream from melted snow in the mountains, as it flows quietly past meadows, under bridges, through cities until, finally, emptying into the sea.

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17559	River, A Martin, Marc	Penguin Books Australia	2015	9780670077441	3-4	There is a river outside my window. I can see it stretching in both directions. Follow an imaginary journey from the city to the sea.
2355	Rivertime Balla, Trace	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743316337	5-6	A boy and his Uncle Egg are on a paddling trip down an Australian river. They come across a swimming wallaby, a crashing koala and some friendly campers.
977619	Riz Chester: The counterfeit bust Stephens, RA & Hammond, Em (ill)	Wombat Books	2023	9781761111181	3-4	Riz Chester seems like an average 10 year old girl. She doesn't think she has any special characteristics but Riz is exceptionally observant and notices things that often other people don't. She can pick twins apart, taste the difference between brands of cheese and feels scratchy tags on her clothes. One day whilst shopping with her mum, Riz notices that the cash feels different. A local Police officer takes interest in Riz's discovery and asks her questions. Riz discovers that there is a local counterfeit ring. With her special observational skills, science and help from her tech-savvy friends, Riz leads the Counterfeit Bust to try and solve the mystery of who is responsible.
1209706	Riz Chester: The evidence track Stephens, R.A. & Hammond, Em (ill)	Wombat Books	2024	9781761111525	3-4	Riz Chester loves mysteries, and with an interest in forensics she keeps finding crime. But nothing has happened for months. When the news reports a real theft at the petrol station, and some unknown tracks appear in the freshly laid dirt outside Riz's house, everyone gets involved to find out what happened.
1019768	Riz Chester: The fingerprint code Stephens, R.A. & Hammond, Em (ill)	Wombat Books	2023	9781761111280	3-4	Riz Chester has a passion for forensic science. One day at school there is a commotion outside the music room and something is missing. Riz recruits her friends, Jenny, Sabrina, Lachie A and Lochie C and breaks out her fingerprint tools. Is it more than a misunderstanding? How can they work out what happened when no one will even tell them what is missing? And is the mark left behind in the music room really a fingerprint? Join the five friends as they recruit some extras to take fingerprints from everyone who might have gone into the music room and find a potential suspect.
9436	Road to Camelot, The Masson, Sophie (ed.)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9781740518017	7-9	Short stories from a range of authors using characters from the life and times of the legendary King Arthur. Each tells the story of a turning point or magical moment in the early life of that character and the consequence for the future.

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20788	Road to Goonong Cox, David	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742375212	5-6	The road to Goonong was just a pair of wheel tracks, packed down by buggies and drays that had travelled that way. Our farm, Goonong, was at the end of the road. We had beef and dairy cattle, and plenty of room to play and ride horses. It was a time when timber-cutters felled big ironbarks and blacksmiths' hammers rang out from the forge. The skies were always blue and rain was scarce.
2895	Road to Ratenburg, The Cowley, Joy & Bishop, Gavin (ill)	Gecko Press	2016	9781776570751	5-6	Fleeing from their home in an abandoned building as it is demolished, Spinnaker Rat, his wife and four young begin a search for the legendary Ratenburg, a place where it's said rats can live in peace and comfort. But, only if they can survive the perils of the journey. The rats must rely on each other, making the most of each animal's strengths and understanding individual limitations. And, Spinnaker Rat, the father, learns more than he expected.
39203	Road to war: a First World War girl's diary 1916-1917 Wilding, Valerie	Scholastic UK	2008	9781407104614	5-6	It is 1917 and Daffy Rowntree's brother has gone missing in action somewhere in Europe in the First World War, known as the Great War of 1914-1918. Daffy is determined to do something to help in the war effort and finds herself in the mud and horror of the battlefields of France amongst the dead and wounded. She drives an ambulance, transports the wounded from the trenches and searches for her lost brother.
	Road to winter series Smith, Mark				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
5005	Road trip Parker, Danny & Eckstrom, Nathaniel (ill)	Little Hare Books	2017	9781760127404	K-2	The only thing worse than a long boring road trip is driving with someone who loves long and boring road trips. Even when that someone is your dad.

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846124	Road tripping with Pearl Nash Nwosu, Poppy	Wakefield Press	2021	9781743058435	9plus	The summer is finally here, and Pearl Nash is on a mission to save her slowly disintegrating friendship with a whirlwind end-of-year road trip. However, suddenly Pearl ends up stuck in the middle of the desert beside Obi Okocha, a boy with an irritating attitude. Add a breakdown, multiple arguments, an AWOL nana and a kiss; the perfect ingredients for a perfect disaster. Or is it? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
11242	Roadworks Sutton, Sally & Lovelock, Brian (ill)	Walker Books	2008	9781921150166	K-2	A book for boys and girls on how to build a road, with fabulous, bright illustrations and fun language. There's a page of machine facts identifying the types of heavy equipment that help build our roads. There are even the ones that 'Tip the stones. Tip the stones. Lift and slide and dump. Lay the groundwork for the road. Crash! Roar! Thump!'
10350	Roald Dahl: the storyteller Hook, Jason	Hodder & Stoughton	2004	9780750244916	7-9	The fascinating life story of the famous author, Roald Dahl, who has thrilled young readers with his fanciful and imaginative books. Timelines, websites and further reading help paint a complete portrait of the writer, his successes and tragedies.
4621	Roar Mayo, Margaret & Ayliffe, Alex (ill)	Orchard Books	2006	9781846164880	K-2	Meet some wild and wonderful animals - galloping zebras, prowling tigers, water-squirting elephants, jumping kangaroos and more.
46376	Roar: Talk to the wild animals Lester, Alison	ABC Books	2007	9780733318481	K-2	Make your own noises as you find the animals in the wild. Lots of rhyme and colourful images.
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!
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?
9575	Robber girl Wild, Margaret & Rawlins, Donna (ill)	Red Fox	2001	9780091840884	3-4	A traditional style tale set in a snowy European forest landscape. The robber girl is contented in the forest with her animal companions, until a lost child comes into the forest and changes their lives forever.

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18540	Robbie and the dolphins D'Ath, Justin & Johnson, Jessica	National Museum of Australia Press	2006	9781876944421	3-4	Robbie, wheelchair-bound and lonely, wheels himself to the end of a jetty and sees a little dolphin. He soon realises the dolphin is asking for help. Robbie's courage and strength are tested when he helps both the dolphin and a returned soldier.
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!
38134	Robe of skulls, The French, Vivian & Collins, Ross (ill)	Walker Books	2007	9780744583618	5-6	All is not well in the crumbling castle high above the mountain village of Fracture. The sorceress, Lady Lamorna, has her heart set on a new, very expensive robe. To get the cash, she will stop at nothing, including kidnapping, blackmail and more than a little black magic. But she reckons without some heroic, gallant and wicked folk who want to stop her.
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?
15011	Robert the rose horse Heilbroner, Joan & Eastman, P D (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1992	9780001717602	K-2	Robert's allergy to flowers finally comes in handy when he becomes a police horse.
330	Robin Hood Early, Margaret	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2000	9780949183941	5-6	Robin Hood's classic tales of daring-do in a delightfully aesthetic presentation.
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...
18911	Robin Hood's day Feeney, Josephine	Walker Books	2007	9781406306408	K-2	Jimmy is looking after Patchy Patch, the special class mascot that has been made by his teacher. He wants to take Patchy Patch somewhere very special. Dad thinks of going to Nottingham, where Robin Hood lived. They have a great day until they lose Patchy Patch.

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693048	Robin Hood: Hacking, heists and flaming arrows Muchamore, Robert	Hot Key Books	2020	9781471408618	7-9	Robin is a skilled archer but when his archery gets him in trouble with the leader of the town gangsters, he heads for the Sherwood Forest to stay alive. However, unlike his classic counterpart, this twenty-first century Robin uses his computer hacking skills to steal from the rich and give to the poor.
331	Robinson Crusoe Defoe, Daniel	Penguin	2002	9780140439359	7-9	The classic story of an English sailor marooned on a desert island for nearly thirty years.
1414402	Robo-teacher Barkla, Charlotte & Petruso, Gabriella (ill)	Larrikin House	2025	9781923345089	3-4	Miss Horrid is truly horrid. She makes her students wash her dirty socks, measure blades of grass and on their birthday Miss Horrid has especially horrid chores for them to do. When she cancels the class trip to the funpark Hazel has had enough and with the help of her super clever friends she replaces Miss Horrid with an AI-powered robot. It's not long before robo teacher turns robo-evil. It's up to Hazel and her friends to make it right before something really goes wrong.
903309	Robodog Walliams, David & Stower, Adam (ill)	HarperCollins US	2023	9780008581435	3-4	Dogs make the perfect partners for police. Some breeds can wrestle robbers to the ground. Some can follow the scent of criminals on the run. Some can bark at baddies. But what if one dog could do these things and more? It would be the greatest police dog of all time. Meet Robodog.
12737	Robot and the bluebird, The Lucas, David	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9781842707326	3-4	There was once a robot with a broken heart, good for nothing and expiring slowly on a scrap heap. Then, one winter's day, a migrating bluebird lands on his shoulder, too exhausted to go any further.
	Robots and robotics series Hyland, Tony				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.
33124	Robyn Boid: Architect Coote, Maree	Melbournestyle	2017	9780992491741	5-6	Meet Robyn Boid - a small, dedicated bird who loves to build nests and dreams of becoming an architect. She lives at the University, where she listens to the architecture class through the window each day. Eager to learn, Robyn practises building all the important architectural shapes, but all the while, she seeks the perfect design for her very own nest.

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784567	Rock from the sky, The Klassen, Jon	Walker Books	2021	9781406395570	3-4	Turtle really likes standing in his favorite spot. He likes it so much that he asks his friend Armadillo to come over and stand in it, too. But now that Armadillo is standing in that spot, he has a bad feeling about it . . .
1423970	Rock paper incisors Timberlake, Amy & Klassen, Jon (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781760877064	3-4	Skunk and Badger start off as confident guardians of two orphaned rats, Zeno and Zephyr, but as the rats grow they become harder and harder to handle. They have endless energies and engineering prowess. As winter comes and the rats become unruly, Badger accidentally falls into hibernation and leaves poor Skunk with the impending disaster.
4289	Rock pool secrets Oliver, Narelle	Walker Books	2017	9781922179357	3-4	Nestling between rocks, hiding in the seaweed, lift the flap and discover many rock pool secrets.
9474	Rockets and other spacecraft Farndon, John	Watts Publishing Group	2003	9780749647292	3-4	How rockets and other spacecraft work and look. Information on gravity and drag, how they are powered, built, steered and controlled. The book contains step-by-step instructions and plans for a fully working rocket powered by water pressure.
332	Rockhopper Broome, Errol	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1995	9781863736787	5-6	Quentin is dominated by an overprotective mother, but he learns self confidence from Gus, a man with a past.
1875	Rockhopping Balla, Trace	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760112349	5-6	Join Clancy and Uncle Egg on a rambling, rockhopping adventure in Gariwerd (the Grampians), to find the source of the Glenelg River. A story about following your flow, and the unexpected places you may go.
598	Rockstar robbery, The Holper, Paul & Torok, Simon & Axelsen, Stephen (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2007	9780330423380	5-6	Hannah's rock star idol, Josh Jamieson, is in town. But, as Zac and Hannah emerge from his packed concert, they discover there's been an explosion at the Central Bank next door and ten million dollars is missing. Follow the clues and the red herrings, collect the evidence and check out the suspects to solve the crime of the missing money.
693079	Rocky and Louie Walleystack, Phil & Caisley, Raewyn & Leffler, Dub (ill)	Puffin Australia	2020	9780143786528	K-2	Louie has a big brother named Rocky who always has time to teach Louie how to be a great footy player just like him. Rocky also shows Louie how to talk to the elders in their family to learn about Country and their culture. When Rocky has to leave their community to learn new things, Louie needs to think of a way to show Rocky how good of a big brother he has been to Louie.
660366	Rocky Lobstar: Rocky to the rescue McManus, Rove	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760664930	3-4	Rocky is the star of Felidi's Fabulous Sideshow Carnival. But the show can't go on without a crowd! Can Rocky and his friends come up with a plan to save the show? Or is he destined to live in some aquarium's grotty touch pool?

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751007	Rocky Lobstar: Time travel tangle McManus, Rove	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781760665067	3-4	Rocky Lobstar and his best mate, Goober, accidentally break Mr Felidi's prized antique tea set. But as luck would have it, a visiting professor has brought her time machine to Felidi's Fabulous Sideshow Carnival. Can Rocky and Goober turn back time and fix the tea set? Or will they cause an epic time travel catastrophe?
6501	Rodney Canby, Kelly	Fremantle Press	2019	9781925815320	K-2	All Rodney ever wanted, all he had ever dreamed about, was to know a life among the treetops.
43465	Rodney loses it Gerard Bauer, Michael & Krebs, Chrissie	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781742991900	K-2	Rodney was a rabbit who loved nothing more than drawing. He never found it tiresome, tedious or boring. But then one day, disaster struck! Where was his PEN?!
17163	Rodney thinks of food Winch, Gordon & Oliver, Tony (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2002	9780958146302	3-4	Rodney the handsome bull doesn't know how to chew his cud. A visit to the vet determines he is not a greedy bull but has a different problem that no one has identified.
3688	Rodney's runaway nose Tulloch, Richard	ABC Books	1999	9780733307447	3-4	A springtime allergy is not usually the subject of poetry. But when the little trickle in the nose, featured in this poem, builds up to flood, the town is a riot.
635011	Rogue Betts, A J	MacMillan	2019	9781760556440	7-9	There was no going back; there was no choice, anymore. I'd chosen out and this was it: hot-cold, dry-wet, bright-dark and lonely. Hayley has gone rogue. She's left everything she's ever known - her friends, her bees, her whole world - all because her curiosity was too big to fit within the walls of the underwater home she was forced to flee. But what is this new world she's come to? Has Hayley finally found where she can belong? Or will she have to keep running?
	Rogues series Tanner, Lian				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.
4523	Roland and Eugenie Flynn, Rachel & Smith, Craig (ill)	Puffin Australia	2007	9780143302902	5-6	Roland knows that girls can be trouble but nothing could have prepared him for Eugenie.
78116	Roland Wright at the joust Davis, Tony & Rogers, Gregory (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9781741663297	3-4	Roland has been a page at Twofold Castle for just a month but, already, he has impressed the king's bravest knights. He is excited about attending his first tournament. He is only meant to be watching but, when the fearsome Little Douglas, a page from a rival castle throws down a challenge, Roland is called on to fight.

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30653	Roland Wright future knight Davis, Tony & Rogers, Gregory (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2007	9781741662290	3-4	Roland Wright is the youngest son of a blacksmith. More than anything, he wants to be a knight in armour but only boys from noble families have the chance to do so. When a suit of armour made by Roland's father saves the king's life, everything changes. Roland or his brother have the chance to become a page, the step on the road to becoming a knight.
67885	Roland Wright, brand new page Davis, Tony & Rogers, Gregory (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9781741662306	3-4	Roland begins his training as a page at Twofold Castle. Things don't go very smoothly. The Queen is terrified of mice, which makes things look rather grim for Roland's pet mouse. Roland has to deal with the bullying, older page, Hector, and an elephant on the rampage as well as being away from his family.
333	Roll of thunder, hear my cry Taylor, Mildred D	Puffin UK	1994	9780140371741	7-9	Being a coloured girl in America's South during the 1930s, teaches Cassie much about prejudice and hatred.
71660	Roller coaster Metzenthen, David & Sheehan, Peter (ill)	Puffin Australia	2005	9780143301769	3-4	It's Matt's first time ever at the Fun Park. He loves all the rides except for the roller coaster, it scares him. He tells the family that he's saving it until the last. Thanks to Dad, he might just have a go.
802043	Roller girl Jamieson, Victoria	Penguin	2015	9780141378992	5-6	One night Astrid and her best friend taken out on a surprise excursion with Astrid's mother. They expect a very boring night but instead Astrid discovers a love of roller derby. The only problem is Astrid's best friend does not share this interest. Their differences begin to pile up and push them apart. Astrid's summer vacation is full of big challenges but she finds new strengths and new toughness along the way.
28074	Roman diary: journal of a young slave Platt, Richard & Parkins, David (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781406325478	3-4	The year is AD 102 and Iliona, an educated Greek girl, has been orphaned and sold as a slave in Rome. In time, Iliona discovers that the teeming city at the heart of the empire is a fascinating place. Through her eyes, we see the Roman army return in triumph, witness fighting gladiators, escape a house fire and discover how Roman women dress their hair.
14369	Roman invasion: a British boy AD 84 Eldridge, Jim	Scholastic UK	2008	9781407107370	5-6	Bran is a prince of the Carvetii tribe in ancient England. He has been captured by the Romans and kept hostage with a legion of Roman soldiers building a military road across his country. Bran is there to ensure their safety and they are keeping his family hostage at their base camp to make sure he complies. But, no-one is safe in newly-conquered Britain.

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4921	Roman quests, The: Escape from Rome Lawrence, Caroline	Orion	2016	9781510100237	5-6	In Rome in AD 94, the evil Emperor Domitian is busy killing those he suspects of being disloyal to him. When soldiers arrive to seize Juba's family home, his parents help him and his siblings to escape. They travel to their uncle's house in distant Britannia, on the edge of the known world, The children have never been outside on their own or done anything for themselves, having depended on slaves all their lives. Juba's daunting quest is to avoid capture and death, to find a safe haven and save the children.
8033	Roman quests, The: The archers of Isca Lawrence, Caroline	Orion	2016	9781510100268	5-6	Britannia AD 94. On the run from the Emperor Domitian, fifteen year old Fronto has joined the Roman army in order to find security and structure. He wants to be a good soldier but, when his younger sister, Ursula, is captured by a Druid called Snakebeard, Fronto must decide whether or not to leave the army to rescue her. Desertion is punishable by death.
12952	Roman record, The Fleming, Fergus & Tomlins, Karen (des.) & Dowsell, Paul (ed.)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	1997	9780746027530	7-9	An historical consultant has helped provide accuracy in this wonderfully funny account of Roman times in newspaper layout.
777	Romans, The: gods, emperors and dormice Williams, Marcia	Walker Books	2013	9781406339185	5-6	Experience life as an ancient Roman through the rise and fall of Rome, through the eyes of a gladiator, dormouse and berry-nibbler.
12360	Rome in spectacular cross-section Biesty, Stephen & Solway, Andrew	Scholastic Australia	2003	9780439455466	7-9	Titus Cotta Maximus, a young boy, travels through the city of ancient Rome. Stephen Biesty's wonderfully detailed cutaway drawings convey daily life in these times with a touch of humour.
23020	Romeo & Juliet: No fear Shakespeare graphic novels SparkNotes	Spark Publishing	2008	9781411498747	7-9	
	Rondo series Rodda, Emily				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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799	Rooftoppers Rundell, Katherine	Faber & Faber	2013	9780571280599	5-6	Everyone thinks that Sophie is an orphan. True, there were no other recorded female survivors from the shipwreck that left baby Sophie floating in the English Channel in a cello case, but Sophie remembers seeing her mother wave for help. Her guardian tells her it is almost impossible that her mother is still alive - but "almost" means that it's not impossible. And you should never ignore a possible. So when the Welfare Agency writes to her guardian, threatening to send Sophie to an orphanage, they takes matters into their own hands and flee to Paris to look for Sophie's mother, starting with the only clue they have - the address of the cello maker. Evading the French authorities, she meets Matteo and his network of rooftoppers - urchins who live in the hidden spaces above the city. Together they scour the city in a search for Sophie's mother - but can they find her before Sophie is caught and sent back to London? Or, more importantly, before she loses hope?
5552	Room on our rock Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Baynton, Terri Rose (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742764108	K-2	Two seals are perched on a rock. When others need shelter, do they share it?
12190	Room on the broom Donaldson, Julia & Scheffler, Axel (ill)	Koala Books	2001	9780864613189	K-2	A witch, who is prone to losing her belongings, is helped by the animal friends that she meets on her broomstick journey. This is a delightful, rhyming story that children can easily join in.
9443	Rope carrier, The Tomlinson, Theresa	Random House Canada	2001	9780099413639	3-4	During the industrial revolution, ropemakers often lived in caves. Entire villages could be underground. Minnie Dakin, the youngest of the ropemaker's daughters, eventually follows her sister, Netty, who has gone to live in the city.
9550	Ropemaker, The Dickinson, Peter	Pan MacMillan	2002	9780330397131	7-9	The people of the Valley have been protected for twenty generations by a magic force. The spell is weakening, enemies are waiting. Tilja, her companions and an obstinate horse seek a man who can control the rope of time, the Ropemaker.

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23198	Rory Branagan: Detective Clover, Andrew & Lazar, Ralph (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2018	9780008265830	3-4	Hello. I am Rory Branagan. I am actually a detective. People always say, 'How do you become a detective?' And I say, 'Ahhhh...you don't just FIND YOURSELF suddenly sneaking up on baddies, or diving out of the way as they shoot, or hurtling from an open plane towards the ground! You have to want it.' And what made ME want it? I needed to find out what happened to my dad...
20674	Rory the dinosaur wants a pet Climo, Liz	Little, Brown & Co	2016	9780316390606	K-2	When Rory meets his friend's pet crab, he realises he wants a pet of his own. Rory searches high and low for a creature to love. It's at the end of a long day, when Rory least expects it, that he meets George.
334	Rose blanche McEwan, Ian & Innocenti, Roberto (ill)	Red Fox	2004	9780099439509	5-6	A picture book that tells of Rose, a little girl living in a small German town during the war, who sees trucks going to a place outside of town and wants to find out more.
45397	Rose for the ANZAC boys, A French, Jackie	HarperCollins Australia	2008	9780732285401	7-9	War is being fought on an horrific scale in the trenches of France. It is a world away from sixteen year old Midge Macpherson, at school in England learning to be a young lady. Desperate to do their bit and avoid the boredom of school, Midge and her friends start a canteen in France, caring for the endless flow of wounded soldiers returning from the front. Midge is thrust into carnage and scenes of courage she could never have imagined.
5011	Rose meets Mr Wintergarten Graham, Bob	Walker Books	1994	9780744531480	K-2	Mr Wintergarten's house looks cold and uninviting. One day, Rose finds the courage to open the front gate to search for a ball that has ended up in Mr Wintergarten's yard. This is the beginning of an adventure that becomes a wonderful friendship.
660592	Rose Muddle mysteries, The: Amber pendant White, Imogen	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2017	9781474927291	5-6	Workhouse girl Rose Muddle is surprised to inherit a powerful amber pendant. But more shocking is the news that a second pendant, held by the treacherous Brotherhood of the Black Sun, could unleash darkness on the world. Along with her friend Rui, and Bahula the monkey, Rose is flung into a daring adventure to stop the forces of evil.

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6239	Rose Muddle mysteries, The: The secret ruby White, Imogen	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2018	9781474927307	5-6	When Rose Muddle and Rui Singh travel to India to return a precious ruby, they learn they're being followed by an ominous and mysterious stranger. An evil individual who wants to steal the gem. As a dark curse falls across the land, Rose and Rui find themselves in mortal danger and must uncover a sinister plot before it is too late. Can they uncover the ruby' secrets before their shadowy enemies wreak their deadly chaos?
9654	Rose Raventhorpe Investigates: Rubies and Runaways Beacham, Janine	Hachette Children's Books	2017	9781510201316	3-4	It is bitterly cold in Yorke and Rose Raventhorpe and her butler are stuck showing Rose's ghastly cousin Herbert around the city. During a service a Yorke's Cathedral, a young boy bursts in, declaring that his sister has been kidnapped. Soon Rose finds herself tangled up in a mystery involving fake antiques, a malodorous factory and a secret society of chimney sweeps. Tea is brewing and so is murder....
77476	Rose's garden Reynolds, Peter H	Walker Books	2011	9781406330762	K-2	After travelling the world in her fantastic teapot, Rose is ready to put down roots. She sets about planting flowers in a neglected corner of a bustling city, where the earth is dusty. And, then, she waits and waits, through rain, cold and snow, never doubting that her garden will bloom one day.
4438	Rose's red boots Finn, Maura & Eramus, Karen (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2017	9780957988446	K-2	One bright morning, Rose and her cheeky companion, Banjo, head off to fly their kite. The little red boots went marching, marching, marching. The little red boots went marching, merrily on their way.
2483	Roses are blue Murphy, Sally & Evans, Gabriel (ill)	Walker Books	2014	9781922244376	3-4	Amber Rose and her family are dealing with a terrible family tragedy. Amber has a new school, new friends and a new mum to get used. She wants her old mum back.

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1019750	Rosewood hunt, The Reed, Mackenzie	HarperTeen	2023	9780063287624	9plus	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. 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. 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 Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
76818	Rosie and Ned and the creepy cave Costain, Meredith & Burke, Tina (ill)	Puffin Australia	2010	9780143305101	3-4	Rosie would love to find a red feather from one of the red-capped robins that live along Ghost Gum Creek. Ned isn't so sure that's a good idea because that's where Witchy Nell lives. Just as Rosie finds her red feather, disaster strikes and it's up to Ned to save them.
50569	Rosie and the bunyip Costain, Meredith & Burke, Tina (ill)	Puffin Australia	2008	9780143303404	3-4	Rosie can hear something howling down by Ghost Gum Creek. She thinks it could be a big, scary bunyip so Rosie decides to go bunyip hunting.
26626	Rosie Revere, engineer Beaty, Andrea & Roberts, David (ill)	Abrams Books	2013	9781419708459	K-2	Shy, quiet Rosie is always trying to solve problems with her inventions. When a favourite uncle laughs at one of the gizmos she designs especially for him, Rosie resists talking about her dream to become a great engineer. But, when Great-Great Aunt Rose shows up for an extended stay, she tells stories of her experiences building planes during World War II. Rosie sets about designing a unique contraption to help her aunt take to the skies again.
12715	Rosie sips spiders Lester, Alison	Hachette Children's Books	2006	9780733621079	K-2	Clive bakes chocolate cakes, Nicky loves spaghetti, Tessa eats Bombe Alaska but Rosie sips spiders. Follow these children and others as they discover their individual differences.

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22907	Rosie Staples' minor magical misunderstanding Crowley, Cath & Watson, Judy (ill)	Puffin Australia	2010	9780143304968	3-4	Rosie loves jokes and magic. But her next magic trick isn't a trick - it's magic for real. What could possibly go wrong. In the process Rosie learns some home truths. Some coarse language in context of humour.
130805	Rosie to the rescue Costain, Meredith & Burke, Tina (ill)	Puffin Australia	2007	9780143302858	3-4	Rosie's passion is fire engines and every week she gets to help her neighbour check the equipment on the town's fire engine. One day, Rosie gets to play a much more important role.
3526	Rosie's hat Donaldson, Julia & Currey, Anna (ill)	MacMillan	2006	9781405000079	K-2	The simple text may be about the wonderful adventures of Rosie's hat but the pictures tell us a lot more about Rosie's life. There could be more to the story than just Rosie's part in it.
12119	Rosie's walk Hutchins, Pat	Red Fox	2001	9780099413998	K-2	When Rosie, the hen, sets off for a stroll, she is unaware that something is following her, or so we think. Rosie may just be lucky that her pursuer is the clumsiest of his kind, or maybe she knows more than she lets on.
86340	Rotten and Rascal: the two terrible pterosaur twins Geraghty, Paul	Red Fox	2007	9781862308688	K-2	Rotten and Rascal are quarrelling twin baby pterosaurs who scream and snarl at each other all day long. One day, when a really terrible argument begins, the other dinosaurs try to resolve their noisy dispute. But, the two terrible pterosaur twins prove impossible to shut up. Something must be able to silence the horrible hullabaloo.
995916	Rotten! Vultures, beetles, slime, and nature's other decomposers Sanchez, Anita & Ford, Gilbert	HarperCollins Children's Books	2022	9780358732884	5-6	From sharks and vultures feasting on animal carcasses to worms, maggots, and dung beetles devouring decaying plants, decomposition is happening everywhere. Decomposition isn't always ugly and disgusting. And, believe it or not, it isn't always smelly. So unplug your nose! Get ready to take a fascinating trip into the world of rotten.
10038	Round and round and round and round Thompson, Colin & Gamble, Penelope	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780733613470	K-2	When Mrs Golightly retires, she buys a bike and sets off round the world.
492	Round fish square bowl Skinner, Tom & Goss, Mini (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2006	9781921042966	K-2	If you've ever felt like a square peg in a round hole, that you don't quite fit, just remember that the thing you don't like, that makes you different, can sometimes be a very good thing and make you very special.

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3707	Round the twist Jennings, Paul	Puffin Australia	2022	9780140342130	5-6	From bestselling and beloved author Paul Jennings comes the inside scoop from the making of his Round the Twist stories into the hugely popular TV series, now enjoying a new life on Netflix. Including three short stories that were made into episodes, behind-the-scenes glimpses of the actors and sets, and loads of extra fun tidbits to bring the zany world of Round the Twist to a whole new audience.
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.
	Rowan of Rin series Rodda, Emily				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.
846165	Roxy Shusterman, Neal & Shusterman, Jarrod	Walker Books	2021	9781406392128	9plus	Isaac and Ivy are siblings and close in age yet seem to be on very different paths. Ivy is often in trouble and struggles to focus while Isaac is motivated and responsible and in control. A series of events bring both siblings to the attention of Addi and Roxy, pharmaceuticals become gods meddling in the affairs of humans. Both drugs offer so much to the brother and sister, but they will also demand something in return. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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	Roxy Ran series Hall, Tiffiny				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.
	Royal diaries series Various				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.
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 practicies 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.
	RSPCA animal tales series Various				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.
4814	Ruben Whatley, Bruce	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781743810354	5-6	Ruben's dreams were of places that made no sense to him. Places that didn't exist. At least not anymore. Ruben lives in a safe place in a city that takes everything and gives nothing back. He begins to feel that he is in danger and ventures to Block City where he meets Koji. She too has been hiding from the dangers of the industrial city and its excesses. Ruben and Koji realise that if they combine their knowledge of how the city works they can find a way to escape . . . together.

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750940	Ruby and Graham Barnard, Lucy	New Frontier Publishing	2020	9781921928758	K-2	Ruby loves fun while Graham loves to organise. In their own unique ways, they make sure that Acorn Wood is a beautiful and fun place to live. But when Graham decides to play and party all the time like Ruby, the chaos and confusion in the wood gets out of hand. Who will step up to set things right?
17176	Ruby and Leonard and the great big surprise Rossell, Judith	Little Hare Books	2009	9781921541599	K-2	Leonard and Ruby are working together to create a special surprise. But, when you're a mouse, even the smallest task can be overwhelming and keeping a secret is even harder.
992541	Ruby and the pen Lawrence, David & Dignam, Cherie (ill)	EK Books	2023	9781922539380	5-6	Ruby and the Pen is the story of a 12-year-old, cartoon-drawing girl who buys a pen from a mysterious market stall. She soon learns that the pen has a magical power: whatever she draws, happens! Initially the pen protects Ruby from the meanest girls at her new school, but over time the pen's power becomes dangerous. Soon, Ruby has problems galore and one big question to be answered - should she fix all of her problems with the stroke of a pen?
5471	Ruby in the ruins Hughes, Shirley	Walker Books	2018	9781406375893	3-4	Ruby and Mum cling to each other while they live through the terrifying London Blitz, waiting for Dad to come home from the war. Day after day they hope for his return - but when the moment to meet him at the station finally comes, Ruby hardly recognises the tall man who steps off the train. He's big and sunburned, and he doesn't seem to be as engaged as he once was. It's easier to play outside in the wreckage of the bombings than to stay at home with a dad she doesn't know anymore. But when Ruby hurts her knee in the ruins, there's only one person who can rescue her and make her feel all right.
6188	Ruby learns to swim Gwynne, Phillip & Ainslie, Tamsin (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781742377506	K-2	Splash the water. Floaties on. Eyes wide open. Blow Big bubbles. Simple, repetitive text that young students will enjoying chanting along as it is read aloud.
3718	Ruby makes a friend Burke, Tina	Penguin Books Australia	2009	9780670072262	K-2	When Ruby's big brother leaves for his first day at school, a new friend appears. His name is Milo. Ruby and Milo become the very best of friends and have so much fun together. When Ruby and Milo go to school, they meet Jacinta and Boris, who become friends.

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	Ruby Red Shoes 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.
	Ruby Redfort series Child, Lauren				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.
41544	Ruby roars Wild, Margaret & Argent, Kerry (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2007	9781741757521	K-2	When Ruby was a baby, she liked to make noises with her dummy. Now that she is bigger, she wants to make scarier noises but she can't. The little Tasmanian devil wonders how she will be able to frighten others.
	Ruby Rosemount series Brownlee, Jodie				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.
46630	Ruby talisman, The Murrell, Belinda	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2010	9781864719871	5-6	Tilly falls asleep wearing a ruby talisman, wishing she could escape to a more adventurous life. In 1789, Amelie-Mathilde is living at the opulent palace of Versailles but her guardians want her to marry the horrible old Chevalier. Amelie-Mathilde falls asleep holding her own ruby talisman, wishing for rescue.
	Ruby Wishfingers series Kelly, Deborah & Hedstrom, Leigh (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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1453972	Ruby's perfect fire safety plan Rudge, Wendy & Jellet, Tom (ill)	Wild Dog Books	2026	9781742037110	3-4	Hot on the heels of the wildly successful Emergency! Emergency!, Ruby's Perfect Fire Safety Plan provides the perfect companion story to primary school fire safety programs.
1019816	Ruby's repair cafe Worthington, Michelle & Bennett, Zoe (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2023	9781922326805	K-2	Ruby loved to fix things rather than throwing them away. But when a shiny new department store opens next door, everyone buys new things and throws away the old. What will happen to Ruby's business and how can she stop the rubbish taking over her town?
1424128	Ruby's web Neerven, Ellen van	Magabala Books	2026	9781922864017	7-9	Ruby is starting year 7 at a new school. Her cousin Amber used to be her best friend, but she has started hanging out with the cool kids and pretends she doesn't know Ruby anymore. Ruby dreads school every day. Ruby's Web is about how to seek help when dealing with online bullying and racism, the connections that the internet makes possible, and the power of using your voice.
18344	Rude Ramsay and the roaring radishes Atwood, Margaret & Petricic, Dusan (ill)	Bloomsbury	2005	9780747572923	3-4	Rude Ramsey lives in a ramshackle house and longs for something better. Ramsay and Ralph, the red-nosed rat, decide to leave. Students will enjoy their rumpus with food, using the letter R, and want to make up some verses of their own.
4051	Rudie Nudie Quay, Emma	ABC Books	2011	9780733323355	K-2	A celebration of nudie moments between bath and bedtime. A rhyming tale.
567886	Rudyard Kipling's just so stories: How the camel got his hump Milbourne, Anna & Joven, John (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2018	9781474941617	K-2	In the old days, when the world was new, grumpy Camel had no hump. Here is the fun story of how he came to have one.
29835	Rudyard Kipling's just so stories: Why the kangaroo jumps Jones, Rob Lloyd & Joven, John (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2018	9781474940962	K-2	Long, long ago, kangaroos were short and stumpy. So how did they end up so tall and jumpy?
5605	Rufus blasts off! Griswell, Kim T & Gorbachev, Valeri (ill)	Sterling Publishing Co	2017	9781454920991	K-2	Rufus the Pig has already sailed the seven seas on a pirate ship. Now he dreams of the Moon, the stars, and Mars! But Commander Luna tells him: 'No pigs in space!' Why? Because pigs pester the pilot, do loop-the-loops in the cabin, and always want to push buttons. Then Luna learns that she needs someone to read a book live from the Red Planet or the mission is scrubbed. Will Rufus finally blast off?
74667	Rufus the numbat Miller, David	Ford Street Publishing	2010	9781876462963	K-2	Rufus the numbat is just passing through but his quiet stroll through town causes all kinds of trouble for the people who live there. This very effective story encourages thinking about human impact on the environment.

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4537	Rufus the writer Bram, Elizabeth & Groenink, Chuck (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2015	9780385378536	K-2	Why have a lemonade stand when you can have a story stand? That's what Rufus, a boy with a big imagination, decides. And once he's in business, he starts creating little gems for his friends and family. Millie and Walter trade a shell for his story called "Why Orange Is the Best Colour." Rufus writes little sister Annie a story for her birthday about a girl who shrinks to the size of a teacup. Sara trades flowers for a story about a family of buttons. And then they all sit down and read the wonderful stories together.
	Rugby League Reads 3-4 Various				3-4	Using the club mascots and various Rugby League players and captains, these books will allow readers to read about Rugby League and their favourite clubs and players, whilst engaging with text and practicing reading strategies. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	Rugby League Reads K-2 League Stars Various				K-2	Using the club mascots and various Rugby League players and captains, these books will allow readers to read about Rugby League and their favourite clubs and players, whilst engaging with text and practicing reading strategies. Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books; up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the Series lists for individual book titles.
	Rugby League Reads Magazine Hirsch, Suzan & McDonald, Dr Lorraine (ed)				5-6	Jam-packed with information on all your favourite Rugby League teams and players. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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	Ruined series Tintera, Amy				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
41514	Rules for stealing stars Haydu, Corey Ann	HarperCollins US	2017	9780062352736	5-6	Eleven year old Silly, the youngest of four sisters, is feeling ignored and lonely since their family has moved to her mother's childhood home in a desperate search for the peace her mother needs to stave off the sadness from her past. The house itself plays its part by sharing some of the family secrets through the power of magical wardrobes, each attuned to just a particular sister. However the wardrobes' powers are not always positive and it will take all four sisters working together to avoid the dreadful secrets from the past being repeated.
1883	Rules of summer Tan, Shaun	Hachette Children's Books	2013	9781444908893	5-6	A summer in the lives of two boys. Each spread tells of an event and the lesson learned. By turns, these events become darker and more sinister as the boys push their games further and further.
1423785	Ruling class, The Barnes, Jennifer Lynn	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2025	9780241763070	9plus	When Tess Kendrick is sent to stay with her older sister in Washington, she has no idea that Ivy is a professional 'fixer', a person who makes powerful people's scandals disappear. Then Tess enrols at the elite Hardwicke School and unexpectedly becomes Hardwicke's own high school fixer. As each sister leads a double life, their worlds collide when a scandal from the halls of Hardwicke reaches the most powerful people in the city. Now Tess must uncover who's behind the power play before she becomes a target herself... Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
9232	Rumble fish Hinton, S E	Penguin	2002	9780141312538	9plus	Fourteen year old, Rusty-James, runs one of the meanest gangs in his neighbourhood. His reputation remains safe because his brother is the widely-feared Motorcycle Boy, but his brother is a peace-loving loner, unlike Rusty-James. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
18398	Rumble in the jungle Andreae, Giles & Wojtowycz, David (ill)	Orchard Books	2005	9781860396601	K-2	This book has appealing and colourful verse about a variety of jungle animals.

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1451699	Run Armstrong, Sarah	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2025	9781761214561	7-9	Cas thought running away from home would solve all his problems. But he didn't count on getting hopelessly lost in the tangled Australian bush. Alone and afraid, Cas has given up all hope of rescue when he stumbles upon a strange family hiding out in the wilderness. He won't survive without their help. But when he discovers they're also on the run -- from something so big they won't even talk about it -- he realises his problems are just beginning...
3736	Run Damon run Ingram, Anne	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2000	9780091840761	3-4	Many centuries ago, when the ancient gods ruled the world, a powerful king named Dionysius killed and plundered without any mercy. Damon, the shepherd, tried to free the country from terror.
18612	Run, hare, run: The story of a drawing Winch, John	Little Hare Books	2006	9781877003875	3-4	As readers take up the cry of 'run, hare, run', they join his wild dash through fields and forests, farmyards, streets and lanes away from a pursuing hunter and hound. Exhausted, hare is finally caught, but he does not meet the end he expects.
12731	Run, kid, run Daddo, Andrew & Smith, Craig (ill)	ABC Books	2007	9780733319280	5-6	School holidays and Mum and the kids are off to the country. Mum is called back to her work where there is a no kid rule. When Mum has to break that rule, Jess and Harrison get into more and more strife.
7748	Run, Pip, run Jones, J C	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781743319222	5-6	Pip Sullivan's tenth birthday was a disaster, and that was only the beginning. With her beloved Sully in hospital and the welfare hot on her heels, Pip needs time, money and a place to stay. She's determined to stay one step ahead of Senior Constable Molly Dunlop. With help from her friends, including a psychic cat and a canine escape artist, Pip must survive on wits and luck to stay out of dreaded foster homes so she can help Sully get better.
660725	Run, rebel Mann, Manjeet	Penguin	2020	9780241411421	9plus	"I am restless, my feet need to fly." Amber is trapped - by her father's rules, by his expectations, by her own fears. Now she's ready to fight - for her mother, for her sister, for herself. Freedom always comes at a price. Run, Rebel is a trailblazing verse novel that thunders with rhythm, heart and soul - perfect for fans of Sarah Crossan, Elizabeth Acevedo and Rupi Kaur. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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3738	Runaway dinner, The Ahlberg, Allan & Inman, Bruce (ill)	Walker Books	2006	9781844280636	K-2	Banjo has a sausage for his dinner every day. One day, his sausage, called Melvin, jumps off the plate and runs away, with the rest of Banjo's dinner, cutlery and furniture in pursuit.
31326	Runaway hug, The Bland, Nick & Blackwood, Freya	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781865044057	K-2	Mum has just one hug left for the night, so Lucy tries hard to share the hug with everyone before bed. But, the hug runs away before Lucy can give it back to Mum.
8790	Runaway princess, The Dickins, Rosie (retold) & Coudray, E (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2013	9781409535928	3-4	Princess Anna doesn't want to get married, so she runs away, with her beautiful dresses and disguised under a donkeyskin cloak to find her own happy ending.
12811	Runaway tractor, The Amery, Heather & Cartwright, Stephen (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2000	9780746039137	K-2	For children just beginning to read. Ted loses control of the tractor and it ends up in the water. Ted's job is to get the tractor out.
49351	Runaway troll, The Haig, Matt	Bodley Head	2009	9780370329888	5-6	Samuel Blink has a list of what not to do if you're bored in Norway and want to stay out of trouble. It includes not finding a one-eyed troll under your bed, not hiding the troll in your wardrobe, not lying about why there is a smell of cabbage in your room and not attracting the attention of the most evil troll of all time, the Betterer. Unfortunately, Samuel breaks all his own rules but, luckily, he has a loving little sister.
642937	Runaways, The Stark, Ulf & Crowther, Kitty (ill)	Gecko Press	2019	9781776572342	5-6	Grandpa hates being in hospital. He thinks only of the place he was happiest--the island where he used to live. He wants to go back, but they won't let him out of the hospital. So Gottfried Junior, his namesake, helps Grandpa make a plan to run away. They think of everything. Their deception is so complete that when Gottfried Junior finally decides to tell the truth, no one believes him.
26825	Runemarks Harris, Joanne	Corgi Books	2007	9780552555753	9plus	Young Maddy Smith is despised and feared because of her runemark, showing she has magic powers. Since the war which destroyed the Norse Gods, the Order has taken hold, decreeing all magic should be banned. Maddy is befriended by a mysterious old man who asks her to journey into the earth to bring back the Whisperer, an oracle which foreshadows amazing changes to the balance between Worlds. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
3741	Runestone Ciddor, Anna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2002	9781865086897	5-6	Oddo, the farmer's son, gets into trouble for doing magic and Thora, the spell worker's daughter, is teased because she can't. Using the power of runes to fix things seems like a good idea, but they discover there's more to it than they thought.

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17169	Runner Newton, Robert	Penguin	2005	9780143302070	7-9	A gritty, compelling book, set in Melbourne in the early 1900s. Charlie becomes a runner for an underworld crim, Squizzy Taylor, to support his mother and train to become a professional athlete. Some coarse language used in context.
3855	Running from the tiger Darlison, Aleesah	Empowering Resources	2016	9780994501066	9plus	Eleven year old Ebony has a secret, one not be shared with anyone. The eldest of three, soon to be four, children, Ebony has a difficult second role after school, looking after her siblings, farm chores such as chopping wood and gathering the cow manure, all at the forceful directive of her father. Every so often the roaring, terrifying tiger that dwells within her father springs to the surface leaving the rest of the family nowhere to hide and Ebony becomes protector of her sisters, becoming the target of his vocal and physical abuse. It is only through a new friendship when Teena arrives at the school, that Ebony sees a way of dealing with the tiger. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
15366	Running man, The Bauer, Michael Gerard	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781862915756	9plus	When a young artistic boy is asked to draw a portrait of his neighbour, a disabled Vietnam veteran, the neighbours gossip. An uneasy relationship begins to unfold, one that will force the boy and the veteran to confront their darkest secrets, secrets of violence and abuse. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1067	Running wild Morpurgo, Michael	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2009	9780007317202	7-9	For ten year old Will and his mother, going to Indonesia isn't just a holiday, it's a chance to put things behind them. At first, it seems just what they both need but, then, the tsunami comes crashing in. Oona, the elephant, that Will is riding on the beach, begins to run. When the tsunami has gone, Oona keeps on running. With only a bottle of water to sustain him, Will must learn to survive deep in the jungle.
903379	Running with Ivan Leal, Suzanne	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2023	9781460761335	7-9	Thirteen year-old Leo hates his new house, his new school and his new step-brothers. He wants to be somewhere else, far away. When he uncovers an old music box and turns its key, he is finds himself in Prague, amid whispers and fears of a second world war. But that war ended decades ago. There Leo meets Ivan, a Czech boy, and the two become friends. But when the war does come, the boys are imprisoned and have to frantically search for an escape. The search sens them running. Running against time. Running for their lives.

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11566	Running with the horses Lester, Alison	Viking Children's	2009	9780670868339	3-4	Set during the second World War in Vienna at the Spanish Riding School famous for their Lipizzaners - the dancing white horses. Nina and her father must help the last of the horses flee the city. Nina's faith in an extraordinary old horse makes this an unforgettable story of courage, adventure and friendship.
8626	Runny babbit Silverstein, Shel	HarperCollins Australia	2005	9780060256531	3-4	A book of spoonerisms that kids will love. Zany, witty verse full of innovative topsy turvey language.
1209952	Ruru: night hunter Furze, Katie & Barraud, Ned (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781775438397	3-4	Ruru has hungry chicks to feed. Swiftly, silently, he swoops and snatches his prey. Meet Aotearoa's only native owl, wildlife treasure and hunter!
2219	Russell and the lost treasure Scotton, Rob	HarperCollins Australia	2006	9780007206247	K-2	Russell, the sheep, is determined to find the lost treasure of Frogsbottom. Equipped with his super-duper treasure seeker, he searches high and low, up and down, in and out.
15542	Russell the sheep Scotton, Rob	HarperCollins Australia	2005	9780007206230	K-2	Russell can't sleep. He tries every way he knows but nothing is working. He even tries counting everything but still nothing works. Beautiful illustrations that will make you want to just reach out and pat Russell.
7819	Rust: a collection of short stories Maekivi, Charles	Futuretrack Australia	2005	9781876603014	7-9	Twelve short, engaging stories send readers on some humorous, tough and thought provoking journeys. The stories suit a wide range of reading abilities.
1482209	Rusty is rescued Brown, Tim & Vell, Valery	Little Steps Publishing	2026	9781923306554	K-2	Join Rusty, the Australian rescue dog, on his mission to inspire, educate and raise awareness for rescue animals, all while giving back.
8729	Ruthie Bon Bair, do not go to bed with wringing wet hair Lubner, Susan & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Harry N Abrams Inc	2006	9780810954700	K-2	The hilarious story of a girl with thick hair that took too long to dry.
1019884	Ruthless vows Ross, Rebecca	HarperCollins US	2024	9780008588236	9plus	The war is far from over. Roman is missing, lost behind enemy lines, with no memory of his past, or Iris. He begins to write again, but this time for the enemy. When a strange letter arrives through his wardrobe door he strikes up a correspondence with a penpal who is both mysterious and familiar. As their connection deepens, the two of them will risk everything to change the tides of the war. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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1019779	Ryan and Avery Levithan, David	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780008655686	9plus	When a blue-haired boy (Ryan) meets a pink-haired boy (Avery) at a dance - a queer prom - both feel an inexplicable but powerful connection. Follow them through their first ten dates as they bridge their initial shyness and fall in love - through snowstorms, groundings, meeting parents (Avery's) and not (Ryan's), cast parties, heartbreak, and every day and date in between. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
	S Tinker Inc series Foley, James				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.
1924	S.N.A.G.: the sensitive new-age gladiator Clark, Margaret & Denton, Terry (ill)	Penguin	2001	9780141311685	3-4	A delightfully funny story set in ancient Roman times when Titus was emperor. It features many farcical and well-named characters.
43441	S.T.A.G.S. Bennett, M A	Hot Key Books	2017	9781471406768	9plus	When Greer MacDonald is one of a select few invited to a weekend of hunting, shooting and fishing at historic Longcross Hall by the mysterious Henry De Walencourt she cannot believe her luck but things may not all be what they seem. It does not take long for the students to realise that there is something more sinister afoot at Longcross than simply the dark corridors and animal heads hanging in every room. In fact their very lives might be at stake! A thriller full of twists and turns for lovers of The Hunger Games. Includes mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
15046	S.W.A.L.K. McNaughton, Colin	Collins	2003	9780007145676	K-2	Preston Pig writes to his friend Max. He thinks nothing interesting ever happens in his life but perhaps it does and Preston just doesn't notice.
1423930	Sabina and the cats of Rome Masson, Sophie	Christmas Press	2024	9780645378894	3-4	An adventure was just what Sabina needed with Cleo a talking cat who needed help. A King Rat sent a spell to curse her father and somehow Cleo needed to get to a wizard to remove the curse.

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928	Sachiko: A Nagasaki bomb survivor's story Stelson, Caren	Carolrhoda Books	2016	9781467789035	7-9	August 9, 1945, began like any other day for 6 year old Sachiko. Her country was at war, she didn't have enough to eat. At 11:01 am, she was playing outdoors with four other children. Moments later, those children were all dead. An atomic bomb had exploded just a half mile away. A true story of a young girl who survived the atomic bomb and her long journey to find peace.
337	Sack, The Mattingley, Christobel	Penguin	1993	9780140365580	5-6	When Shane's dad loses his job, everything begins to change.
7192	Sad, the dog Fussell, Sandy & Suwannakit, Tull (ill)	Walker Books	2015	9781921529641	K-2	Mr and Mrs Cripps feed their dog, wash him and even clean inside his ears. But, they don't give him a name, and they boom and bellow at him all the time. So, the dog gives himself a name.
338	Sadako and the thousand paper cranes Coerr, Eleanor	Scholastic Australia	1999	9781876289485	7-9	In the aftermath of the bombing of Hiroshima, Sadako's dying wish is to make one thousand paper cranes in accordance with the Japanese legend that says that the gods will grant the maker's wish to be well again.
46248	Saddest king, The Wormell, Chris	Red Fox	2007	9780224070454	3-4	There was once a country where the people were always happy. Being happy was a law set down by the King whose face held an unchanging grin. When a small boy was hauled before his majesty because he was in tears over the death of his dog, the boy noticed that the King was wearing a mask.
55255	Sadie and Ratz Hartnett, Sonya & James, Ann (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2008	9780143303558	3-4	Sadie and Ratz are Hannah's hands. They love to fight and, sometimes, they fight each other. Hannah's brother, Baby Boy, is only four but he can be very annoying and very tricky, and Sadie and Ratz get blamed for lots of things. But, one day Baby Boy goes too far.
1019776	Safiyyah's war Khan, Hiba Noor	Walker Books	2023	9781839133138	5-6	War comes to the streets of Paris and Safiyyah's life changes for ever. Her best friend's family have fled, and the bombing makes her afraid to leave the mosque where she lives. But when her father is arrested by the Nazis for his secret Resistance work, it falls to Safiyyah to run the dangerous errands around the city. It's not long before hundreds of persecuted Jews seek sanctuary at the mosque. Can Safiyyah find the courage to enter the treacherous catacombs under Paris and lead the Jews to safety?

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	Sage Cookson series Murphy, Sally & Hulme, Celeste (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.
15109	Saggy baggy elephant, The Jackson, Kathryn & Tenggren, Gustaf (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2003	9780375925900	K-2	An elephant worries that his skin is wrinkly and saggy. When he meets his herd, he realises that he is just right.
14556	Sail away: the ballad of Skip and Nell Fox, Mem & Lofts, Pamela (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2006	9781865049519	3-4	A tale of two young dingoes who set out on a log to see the America's Cup yacht race in Fremantle WA, and take the long way round.
3784	Sailing home Thompson, Colin	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1997	9780733605505	3-4	Rain and more rain! When Peter's family wakes one morning to discover their house is adrift in the middle of the ocean, it is the start of an adventure.
574721	Saints and misfits Ali, S K	Simon & Schuster	2018	9781481499255	9plus	There are three kinds of people in Janna's world: 1. Saints, the people who do all the heavy lifting in the world, the do gooders. Moving things forward, fighting the good fight. . 2. Misfits, people who don't belong. Like the way Janna doesn't fit into her Dad's brand-new family or in the leftover one composed of Mom and her older brother. 3. Monsters. Well, monsters wearing saint masks. Like the monster at her mosque. People think he's holy, untouchable, but nobody has seen under the mask. Except Janna. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
804795	Salih Ahmad Zahri, Inda & Ryan, Anne (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2021	9781925804645	5-6	Like a turtle, Salih carries his home on his back. He must cross a raging sea in search of a safe home. Salih paints his happiest memories and sends them as messages in bottles. Will someone find them and understand? Will Salih find a new home?
24986	Sally and the limpet James, Simon	Walker Books	2008	9781406308464	3-4	One Sunday by the sea, Sally pulls and pulls at a brightly coloured limpet shell. It makes a squelching noise and sticks firmly to her finger. Everyone has a go at removing the limpet but it just won't let go. When Sally's teacher says a limpet lives for twenty years and spends its lifetime on the same rock, Sally desperately wants to put things back just the way they were for the limpet.

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9570	Sally's painting room Orr, Wendy & Bowles, Janice (ill)	Koala Books	1999	9780864611109	3-4	Sally finds a wonderful, secret attic space in her busy house, away from the annoyance of brothers and sisters. Here she creates her own private studio to paint the pictures that dance and sing in her head.
6509	Sally's story Morgan, Sally	Fremantle Press	2003	9780949206787	7-9	The first part of Sally Morgan's My Place, presented as Sally's story of her school days, her family, growing up, going to university and trying to discover her place.
12444	Salmon forest Suzuki, David, Ellis, Sarah & Lott, Sheena (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2003	9781741141726	3-4	Take a walk in the woods with Kate and her dad to find out why the Pacific rainforest is called the salmon forest and how the salmon and the forest need each other. You'll also meet fat slugs, squawking gulls and a bear that is hungry for fish.
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.
1337938	Salvage Mills, Jennifer	Pan MacMillan	2025	9781761563775	9plus	Jude's life has been about survival. She works on rebuilding - fixes roofs, trucks supplies, transports refugees. Tries to stay free from attachments and obligations. But Jude won't talk about her past. Or her sister Celeste, lost in the tragic failure of a space station that was supposed to save her, and the other ultra-rich, from the wreckage of a dying world. When an escape pod falls from the sky, its passenger near death, Jude knows her anonymous existence can't continue. As the fragile peace of her community is put at risk, Jude must re-examine the terms of her survival - and her exile. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1306	Sam & Dave dig a hole Barnett, Mac & Klassen, Jon (ill)	Walker Books	2014	9781406357769	K-2	Sam and Dave dig down, down, down until they find something spectacular.
10173	Sam and Albert go to sea Elliott, Louise	Wombat Books	2010	9781921633089	3-4	Sam wants to go to sea again but Albert is reluctant. Every day he comes up with a different excuse. The funny thing is Sam is a cat and Albert is the sailor. Perhaps there is a reason why Albert is not so keen.

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35311	Sam and his dad Bloch, Serge	Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd	2011	9780980607086	K-2	When Sam grows up, he wants to be just like his dad. Sam's dad is an artist and Sam's life is full of creativity, exploration and adventure, as he plays with his little brother, goes to the park, visits a farm and goes on holiday, all in the company of the long-suffering but affectionate dad he loves so much.
17692	Sam and the killer robot Rossell, Judith	Little Hare Books	2007	9781921272103	3-4	Sam is going to eat as many Bisky Briks as it takes to collect all the parts of the super robot. But with each added part comes renewed danger, in this thriller set in your average family home with your average but very funny family.
	Sam Kerr kicking goals series Kerr, Sam & Harris, Fiona & Fukuoka, Aki (ill)				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.
774189	Sam sheep can't sleep Punter, Russell & Cartwright, Stephen	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2021	9781474970136	K-2	Sam Sheep can't sleep so he sets off to get help from his friends and before long they are all fast asleep and snoring.
5086	Sam Sullivan's scooter Godwin, Jane & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	Penguin	2009	9780143303619	3-4	Despite Mum's advice, Sam can't resist putting his fingers in the handlebars of his scooter. Sam had no idea that a scooter could cause so much trouble.
9898	Sam the cat Bowring, Sam & McLean, Andrew (ill)	Working Title Press	2012	9781921504297	K-2	Sam lives very happily in a tumbledown house with Jane and Ian. But, when they bring home a baby boy, not only does the baby get all the attention, he even steals Sam's name.
19198	Sam's bush journey Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, Ezekiel & Bancroft, Bronwyn (ill)	Little Hare Books	2009	9781921541049	K-2	Sam is a city boy who doesn't much care about the wonders of the bush. The shrubs are scratchy and the mosquitoes bite. Sam thinks he wouldn't care if the bush disappeared.
5537	Sam's surfboard showdown Webster, Allayne L & Clarke, Amanda S	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742991894	3-4	Sam is the boy to know in the school. He is good looking, smart and a great sportsman until a new boy comes to town, Finn Hester. The boys seem to compete in everything. Then they become rivals in the Nipper's exciting competition...to win a surfboard signed by Mick Fanning. Sam is keen to win, but Finn has a deeper motivation to win.

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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.
27361	Sam, Grace and the shipwreck Gillespie, Michelle & Martinez, Sonia (ill)	Fremantle Press	2011	9781921696008	3-4	Sixteen year old Grace Bussell was hailed a hero for her part in saving fifty passengers and crew from drowning, when the SS Georgette was wrecked off the coast of Western Australia in 1876. But, the rescue would never have been possible without the guidance and leadership of Sam Isaacs, an Aboriginal stockman.
13924	Samantha Seagull's sandals Winch, Gordon	Childerset Publishers	2004	9780949130037	K-2	Samantha Seagull longs to be different and thinks that new shoes will do the trick. She tries many pairs but none provide the desired effect. Then, one day, something changes.
5333	Same Roe, Katrina & Trappel, Jemima (ill)	Wombat Books	2015	9781925139266	K-2	When Uncle Charlie comes to visit, Ivy keeps her distance. She's a little bit scared because he seems so different from other people Ivy knows. Uncle Charlie finds a way to show Ivy that he is not so different after all.
53072	Sami's genies England, Kathryn & Smith, Craig (ill)	Puffin Australia	2008	9780143303541	3-4	Sami lives with his Grandfather Ali on a vegetable farm. Sami would love to go to school but, instead, he helps his grandfather who is old and can't cope alone with all the hard work. They sell their produce at the town market. One day, Sami trades some eggs for a box containing four dirty old lamps.

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1019690	Samosa rebellion, The Sekaran, Shanthi	HarperCollins US	2021	9780063051546	7-9	Before his grandmother moved from India to the island of Mariposa, Muki Krishnan's life was pretty good. He hung out with his friends, stayed under the radar at school, and slept as late as he could. But now? He has to share his bedroom with Paati, his grandmother, who snores all night then wakes him at dawn to do yoga. Paati's arrival coincides with bigger challenges in Mariposa as the once peaceful island is fracturing. The president divides the people into those who have lived here for 3 or more generations (Butterflies) or more recent immigrants like Muki's family (Moths). Muki and his friends find the camp that is being built to imprison Moths and then Paati is taken away. A rebellion is under way but can Muki save Paati and his family in time and what can one school boy do against a whole government?
15946	Samsara dog Manos, Helen & Vivas, Julie (ill)	Working Title Press	2006	9781876288624	5-6	Samsara Dog lived many lives. Some were long, while others lasted only a few days. Dog never remembered them. He lived each life as it came until he learned the most important lesson of all.
74295	Samuel's kisses Collum, Karen & Geddes, Serena (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2010	9781921042157	K-2	Samuel loves going shopping with his mum. He smiles and blows kisses to all the unhappy shoppers, spreading fun and happiness to all those around him.
	Samurai kids series Fussell, Sandy & Nest James, Rhian (ill)				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.
340	Sand swimmers: the secret life of Australia's dead heart Oliver, Narelle	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2000	9780850917680	5-6	A picture book that follows Charles Sturt's journey north from Adelaide in 1844 and describes the desert environment he encountered.
5909	Sandcastle Bunting, Philip	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760295387	K-2	Rae and Grandad set out to build a sandcastle. They make a tall tower. They raise great ramparts. They dig a deep moat. They even find a dragon. But will it be enough to hold the tide?

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22996	Sandcastle, The Robertson, M P	Koala Books	2001	9781845078003	K-2	Jack loves building sandcastles but no matter how strongly he builds them, the sea always sweeps them away. Then, one night, a seagull outside his window wakes him up and calls him down to the beach. There, Jack finds the sandcastle he built the day before but it's now very different.
3936	Sands of shark island, The: A school ship tobermory adventure McCall Smith, Alexander & McIntosh, Iain (ill)	Birlinn Ltd	2016	9781780273945	3-4	After successfully thwarting a dastardly plan to steal rare marine animals, from the sea around the Scottish island of Mull, Ben and Fee MacTavish feel they can relax and continue learning all about nautical life on board School Ship Tobermory. But it is not long before their everyday routine is interrupted by an extraordinary event. Ben, Fee, their fellow students and the crew of the Tobermory find themselves embroiled in another adventure that leads them thousands of miles from Mull to a small island in the Caribbean, where they learn extraordinary details about Captain Macbeth's past and come face to face with modern-day pirates.
9968	Sandy feet Buick, Nikki	University of Queensland Press	2015	9780702253157	9plus	Hunter's mum thinks the road trip up the Queensland coast will bring the family closer, now that his stepdad and baby brother are part of the mix. But, with tension and secrets sizzling beneath the happy family facade, the trip becomes Hunter's worst nightmare. The further away from home he gets, the more he can't shake thoughts of the accident that took his dad away. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
751041	Santa and the sugar glider Moses, Alexa & Tortop, Anil (ill)	Lothian Books	2020	9780734419521	K-2	It's Christmas Eve and Snap the sugar glider is practicing his moves. He wants to be the greatest flyer in the rainforest but the other animals just laugh at him. When Santa makes an emergency landing, all the animals have a chance to audition. Could this be Snap's chance to shine?
10177	Santa Claus in Baghdad and other stories about teens in the Arab world Marston, Ella	Indiana University Press	2008	9780253220042	7-9	Eight short stories that provide a window into the little known world of teenagers growing up in different parts of the Arab world, including Iraq, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan.
31710	Santa's Aussie holiday Farrer, Maria & Walker, Anna (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2007	9781741690187	K-2	Fun book about Santa Claus picking a holiday destination. This year he is off to Australia. Some key tourist destinations are mentioned as Santa makes the most of his vacation.

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6380	Santa's high-tech Christmas Dumbleton, Mike & Perrini, Angela (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2018	9781925594270	K-2	Santa has discovered high-tech gear. With his techno-pad, a soft reclining seat in his sleigh and a rocket pack, he is well prepared to deliver presents for Christmas Day. But as things start to go wrong, Santa needs the help of a young girl so that all the presents get delivered on time.
5373	Santa's outback secret Dumbleton, Mike & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2014	9780857982254	K-2	Santa has received a special Christmas letter, which leads him to packing a bag just before Christmas and spending some time in the Australian outback.
36878	Santa's suit Cali, Davide & Heliot, Eric	Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd	2008	9780980416572	3-4	It's Christmas Eve in the North Pole and the situation is serious. Santa is getting ready to deliver all the Christmas presents but he can't find his famous, red suit.
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?
1484255	Sapphire and the monster hunters: Beware of sleeping pixies Stuart, Scott	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761203473	3-4	Sapphire Sparks may not be trying to be the best monster hunter anymore, but she's determined to prove that she is the best Assistant Curator of all time. And, with the curator away, she's in charge for one whole day! Will Sapphire's big plans take everyone away with the pixies? Or do monsters really know best?
1446612	Sapphire and the monster hunters: How to impress a sea monster Stuart, Scott	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761203480	3-4	Could you help a lovesick sea monster? Find a Snagglefoot's library book? Defeat a world-famous monster hunter?! Then you belong in the Museum of Wonders! A super-famous, expert monster hunter is coming to catch all the monsters at the museum, and only Sapphire can stop him. This is Sapphire's moment to shine-she is an expert at not catching monsters! Can Sapphire's big plan keep everyone safe? Find out in this funny new story from bestselling creator Scott Stuart!
30253	Sarah and the steep slope Ottley, Matt & Parker, Danny (ill)	Little Hare Books	2017	9781742974675	K-2	When everything feels like an uphill battle, your friends will get you through. Sarah wakes to find a steep hill has sprung up around the house overnight, preventing her from leaving. No matter what she tries, the hill won't budge. When the Hill Doctor suggests she gets in touch with her friends, Sarah discovers how the healing power of friendship can transform the steepest slope.
2243	Sarah's heavy heart Carnavas, Peter	New Frontier Publishing	2009	9781921042058	3-4	Sarah knows that her heart will always be hers to carry. She just wishes it wasn't quite so heavy.
341	Sarah, plain and tall MacLachlan, Patricia	Walker Books	1998	9780744560169	5-6	Sarah has come from Maine to live on the prairie farm to be mother to two children, but she misses the sea.

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43616	Sarindi and the lucky Buddha Fraser, Janine M & Hurst, Elise (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2009	9780732287757	3-4	Sarindi tries everything to help his mother regain her health. A meeting with a stranger at Lucky Buddha's shrine changes Sarindi's life. Readers will gain an understanding of the beliefs, rituals and superstitions of the Indonesian people.
82692	Sarindi's dragon kite Fraser, Janine M & Hurst, Elise (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2010	9780732287764	3-4	It's Sarindi's birthday and what he wants more than anything else is the multi-coloured dragon kite he sees in the market. When he wakes up and sees the kite, he can't wait to go to the beach to fly it with his father. But, an earthquake has flattened a nearby town and he and his father must go to see if they can help.
18574	Sassycat: the night of the dead Harland, Richard	Omnibus Books	2005	9781862916708	5-6	Sassycat is lightning fast and beautiful but, so conceited. She places her human carer, Rebecca, in great danger of being possessed by evil ghosts. Sassycat must stop thwarting the local pets and become a team player to protect Rebecca. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
	Saurus street series Falk, Nick & Flowers, Tony (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.
5826	Savage, The: Graphic novel Almond, David	Walker Books	2008	9781406308150	9plus	An extraordinary graphic novel that confronts raw grief visually and through the words of Blue Baker, devestated at the loss of his father and offended by the patronising support he is offered. Blue's grief is angry and violent and inconsolable. Strangely though Blue does find relief from his suffering and the record of his journey is here. Strong language and images used in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
34463	Savannah dreams Stewart, Lolla	Little Hare Books	2011	9781921714030	K-2	From Sunday to Saturday, Savannah and her family go looking for bush tucker. Her father, mother, brother and sister each find food to bring home to share, but Savannah only finds pieces of rubbish and junk. At the end of the week, Savannah's brother is wondering why they bother to bring her along at all. But, eventually, he discovers that Savannah's imagination is important too.

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1209853	Save our forest! Dasnes, Nora & Byrn, Lisa Laerdral	Farshore	2024	9780008653781	7-9	After being leader of 'girls-who-never-fall-in-love" in Cross My Heart and Never Lie, Tuva's best friend, Bao, faces a challenge unlike any she's faced before: the PTA wants to raze down the students' beloved forest, removing the space where Bao and other student have always played and integral to both Bao and other students' lives and the environment they call home. When the adults are too apathetic, too cynical, or too preoccupied to see the importance of the forest, Bao and the others will have to stop playing nice and take matters into their own hands. But Bao and her classmates are only twelve years old--how can they get the adults in power to see this crisis for what it is?
13000	Save our sharks Metzenthen, David & Smith, Craig (ill)	Puffin Australia	2012	9780143306405	5-6	The Seaport Junior Sharks just can't win a game. Their coach is in trouble, their footy ground is unsafe due to lack of rain and the team needs more players. They are in danger of ceasing to exist but the Sharks never give up.
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.
643276	Saved! Williams, Lydia & Gifford, Lucinda (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760524708	K-2	Little Lydia loves sport. She lives in the outback and is friends with all the animals. When she asks Emu, Kangaroo and Koala to play sport with her, she soon discovers that each of them has a special talent. But does Lydia have a gift for sport too? And if she does, how will she discover it?
342	Saving Abbie Baillie, Allan	Penguin	2000	9780141307404	9plus	Abbie is a very engaging, six year old, orphan orang-utan on the final leg of an odyssey that will see her reintroduced to her Kalamantan home. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
17478	Saving Arthur England, Kathryn	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734408716	5-6	Casey Cantrell's mother buys an antique grandfather clock but when Casey turns the clock's key, she is magically transported back to the time of King Arthur.

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846142	Saving Celeste Fombelle, Timothee & Ardizzone, Sarah (trans)	Walker Books	2021	9781406397192	5-6	The day that Celeste comes into the boy's classroom changes everything for him. He can't stop thinking about her, and when she suddenly disappears in the smoke filled high rise city, he is determined to track her down. He finds her in the most polluted part of the city. She is sick and weak. As sick and weak as the planet itself. Can he save Celeste and in doing so, save the world? A heartfelt, environmental fable about two children fighting for a better world.
998778	Saving Charli Walker, Di	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761297311	5-6	Twelve-year old Charli knows no other way of being than as a twin. But when her twin sister Freya, succumbs to a lifelong battle with illness, Charli, consumed by grief, retreats into a tent in her backyard. Closed off from her family and friends, Charli risks losing not only her other half but her whole self. Without her twin, who is left to save Charli.
751084	Saving Hollow Woods Haynes, Wendy	Imprint Publishing	2020	9780987643513	5-6	Twelve year old orphans Gertrude and Tristan find themselves on a train heading to the countryside. But when they discover a hidden door deep in the woods life on the farm soon takes a twist. They find themselves in Hollow Wood, a land full of Elves, Trolls, goblins and Dwarfs. Strange things start to happen and Hollow Woods is in danger. Can Gertrude and Tristan help save Hollow Wood from the Evil High Elf Folmar?
21033	Saving Moonbeam Clark, Sherryl & Spudvilas, Anne (ill)	Puffin Australia	2009	9780143303602	5-6	When Gemma sees a starving, neglected horse, she is determined to help him survive. Gemma soon discovers that, with everyone trying to stop her including the owner and her parents, saving the horse won't be easy.
790	Saving Mr Pinto Lester, Alison & Harvey, Roland (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2008	9781741148893	3-4	It's time for the Royal Show and Bonnie and Sam are going to help their riding teacher get ready for a big competition. There's so much to do and remember but everything changes when the girls stumble across a sad, starving pony in a backyard near the showgrounds.
51064	Saving pandas Litchfield, Carla	Black Dog Books	2009	9781742031149	5-6	Cute, cuddly and completely misunderstood, giant pandas are endangered, with fewer than 2500 adults left in the wild. Find out about their life cycle, their diet, mating habits and why we need to protect this endangered species.

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72025	Saving Rafael Wilson, Leslie	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842709184	9plus	In Germany, in World War II, Jenny's father is taken prisoner by the Americans and her brother is killed. When the mother of her Jewish friend, Rafael, is taken by the Gestapo Jenny's family hides him. The story traces the dangers facing Jenny and Rafael, and their eventual escape. Adult themes, violence, coarse language. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1424126	Saving shark pup: the incredible true story Dalgleish, Sharon & Thomas, Amandine (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2026	9781761182013	3-4	When a great white shark pup washed up on Maly beach, the local community jumps to the rescue. The tale of sending the shark home is told alongside facts that help us understand these unique species.
2107	Saving Thanehaven Jinks, Catherine	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743317747	7-9	Imagine if you discovered your whole world was actually in a computer. Noble is a knight who must fight everything he encounters in his quest to reach the castle and free the princess. But he's tired. Rufus comes along and turns his world upside down with his own ideas about how to get ahead: don't play by the rules. Suddenly, life is more interesting - and less painful - than ever before. But the new rules are harder to live by than the old ones.
751207	Saving Winslow Cheech, Sharon	HarperCollins Australia	2019	9780062570710	3-4	Louie can not resist the challenge of nurturing a small and sickly baby donkey when it is brought home from his uncle's farm. Everyone tells Louie the animal will surely die, but Louie is determined to do everything he can to make sure it survives. Winslow the donkey brings various people from the neighbourhood around, and not all of them are so sure that a backyard donkey is for the best.
18534	Saw doctor, The Crew, Gary & Cox, David	National Museum of Australia Press	2006	9781876944414	3-4	Life during the Depression can be tough especially when there's no money and dad's out of work but there are some things that Jo Boy can do to help.
672009	Say cheese! Watts, Frances	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781760664046	K-2	Maxwell Mouse, the photographer, is trying to take school photos at South Forest Public School. But some students just won't stay still and others won't look at the camera. Can Maxwell get all of the students to say "CHEESE"?
965832	Say freeze Birthisel, Miranda & Challenger, Rebel (ill)	Larrikin House	2023	9781922804341	K-2	Jodie loves a bit of mischief and will do anything to make people laugh, but has she gone too far this time? What happened when the wind changes, and will things change back?
903393	Say hooray Hayward, Renae & Mills, Rebecca	Fremantle Press	2023	9781760992361	K-2	A rhyming, multicultural book celebrating the many small moments, milestones and new adventures a baby has within their first year.

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1019725	Say my name Ho, Joanna & Le, Khola (ill)	HarperCollins US	2023	9780063205338	3-4	The power of names can be interesting. Names can reveal our personal histories, weaving an intricate story of the past and connecting us to the future. Names and saying them correctly are important. Six captivating kids form Chinese, Tongan, Persian, Navajo, Mexican and Ghanaian descent proudly celebrate their names, languages and cultures in this book.
587894	Say something Reynolds, Peter H	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760664992	5-6	The world needs your voice. If you have a brilliant idea... say something! If you see an injustice... say something!
5030	Say yes: Story of friendship, fairness and a vote for hope Castles, Jennifer & Seden, Paul (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760294670	5-6	Once there were two little girls who were best friends. They did everything together. As they got older they weren't allowed to do the same thing anymore. Because they looked different. Because of the law. This is a story about the landmark 1967 Referendum, the two women who came together to change the law...and how the Australian people said yes.
587858	Saying goodbye to Barkley Sillett, Devon & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	EK Books	2019	9781925335965	K-2	Olivia and her dog Barkley are inseparable. He's her sidekick, her partner in crime fighting- they're the perfect pair. But then, one day, Barkley isn't there anymore. Can Olivia find a way to get her happiness back?
2852	Scallywags blow their top, The Melling, David	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2010	9780340988152	K-2	The Scallywags are a band of unruly wolves who find it hard to behave properly. But after they storm out of the forest show, they meet their match in the shape of a little sheep. it's not long before they are begging to be accepted again by the other animals.
22696	Scaly-tailed possum and echidna Goonack, C & Goonack, K (ill) & Goonack, M (ill) & Goonack, M (ill)	Magabala Books	2010	9781921248160	3-4	This vividly illustrated book features two iconic Australian animals, the scaly-tailed possum, found only in a remote part of the Kimberley, and one of Australia's most unusual mammals, the echidna. A traditional Dreamtime story.
1010483	Scar Town Bancks, Tristan	Penguin	2023	9780143791812	5-6	A town submerged by a now leaking dam. What will emerge? Three inquisitive kids find more than they bargain for and have to make decisions that could affect more than just their own lives! Will and his friends were already dealing with BIG challenges but nothing has prepared them for the mysteries that lie ahead.
18524	Scarecrow and his servant, The Pullman, Philip	Corgi Books	2005	9780440863762	5-6	An ordinary scarecrow, struck by lightning, comes to life. Jack becomes his faithful servant. As the scarecrow plunges them into terrifying dangers, Jack does not realises he's being followed by a family desperately wishing it had never happened.

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18554	Scarecrow army: the Anzacs at Gallipoli Davidson, Leon	Black Dog Books	2005	9781876372606	7-9	Part of the ANZAC story. Factual historical recollections are combined with a fiction to reveal the thoughts and feelings of the young soldiers and the horrendous conditions they endured and survived.
6311	Scarecrows' wedding, The Donaldson, Julia & Scheffer, Axel	Scholastic UK	2014	9781407144412	K-2	Betty O'Barley and Harry O'Hay invite you to the best wedding ever. The scarecrow couple sets off for a hunt round the farm for everything they need for the festivities. When Harry's search for flowers takes him far away, his villainous scarecrow rival, Reginald Rake, sees his chance to ruin this beautiful day.
23421	Scared book, The Tidball, Debra	Hachette Children's Books	2017	9780734417503	K-2	This story is about to begin, when our book realises it might be a scary story! Help, can you help? What are some of the ways you can help yourself when feeling scared? Fun and interactive story with wonderful illustrations.
21173	Scaredy book: It's not always easy to be brave! Sillett, Devon & King, Cara (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2018	9781925335682	K-2	Book longs for adventure but is too scared to leave the library. Then Book meets Emma - and learns how to be brave!
21176	Scaredy cat Gallagher, Heather & Tortop, Anil (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2018	9781925594171	K-2	A little girl shows how far she will go to protect her beloved pet.
18013	Scaredy cat and the boo Broad, Michael	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2008	9780340917794	K-2	Scaredy Cat, as his name suggests, is scared. He's frightened of just about everything, from noises to shadows. When he meets Boo, a little mouse, with a lot of confidence, Scaredy Cat is introduced to a wider world.
18518	Scaredy cats: catnapped Rayner, Shoo	Orchard Books	2005	9781843627463	3-4	By night, the secret society of the Scaredy Cats tell each other spooky tales. Stories with humour and plenty of shocks and scares along the way. Ideal for newly independent readers.
1424039	Scaring and daring Horror Writers Association	Harper	2025	9780063372474	7-9	Get ready for a terrifying spin on some of literature's most beloved tales-no story is safe! From Captain Hook's run-in with dark magic to Sherlock Holmes narrowly escaping graveyard spirits to a happily never after for Cinderella, this horror anthology is anything but a bedtime story. In this terrifying new collection for young readers, the best-loved stories from the literary canon are revisited and reimagined with a deadly twist by some of the top authors working in middle grade today. Featuring tales from authors Jonathan Maberry and Kelley Armstrong, Carlos Hernandez, Lisa Morton, Maurice Broaddus, and many others, this collection will haunt you long after you turn the last page.

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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.
25763	Scarlett and the scratchy moon McKimmie, Chris	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743315156	3-4	Scarlett can't sleep again. The moon is scratching the sky, and she's counting sheep called Daddy Neema, Mummy Neema and Baby Neema. Scarlett is also sad because her pet dogs, Holly and Sparky, have died. But then a surprise comes to the door and the world seems new again.
13376	Scarlett's bat Bone, Ian & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Puffin Australia	2003	9780143300427	3-4	Scarlett Finnegan loves cricket but never gets to play on the team. When McGanty breaks his leg she has the chance to prove her worth, but is it just her talent. It seems as if she has a magic bat.
10960	Scarlett, starlet Quay, Emma	ABC Books	2015	9780733331589	K-2	Scarlett loves to dance and her house is always filled with rhythm. Her parents clap along and Little Jazzy Jo-Jo's paws tap-tap-tap in time. But, when Scarlett's dream of dancing on a real stage finally comes true, Little Jo-Jo has to stay at home. Scarlett will have to find her own rhythm.
45334	Scarves, The Bunge, Daniela	Penguin	2006	9780698400450	3-4	Grandma and Grandpa don't think they love each other anymore. Their likes and dislikes are too different. But, their granddaughter sees how miserable they are when they're apart and hatches a plan that just might bring them back together.

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751210	Scary bird Streich, Michel	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781743838594	K-2	When a new bird arrives in the aviary, he upsets the status quo. This bird is very different from the rest. He looks different. He chirps a different language. The other birds are afraid and angry. However one curious bird takes the time to get to know Scary Bird and the flock eventually discover that he has interesting qualities to share. He is not so scary any more.
17488	Scary dog Anderson, Scoular	Walker Books	2005	9781844289455	K-2	Bonzo goes to 'Dog School' to learn how to scare cats. When his family gets a new kitten, he forgets all he has learned.
18815	Scary night Gibbes, Lesley & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Working Title Press	2014	9781921504631	K-2	Once upon a scary night, three friends set out on a journey. Hare, Cat and Pig wander through the darkness.
1019703	Scarygirl: The origin story Jurevicius, Nathan	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761069277	5-6	Abandoned on a remote beach, Scarygirl doesn't know who she is or where she's come from. Blister, a kind and intelligent giant octopus, wants to keep her safe, but Scarygirl needs answers. Who is the strange man haunting her dreams? Will Bunniguru help her unlock the mysteries of her past? Can she trust the wily forest dwellers? Her journey takes her to the edge, and beyond...
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846176	School between winter and fairyland, The Fawcett, Heather	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526542	5-6	Twelve-year-old Autumn is a beastkeeper at Inglenook School for Magicians, which she secretly dreams of attending as a student. Instead, she must care for Inglenook's menagerie of dangerous creatures so the king's future monster hunters can study them. But when she isn't mucking out the griffin stalls, Autumn searches for clues about her twin brother's mysterious disappearance. Everyone else thinks that he was devoured by the terrifying Hollow Dragon, but Autumn isn't so sure.
761621	School days Degennaro, Sue	Hardie Grant Egmont	2020	9781760506933	K-2	On some days there are butterflies in tummies, upside down lunchboxes and lines in the bathroom. Other days are for singing really loud, dressing up in costumes and listening to stories.But no matter what kind of School Day it is, there are always friends to be made and fun times to be had.
13679	School days around the world Chambers, Catherine	Dorling Kindersley	2007	9781405319430	3-4	A look at an average school day in the lives of children from seven countries around the world, showing how they are all different and yet all the same.
751063	School for extraterrestrial girls: Girl on fire Whitley, Jeremy & Noguchi, Jamie (ill)	Papercutz	2020	9781545804933	5-6	Tara Smith's parents are super strict with all their rules and routines, and Tara is a dutiful daughter. Rule #1: No friends her own age. Rule #2: keep her bracelet on, or else. But when she breaks her routine - and then loses her bracelet - she's in trouble. Now outed as an extraterrestrial after wielding fire and losing her humanoid form, Tara is captured by the government. She's given two options: get shipped far away where she won't be a danger to anyone or stay on Earth and join a school for other extraterrestrial girls like her. Things at the school aren't easy - especially for the girl whose only friends were textbooks. But Tara's goal to learn how to control her powers is soon sidelined by the discovery that the people she's called Mom and Dad all these years aren't her parents.
1233	School for girls, A Grice, Natalie	Watts Publishing Group	2000	9780749635497	3-4	It is 1850, and Annie Foster's twin brother, Artie, is off to school while Annie seems doomed to a life of housework and needlecraft.

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46789	School for good and evil, The Chainani, Soman	HarperCollins US	2013	9780007492930	5-6	Every four years, two girls are kidnapped from the village of Gavaldon. Legend has it these lost children are sent to the School for Good and Evil, the fabled institution where they become fairytale heroes or villains. Sophie, the most beautiful girl in town, has always dreamed of her place at the School for Good while her friend Agatha, with her dark disposition seems destined for the School for Evil. But when the two are kidnapped, they find their fortunes reversed...
	School magazine - Countdown and Blast Off The School Magazine				3-4	Any two Countdown or Blast Off magazines can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	School magazine - Orbit and Touchdown The School Magazine				5-6	Any two Orbit or Touchdown magazines can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	School of monsters series Various				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.
3825	School of wizardry Doyle, Debra & Macdonald, James D	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2004	9780733616891	5-6	Twelve year old Randal's apprenticeship in the School of Wizardry is marred when he realises one of the master wizards is using evil spells to destroy the school and gain supreme power.

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751072	School rules are optional Hart, Alison	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760525712	5-6	It's the first day of school and already Jesse has 3 problems, 1. His teacher is so old she taught his dad. 2. He accidently got voted as school captain and 3. His grade 6 jumper has gone missing before recess. That's a lot to happen in half an hour, the rest of the day has to be better.....
6945	School ship Tobermory McCall Smith, Alexander & McIntosh, Iain (ill)	Birlinn Ltd	2015	9781780273334	3-4	Twins, Ben and Fee MacTavish, are off to boarding school while their marine researcher parents explore the seas in their small submarine. But, it's not a traditional boarding school, it's a training sailing ship off the coast of Scotland. Like all schools, there are rules to learn, friends to make and bullies to avoid. Even in such small confines, mystery and intrigue find a place with a stowaway, a suspect film crew and rare animal trading.
1017956	School trip Craft, Jerry	Quill Tree Books	2023	9780062885531	5-6	Jordan's last days at Riverdale Academy will be spent on a school trip - to Paris! As an aspiring artist himself, Jordan can' wait to see all of the amazing art in the city of lights. Exotic food, a foreign language and a different culture are just some of the tricky things Jordan and his friends are navigating.
15394	School trip, The Butterworth, Nick	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	1996	9780340547199	K-2	Tracey and Sam are off to the museum for a school trip but Matthew Tibbs is missing. They have an adventure exploring all the exhibits especially the dinosaurs. When it's time to go home, Matthew Tibbs still can't be found.
	Schooling around series Griffiths, Andy				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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700331	Schoolmaster's daughter, The French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2020	9781460757710	7-9	When Hannah and her family are shipwrecked they are rescued by a Pacific Islander boy named Jamie. Hannah's family then begin a new life in Port Harris, which at first seems a paradise for the schoolmaster's daughter. But local fortunes are built on slavery and the whip. As the new Federal Parliament passes the law that will force Pacific Islanders from their homes, Hannah and her mother risk everything to run a secret school, while Hannah and Jamie must fight for their rights to education and equality. Can friendship and love win against prejudice and power?
8703	Schumann the shoeman Danalis, John & Danalis, Stella (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2009	9780702236211	3-4	Schumann the Shoeman was adored. The shoes he made were really beautiful and lasted a lifetime. No two pairs were ever the same. Outside his shop, on an elegant shoe-shaped sign, Schumann tied the laces into an elegant bow to let customers know when their shoes were ready. However, when a shoe factory opened in the town, Schumann's world was about to change forever.
4169	Sci-fi Junior High Martin, John & Seegert, Scott	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781743818046	5-6	It isn't easy being the son of two of the smartest people in the galaxy, especially when everyone at your new school expects you to be a genuius too! Kelvin Klosmo and his interterrestial friends will need to work together to save the universe, because you never know in a science space station, if one of the scientists will turn out to be a mad robot.
26153	Science book, The Golion, Matilda (edit)	Dorling Kindersley	2010	9781405354134	5-6	Explore science through twenty-four big ideas, the key concepts to help understand how science works in your world. Bursting with facts and close-up graphics, this book explains tricky concepts using accessible visuals. Discover why supercooling frogs show how living things adapt to their environment and how the bumps on a whale's fin help aeroplanes to fly.
689549	Science comics: Crows Vanderklugt, Kyla	Pan MacMillan	2020	9781626728028	5-6	A crow befriending a dog and getting it to perform tasks might seem like an unlikley way to begin an information text, but this is exactly what crows are capapble of doing. This science comic explains more and more ways that the crow is one of the smartest animals on the planet through lots of facts and sharing real experiments done showing how crows use tools, trick other animals, and have amazing memories.

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1078773	Science factopia! Davidson, Rose & Smith, Andy (ill)	Britanica Books	2024	9781804660249	5-6	Grab your safety goggles! Every STEM-tastic fact is connected in amazing and unpredictatble ways. Follow a trail that zooms from facts about sharks eyes to facts about mini motorcycles, and from facts about chemestry to facts about koalas. And there isn't one trail through these super science facts. Sometimes your path branches, and you can choose to teleport to a completely different (but still connected) part of the book. Where will your curiosity take you?
22986	Scientist, scientist, who do you see? Ferrie, Chris	Sourcebooks Inc	2018	9781492656180	K-2	Full of scientific fun, Scientist, Scientist, Who Do You See? features appearances from real-life scientists including Albert Einstein, Marie Curie, Charles Darwin, Ada Lovelace, and more! Young readers will delight in poking fun at a familiar text while learning about scientists who changed the world.
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.
	Scientists who changed the world series Croy, Anita				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.
846229	Scissorella: The paper princess Welsh, Clare Helen & Barrett, Laura (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2021	9781783448944	3-4	Lotte doesn't believe in happy endings. She lives with her horrible, bossy sisters and her only friends are the exquisite cut-out paper puppets she makes by the light of the moon. But when an invitation to the Palace Spring Ball arrives on their doorstep, Lotte sees her chance to change her life forever... Cinderella with a difference where forceful individuality and talent create happy endings not fairy tale magic.
638699	Scoop McLaren: Detective editor Castles, Helen	New Frontier Publishing	2019	9781925594836	5-6	Scoop McLaren publishes an online newspaper and solves mysteries. When Sonny Fink starts publishing a rival newspaper that reports the news before it happens, Scoop, and her best friend, Evie, are straight on the case.

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781958	Scoop McLaren: Waves of mystery Castles, Helen	New Frontier Publishing	2020	9781922326010	5-6	Scoop McLaren runs her very own online newspaper with the help of her Evie, her friend and roving reporter. Higgity Harbour is holding a top surfing competition and Scoop's friend, Fletcher, decides to enter. But strange things start to happen and Scoop finds herself sailing into uncharted waters of mystery and suspense. Who is trying to do anything and everything to stop Fletcher from winning? And why? Can Scoop and Evie solve this monster wave of a mystery or are they out of their depth?
885148	Scorpion Falls Chatterton, Martin	Ford Street Publishing	2022	9781922696090	5-6	Following the arrival of an unsettling guest in the strange Queensland mining town of Scorpion Falls, teenagers start disappearing. And, when local Theo Sumner tries to dig out some answers, he finds himself being drawn deep into the terrifying underbelly of his home town.
27648	Scout Pluss, Nicole	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780143204589	9plus	Life for Kit Lovell has not been easy. She never knew her father, a renowned sea captain who drowned after his ship sank. Kit's grandmother dies and she and her mother are evicted from their home in England. When Kit's mother agrees to marry a man she has never met, they embark on a treacherous and monotonous journey to the far flung colony of South Australia. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
989995	Scout and the rescue dogs Wolfer, Dianne & Flowers, Tony (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760655860	5-6	The summer holidays have finally arrived and Scout can't wait for her adventure in the big rig with Dad. They're on a mission to deliver donations of dog food to animal rescue shelters in rural Victoria and NSW in time for Christmas. But there are so many sad and lonely dogs at each shelter looking for a new home. Scout thinks she has a great idea to find the perfect owners for these pups. But with reports of bushfires in the area, it's not just the dogs who will need rescuing.
59345	Scrambled egg Binks, Wendy	Stunned Emu Press	2007	9780646479293	3-4	Fluster, the corella, is frantic. Her egg has fallen from her nest. Stripey and Leggy want to help her but, before they can make a plan, the egg begins to hatch. Soon, the strangest creature appears, it is definitely not a bird of any kind. Join Stripey and his friends as they search for the mother of the funny little grub that has hatched.

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	Scratch kitten series Green, Jessica & Vane, Mitch (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.
7276	Scream: The haunted book Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760152109	7-9	Dale lives in Axe Falls, a town of mysterious disappearances, terrifying visions and unusual events. A family trip turns spooky when Dale finds an old handwritten book, starting with the words: Do not stop reading; my life depends on it. But when ghosts from the book start stalking him through the forest, Dale starts to wonder...
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!
27109	Scream: The spider army Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760152093	5-6	Axe Falls is a town of mysterious disappearances, terrifying visions and unusual events. Everyone there has heard the urban legend of the deadly blue-back spider. But when Yvette sees a real one at school, she starts to wonder if the whispers might actually be true. Were the victim's agonised screams, grotesque disfiguration and disappearance more than just a campfire story? What's really lurking in the shadows? And will anyone survive long enough to find out?
660815	Scribbly gum secrets Patterson, Dannika & Forward, Megan (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2020	9781925804485	3-4	Who drew on those tree trunks? Charlie asked Max. They'll be in big trouble if Mummy sees that! Join four children on a walk through the bush as they make all sorts of wild discoveries.
5856	Scrimshaw Anhar, Nazam	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781741693386	7-9	Young Nathan is taken hostage by Captain Graham and his pirates. Nathan must decide whether to succumb to pressure and join the murderous crew or fight for his freedom.

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6214	Scruff sheep Church, Caroline Jayne	Oxford University Press	2006	9780192791634	K-2	Scruff sheep is the one sheep on the farm who is always late and who almost always leads to disaster. But, one day, he might just be in the right place to help a little hen with a very big problem.
654402	Scruffle-nut Fenton, Corinne & Swan, Owen (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2019	9781925594768	K-2	Sitting in the park, I remember back to a furry friend from long ago. The story of a girl and an unlikely friendship.
23302	Scrummy Hodgkinson, Leigh	Orchard Books	2010	9781408309360	K-2	Sunny McCloud thinks her family is like a sandwich. She's the yummy cheese, her twin brothers are the salady, occasionally annoying, goodness bits and her parents are the slices of bread, keeping everything together. But, it seems a bit boring and Sunny wants to add some exciting ingredients, like bananas and ice cream.
15072	Scuffy the tugboat Crampton, Gertrude & Gergely, Tibor (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2003	9780307105479	K-2	Scuffy escapes from his owners and floats out to sea. He really enjoys his freedom until things become dangerous.
965849	Sea Bear: A Journey for Survival Moore, Lindsay	Greenwillow	2019	9780062791290	3-4	A polar bear hunts and naps and raises her young in the far north Arctic waters. She moves with the ice, swimming, running, hunting and resting. She follows the rhythm of the sea and the seasons. What happens when there is no ice?
944267	Sea Country Cameron, Aunty Patsy & Kennedy, Lisa (ill)	Magabala Books	2021	9781925936032	K-2	My people are proud, strong people. We are the decendants 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.
3343	Sea fever Philip, Gillian	Evans Bros	2008	9780237537289	7-9	Saul loves the water but his dad hates it. Saul's mum walked into the sea and drowned. Now Saul's dad has moved him far away and Saul yearns for the sea.
977575	Sea glass Fraser, Rebecca	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9781761111075	5-6	Cailin's holiday plans are ruined when she and her mum go to stay with her eccentric grandfather at Whitefoam Cove. She barely knows him and reminders of her father are everywhere. Then, just when Cailin and her grandfather are really connecting, disaster strikes.

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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.
31153	Sea of words, A: An ABC of the deep blue sea Toft, Kim Michelle	Silkim Books	2006	9780975839003	K-2	Fantastic alphabet book of aquatic animals, with each letter making great use of alliteration and supported by amazing illustration.
1142158	Sea prayer Hosseini, Khaled & Williams, Dan (ill)	Bloomsbury	2018	9781526602718	7-9	On a moonlit beach a father cradles his sleeping son as they wait for dawn to break and a boat to arrive. He speaks to his boy of the long summer of his childhood, recalling his grandfather's house in Syria, the stirring of olive trees in the breeze, the bleating of his grandmother's goat, the clanking of the cooking pots. When the sun rises they and those around them will gather their possessions and embark on a perilous sea journey in search of a new home.
16954	Sea secrets Wadds, Gillian M	Lothian Books	2007	9780734409782	7-9	Young Zena and her Year 7 school friends investigate a mystery that seems to indicate the presence of abalone poachers in her coastal town, a declared marine sanctuary. When a new boy at school goes missing, events unravel and interlink, causing Zena to grow up fast. She gains new understanding of her parents, her friends, and herself.
2884	Sea singer, The Dasgupta, Shome	Accent Press	2016	9781910939215	7-9	March was born in April, just as the sun set. She is a singing baby, who never sleeps. The town of Kolkaper is on edge and the Town Council orders scientists to take her away to the Cave Forest, a place to study freaks like her. Acting quickly, March's parents send her to safety in a distant town. But, March's destiny lies in the town of her birth and she must return to save the city from itself.
9473	Sea turtles Dunbier, Sally	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2000	9780734401434	3-4	Simple, clear descriptions of the seven different species of sea turtles that live in the world's oceans including information on their diet, habitat, appearance and life cycle.
12059	Sea-Breeze Hotel, The Vaughan, Marcia	Margaret Hamilton	1995	9780947241414	K-2	Life is tough at the Sea-Breeze Hotel where the strong winds are keeping guests away. Young Sam comes up with the perfect solution of how to fill the hotel with people who appreciate the breeze.

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25425	Seadog Saxby, Claire & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9781742756509	K-2	Seadog is not a working dog, he doesn't fetch, is not a performer of tricks and is not clean, shiny or fluffy, but he is full of energy and is lots of fun.
	Seadog adventure series O'Dowd, Annie				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.
18345	Seadragon sea Spurling, Margaret & Snell, Danny (ill)	Working Title Press	2005	9781876288617	K-2	Ten baby seahorses need to find their way to the seagrass meadow. One seahorse is left behind and encounters various sea creatures on the journey to the meadow. A counting book based on marine animals.
6517	Seagull Snell, Danny	Working Title Press	2015	9781921504815	K-2	Seagull loves to fly. It makes her heart sing. But, when she gets caught in a tangle of fishing line on the beach, she is unable to fly. Many creatures try to untangle the line but Seagull can only watch as other birds fly effortlessly above.
5735	Seahorse Pascoe, Bruce	Magabala Books	2015	9781921248931	5-6	Whenever they can, Jack and his family escape to Seahorse Bay. On one visit, Jack is excited to discover a sunken boat, not far off the coast. When he shows his father, they realise it's in pristine condition and decide to take on the challenge of salvaging it. When the mysterious boat is finally raised, the adventure begins.
112082	Seams of gold Cheng, Christopher & Rawlins, Donna (ill)	National Museum of Australia Press	2007	9781876944520	3-4	Danny is off to the goldfields with his uncle who has sung in the Chinese Opera but now sews. Reluctantly, Danny also discovers he has a talent for sewing repairs and for creating beautiful things.
7360	Search for the perfect child, The Fearnley, Jan	Walker Books	2007	9781406306019	K-2	People say that there is no such thing as the perfect child. Fido Fonteyn, the cleverest, sharpest, coolest dog detective in the whole world, is on a mission to sniff one out.
8673	Search of Fred Beaney, The Ryan, Kate & Rippin, Sally (ill)	Lothian Books	2007	9780734410146	3-4	Fred Beaney doesn't want very much, just a round watch with black hands and a loud tick. Fred searches everywhere, from Argentina to the Cocos Islands, determined to find his heart's desire.
642938	Searching for cicadas Gibbes, Lesley & Watson, Judy (ill)	Walker Books	2019	9781922244420	3-4	In the summertime, Grandpa and I go cicada-watching. We put our camping gear into my wagon and walk down to the local reserve. Last year we saw five Green Grocers, three Yellow Mondays and one Floury Baker. Can we find the rare Black Prince this year?

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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.
825622	Seasons in the city McKean, Megan	Lothian Books	2021	9780734420442	5-6	Do you know springtime in Tokyo is cherry blossom season? Or that on the longest day of summer in Stockholm the sun stays up for 18 hours? Seasons divide the year and bring about changes in the world around us. Different seasons bring warm or cool weather; snow or extreme heat; wet, windy weeks or dry, dusty days; and even big weather events like super storms and twisting tornadoes. Throughout history people have welcomed new seasons with important rituals. Plenty of these traditions continue today, as the change in weather brings different occasions to celebrate and activities to enjoy all year round in many of the world's cities. Discover what different seasons look like in cities all around the world.
1209714	Seawitch McKenna, Skye, Tomislav, Tomic (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2024	9781801301282	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.
6335	Sebastian and the special stack of stories Hibbert, Kelly & deGennaro, Sue (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2018	9781460753460	K-2	Sebastian trots off at a slow, steady speed with a bundle of books he'd love someone to read. Where can you find the best spot to hear a story when you're the smallest and slowest one in a big family? Sebastian knows.
	Sebastian Darke series Caveney, Philip				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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11198	Sebastian lives in a hat Catterwell, Thelma & Argent, Kerry (ill)	Omnibus Books	2008	9781862910980	K-2	Four month old Sebastian's mother has been killed at the side of the road. The tiny wombat must be nursed carefully by the author if he is to survive and finally be returned to the wild. When Sebastian first comes into her life, he fits inside a hat.
7881	Second sky, The Guest, Patrick & Bentley, Jonathan (ill)	Little Hare Books	2017	9781760127985	K-2	The first thing Gilbert sees when he hatches from his egg is the sky. It is love at first sight and from that moment on Gilbert longs to fly like other birds. But Penguins don't fly, they waddle, and so begins Gilbert's quest to find his place in the world. Great things happen when you reach for the sky.
89538	Second star to the right Hautzig, Deborah	Walker Books	2008	9781406315493	9plus	Leslie is a normal, healthy, well-adjusted fourteen year old going to a good school. She has a great friend and her mother loves her to the moon and back. But, something is wrong and Leslie would be happy if only she was thinner. A very candid disclosure of the story of a young girl in the grip of anorexia nervosa, of the fight she had to conquer her problems and a subtle insight into her particular circumstances. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
	Secret Agent Derek Danger Dale series Bauer, Michael Gerard & Bauer, Joe (ill)				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.
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!
1423928	Secret battle, The Rushby, Pamela	Eagle Books	2021	9780648815426	5-6	It's 1942. Over two days, American and Australian servicemen fought against each other, rioting in the streets of Brisbane. This became known as the Battle of Brisbane. When nine-year-old newspaper seller Roddy helps an injured American serviceman he never expects that the battle will become covered up - a wartime secret never to be reported in the newspapers he sells. Or that his life will change forever.....

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27774	Secret cooking club, The Remington, Laurel	Chicken House	2016	9781910655245	5-6	Twelve year old Scarlett is the star and the victim of her mum's popular blog. The butt of school jokes, she's eager to stay firmly out of the spotlight. So, when Scarlett discovers the kitchen next door, left empty by an elderly neighbour in hospital, she begins to bake from the hand written recipe book she finds. As more people find out and Scarlett's confidence grows, The Secret Cooking Club is formed. Scarlett's life changes forever.
17540	Secret country, The Johnson, Jane & Stower, Adam (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2005	9781416904199	3-4	When Ben walks into a pet shop the last thing he expects is to buy a talking cat. Iggy is from a secret country slowly losing its creatures. Ben sets out to save them but encounters great evil that tries to stop him succeeding.
1209782	Secret FACTopia! Towler, Paige & Smith, Andy (ill)	Britanica Books	2024	9781804661079	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.
660714	Secret friends Laird, Elizabeth & Harris, Alleanna (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2019	9781529015409	5-6	Rafaella is new to secondary school as is Lucy. Rafaella is a little different and unsure on how to make friends. In an awkward moment when meeting Rafaella, Lucy calls her a name which will stick with Rafaella and make it even harder for her to make friends. On their walks home from school they begin to form a friendship, and Lucy finds warmth and love in the home of Rafaella's family. However, Lucy keeps this friendship secret and it is only under the most terrible of circumstances that she realises the consequences of her decisions.

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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.
344	Secret Garden, The Burnett, Frances Hodgson	Oxford University Press	2001	9780192835963	5-6	After losing her parents, young Mary Lennox is sent from India to live in her uncle's gloomy mansion on the wild English moors. She is lonely and has no one to play with. But, when she learns of a hidden, secret garden, somewhere in the grounds that no one is allowed to enter, Mary discovers a world she could never have imagined.
1357338	Secret green, The Wilson, Sonya	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781991142085	5-6	Strange, magical things happened when Nissa was lost in the wilds but was it actually real? Or had she made it all up in the forest inside her head? When the mysterious forest creatures come for Nissa again, she discovers that Fiordland is under threat. What are the sparks so afraid of? What is the secret they're so desperate to protect? And why do they think a thirteen-year-old kid can save them all?
1337870	Secret keeper Walker, Di	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761527920	5-6	Change was coming. Possibly sooner than any of the friends were prepared for. Nell and Eden have been best friends forever. But now they are at the end of Year 6 and on the cusp of high school. Nell has been scouted to play in a new netball club the following year, but she doesn't feel like she can tell Eden. And then there's Birdie. A mysterious girl who has moved onto Nell's street. She is quiet and reserved and doesn't appear to go to school. When Nell meets Birdie, their friendships begins to grow. But what secrets is Birdie hiding? And why doesn't Nell feel she can tell Eden about netball or Birdie?

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43490	Secret of black rock, The Todd-Stanton, Joe	Flying Eye Books	2017	9781911171256	K-2	Erin is fascinated by the legend of Black Rock. A huge, dark and spiky mass that is said to destroy any boats that come near it. But are the tales really true? One day Erin sneaks on board her mother's fishing boat to find out...
7695	Secret of Nightingale Wood, The Strange, Lucy	Chicken House	2016	9781910655030	7-9	This is the tale of story-loving Henrietta and her family who are struggling with illness in their new house by Nightingale Wood. Worse, Henrietta is starting to see mysterious figures and strange cats that seem to be calling her into the woods and beyond. What does it all mean and is it true what they say, does a witch really live in Nightingale Wood?
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 rufuse the key when it calls. When Elsa , a young innocent girl, goes missing, the key does call and Rachel finds herself on another adventure, but this time it may not end so well.
6132	Secret of the lonely isles, The Van Os, Joanne	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2011	9781741662528	5-6	Jem's world has been turned upside down by a family crisis, and then it gets worse. Along comes Ella, Jem's great-aunt, who's also a solo round-the-world sailor. She decides that what Jem, his sister, Maddy, and brother, Tyler, need is a sea change. Seasickness isn't the only thing that Jem adds to his list of woes. He keeps having strange and troubling dreams, and someone is stalking them.
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?

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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.
3856	Secret safe to tell, A Hunter, Naomi & Erasmus, Karen (ill)	Empowering Resources	2015	9780994501004	3-4	It happened when I was little, always when we were alone. But sometimes he did things that worried me and made me feel completely strange on the inside. I thought games were supposed to be fun.
32796	Secret science of magic, The Keil, Melissa	Hardie Grant Egmont	2017	9781760127763	9plus	Sophia is smart, like genius-calculator-brain smart. But there are some things no amount of genius can prepare you for, and the messiness of real life is one of them. When everything she knows is falling apart, how can she crack the puzzle of what to do with her life? Joshua spends his time honing magic tricks and planning how to win Sophia's heart. But when your best trick is making schoolwork disappear, how do you possibly romance a genius? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10, and above.
977579	Secret science society in space, The Hoopmann, Kathy & Montano, Josie & Finn, Ann-Marie (ill)	Wombat Books	2023	9781761110092	3-4	Four unique science nuts need to come up with a prize-winning experiment for the Science Expo. They are over the moon with their brilliant idea inspired by their Planetarium excursion. But, will Zane's mystery modification to their dog-in-space rocket make their entry an astronomical disaster?
660541	Secret Science Society's spectacular experiment, The Hoopmann, Kathy & Montano, Josie & Finn, Ann-Marie (ill)	Wombat Books	2019	9781925563764	3-4	Mona likes to moan. Kiki is a worry-wart. Bart loves following rules. And Zane HATES following rules. When the four of them are put into The Secret Science Society together, this could only mean one thing: DISASTER! Will they be able to work together to create an experiment that Mona won't moan about, Kiki knows is safe, Bart will think is perfect and that is really, REALLY exciting for Zane?

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	Secret series Bosch, Pseudonymous				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.
	Secret seven 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.
569194	Secret seven, The: Mystery of the skull Butchart, Pamela	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9781444941531	3-4	There are strange people arriving and behaving strangely at the hotel. And a big hole in the ground near by. Peter finds an old skull and you know there is only one thing for The Secret Seven to do. Investigate and solve the mystery.
1019621	Secret sparrow French, Jackie	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9781460760468	7-9	It's 1916 and sixteen-year-old Jean McLain is working in a Post Office in a quiet village in England. Jean wins the national Morse code competition and that sets her on an adventure to help the British army as a secret signaller in France. Jean begins her time in France on a British army base as part of an all-female signaller team, sending and decoding messages to and from the battle front. Soon she finds herself right on the battlefields in a trench as the British army begins to make the final push towards Germany. Based on true events, this story of adventure, courage and unshakable loyalty restores women and girls to their place in history that the British authorities have tried to erase.
29447	Secret world of butterflies Meredith, Courtney Sina & Clarkson, Giselle (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760633608	3-4	Butterflies are beautiful but they have some very off habits - welcome to their secret world. Did you know that butterflies taste with their feet, do a dark-red poo when they come out of their chrysalises and that some drink the tears of crocodiles?

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12941	Secret world of lizards, The Claybourne, Anna	Raintree	2004	9780739870235	3-4	An explanation of how and why lizards behave as they do, how they communicate and reproduce, what they eat, their role on the planet and how pollution and habitat destruction may threaten their existence.
1423990	Secret world of seahorses, The Davies, Nicola & Baker-Smith, Lou (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529522815	K-2	Dive beneath the waves and enter the secret world of seahorses. Meet creatures that are no bigger than the end of your little finger! See how we can help seahorses thrive on our changing planet.
18583	Secret world of wombats, The French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2005	9780207200311	5-6	An engaging, personalised account of living with wombats. Anecdotal notes made over a number of years make this an entertaining, scientifically interesting and informative book.
345	Secrets in the fire Mankell, Henning	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2000	9781865081816	7-9	Based on a true account of a young refugee girl's determination to overcome the loss of her legs in a Mozambique landmine accident. A deeply moving and unforgettable story.
9955	Secrets in the Tingle Forest Schofield, Louise	Fremantle Press	2003	9781863683715	5-6	The book follows twelve year old Sharni on a journey into the Tingle Forrest. It is exactly a year since Sharni's father died in a horrific forestry incident and she is still in deep mourning. Sharni blames her mother for her father's death.
625475	Secrets of a schoolyard millionaire Amoore, Nat	Penguin Books Australia	2019	9780143796374	5-6	10-year-old Tess is an entrepreneur with big ideas and plans for her future, all involving earning lots of money. When a dodgy neighbour leaves a very full bag of cash in her backyard, her life takes a turn. Together with her best friend Toby, Tess finds that there is a lot you can get with a million dollars, including a whole lot of trouble.
587749	Secrets of a sun king Carroll, Emma	Faber & Faber	2018	9780571328499	5-6	It's November, 1922. In a valley in Egypt the tomb of a long dead pharaoh is about to be discovered. The world watches and waits for news with baited breath. Thirteen-year-old Lilian Kaye, who lives in a flat above a shop in London, is eagerly following the story. One morning the news takes a sinister turn: a man- a famous Egyptologist- disappears. All that remains of him are his feet. Then Lil's grandfather is taken suddenly ill, and when a mysterious package turns up for him from the Egyptologist, Lil starts to believe there is truth to the rumours of a pharaoh's curse.

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871649	Secrets of Cricket Karlsson, The Sigunsdotter, Kristina & Eriksson, Ester (ill)	Gecko Press	2022	9781776574278	9plus	Cricket Karlsson is going to become an artist just like her aunt, who loves cheese and art and always speaks her mind. Not like Cricket's mother, who is dieting and sighs at everything. But now Aunt Frannie has lost her joy and Cricket's best friend has dumped her for the horse girls. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
23179	Secrets of Deltora Rodda, Emily & McBride, Marc (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2008	9781741692082	5-6	Doran, the Dragonlover, is compelled to undertake the great task of introducing the wonders of Deltora to travellers. Follow his expedition through the seven gem territories and gain an insight into Deltora's dangers, people and places, magic and monsters, creatures and customs. Keen readers may even uncover a hidden message.
18549	Secrets of Eromanga Gwyther, Sheryl	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2006	9780734409126	5-6	Ellie loves fossils and has the opportunity to go on a dig with Tom and Peta. When they encounter ruthless criminals illegally mining for valuable fossils, they must work together to survive.
	Secrets of the immortal Nicholas Flamel series Scott, Michael				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.
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.
18326	Secrets of the Sphinx Giblin, James Cross & Ibatoulline, Bagram (ill)	Scholastic US	2005	9780590098472	7-9	Large, well-illustrated book with historical information and intriguing facts about the sphinx, the origin of its craftsmen, the Rosetta Stone and Atlantis.
2972	Secrets we keep, The Weetman, Nova	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702254215	5-6	Clem Timmins has lost it all, her house, her possessions and her clothes. Now living in a tiny flat with her dad, she has to go to a new school, far from what she knows. On Clem's first day, she meets Ellie and, to fit in, Clem reveals a secret she immediately regrets sharing. When Clem receives a letter she doesn't want to read, it becomes clear that she can't run from her past forever, especially when the truth appears right in front of her face.

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5253	Secrets we share, The Weetman, Nova	University of Queensland Press	2017	9780702259784	5-6	Clem is slowly rebuilding her life after a house fire destroyed everything. She's about to start high school with her two best friends and she's finally settled into living with her dad in their tiny flat. But when her mum unexpectedly moves in, Clem feels like there's no space for her. Then she meets Matt, a funny and rebellious fourteen-year-old with family troubles of his own. When everything starts to unravel, Clem must decide which secrets to keep and which to share.
5815	See McCartney, Tania & Racklyeft, Jess (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2018	9781925335675	K-2	There's magic all around you. Can you see? What can you hear? Flip-Book format!
12532	See food Kuchling, Guundie	Windy Hollow Books	2007	9781921136023	3-4	Cut outs replicate a microscopic view of sea life that becomes part of a food chain with each step in the chain increasing in size.
346	See how they run McRobbie, David	Penguin	1999	9780141303338	7-9	A British family is forced to flee to Australia to escape criminals in England. This six-part thriller is exciting and suspenseful.
1195666	See inside the ancient world Jones, Rob Lloyd & Ablett, Barry (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2025	9781836044598	5-6	A stunning flap book introducing young readers to several fascinating ancient civilisations. Take a tour of the ancient world, to discover the wonders, and terrors, of its incredible civilisations. Eight scenes show readers all around the cities, countryside, and mighty monuments of several incredible ancient civilisations - from the dawn of civilization in Ancient Egypt, to the rise of the great Mayan culture in Central America. Lift the flaps to find out how ancient people lived, and how they died, what they ate, and how they built some of their amazing monuments. Look inside an Egyptian temple, open the doors of ancient Chinese houses, witness an Assyrian army laying siege to a fortress, and find out what goes on behind the walls of a Roman army fort.
	See inside Usborne flap books series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
38218	See me grow Arlon, Penelope & Gordon-Harris, Tory	Scholastic US	2012	9781407131542	K-2	Watch baby animals grow up and find out all about their amazing life cycles.

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3854	See you in the cosmos Cheng, Jack	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2017	9780141365602	9plus	Eleven-year-old Alex wants to launch his iPod into space, so that other life forms will know, from his audio recordings, what life on Earth is really like. With a troubled home life and lots of questions about family and the meaning of life, Alex sets out on a remarkable road trip to find the answers he is searching for. From Colorado to New Mexico, Las Vegas to LA, Alex meets a host of new friends who help him answer the big questions. Questions like who is out there, where do I come from, and how can I be brave. Life for Alex will never be the same.Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
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.
1423837	Seeing red Ainsworth, Eve & Valentine, Luna (ill)	Barrington Stoke	2025	9780008705800	5-6	Football used to be a way for Amelia to escape when her parents were arguing, but now that her dad has moved out and her mum is struggling to cope, it's just another source of stress. Amelia is late for practice while trying to help her mum and finds it hard to concentrate during important matches. Her coach and team-mates are all worried, but it's difficult to help when Amelia lashes out in anger. Can Amelia find a way to get the support she needs before her temper pushes everyone away?
1344953	Seekers of the lost cavern: Into the dragon's nest Duncan-Watt, Thomas & Perera, Suren (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761521522	3-4	Its not easy being Davern Cavern. Having only narrowly escaped a zombie tomb and his evil rival, Davern is still following the mystery trail left by his dad, the super-famous explorer who went missing months ago. Next stop: a cursed, ancient dragons nest !But first, Davern and his friends have to learn to fly a hovership, dodge a dumpling food-fight and deal with a real live dragon!

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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?!
	Seeking refuge 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.
	Selby series Ball, Duncan				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.
13011	Selected adventures of Bottersnikes and Gumbles, The Wakefield, S A & Digby, Desmond (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2016	9781460751923	3-4	Deep in the Australian bush, Bottersnikes live in rubbish heaps along dusty roadsides. They have green, wrinkly skin, cheese grater noses and long, pointy ears that go red when they're angry, which is most of the time. Giggling Gumbles are cheerful little creatures who can be squashed into all sorts of shapes. They can't pop back into their proper shape unless helped. This makes the friendly Gumbles useful to the lazy Bottersnikes, who have some very nasty tricks planned.
7711	Selection, The Cass, Kiera	HarperCollins US	2012	9780007466696	9plus	In a world of glittering gowns and jewels, the selection is the chance of a lifetime, for any girl to compete for the heart of Prince Maxon. America is chosen to meet him and all of her plans to wed her secret love start to crumble. Some adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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846085	Self/less AViVA	Pan MacMillan	2021	9781760984892	9plus	Living in a walled city where every aspect of life is controlled, Teddy is unable to pursue her creative passions for risk of being Sanitised. When truths are revealed, Teddy finds herself living in a city under the city. A darker world where creativity is embraced but survival is everything. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
17243	Selfish crocodile, The Faustin, Charles & Terry, Michael (ill)	Bloomsbury	1999	9780747541936	K-2	Crocodile refuses to allow any other animal to bathe or drink in his river. One day, he develops a toothache and only one animal is brave enough to help.
31213	Selfish giant, The Wilde, Oscar & Voutila, Rita (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781742376509	5-6	The children always played in the giant's garden, but when he returned after years away, he said 'What are you doing here' and the children fled.
51535	Send Simon Savage Measday, Stephen	Little Hare Books	2010	9781921541339	7-9	After his father mysteriously goes missing, thirteen year old Simon is invited to follow in his father's footsteps by joining a team that experiments with time travel.
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.
4567	Sensational survivors Morris, Sandra	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2010	9781921150661	5-6	New Zealand is home to many fascinating creatures. From a prehistoric reptile to one of the world's largest insects, you'll discover some of the most unusual and impressive species on our planet.

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1019627	Sense and second-degree murder Price, Tirzah	HarperTeen	2023	9780062889843	7-9	When eighteen-year-old aspiring scientist Elinor Dashwood discovers her beloved father slumped over the desk of his office study, she knows his death means dire straits for the Dashwood women. To make matters worse, an outdated will entails his estate-including Norland & Company, the private investigation firm where her younger sister Marianne worked as her father's partner and protégé-to their half-brother and his haughty wife, who waste no time in forcing the Dashwoods out of their home and into a cramped apartment on London's Barton Street. But before they go, the Dashwood sisters make a startling discovery that points to foul play, and the killer might be family. Obviously, the girls must investigate. It could be dangerous; it could ruin their reputations; and most importantly, it won't bring back their father. But if the Dashwood sisters can combine their talents and bring their father's murderer to justice, it may bring them all some comfort-and it might even lead to love.
639355	Sensitive Webster, Allayne L.	University of Queensland Press	2019	9780702260483	5-6	New town. New me. Thirteen year old Samantha is rebranding herself 'SJ' and is determined that at her new school the real Samantha will be well hidden. SJ will be strong, confident and eczema free. But it's not easy hiding her skin condition. Will she ever learn to love herself?
3015	Sequin star, The Murrell, Belinda	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2014	9780857982056	7-9	When Claire finds an old star-shaped brooch covered in sequins, it hurtles her back in time to 1932, when Australia was in the grip of the Great Depression. When she gets a job in a circus, Claire makes friends with Rosina, Jem and a boy called Kit. When Kit is kidnapped, the others must try to save him. But, Claire is wondering just who Kit and Rosina really are. One is escaping poverty and the other is escaping wealth.
5499	Serena and the sea serpent Nix, Garth	Puffin Australia	2000	9780141309408	3-4	Due to an accident with a computer, Serena Smith is a know-all. When a sea serpent starts wrecking ships, the town thinks the only way to stop it is to give it a child to eat. Serena volunteers, sure that she can sort out the problem.

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	Series of unfortunate events series Snicket, Lemony				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.
795201	Seriously do not open this book Lee, Andy & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Lake Press Pty Ltd	2018	9781760458850	K-2	He's back AGAIN! This cheeky blue character is willing to forgive you for what happened last time but he SERIOUSLY does not want you to open this book or turn its pages. What reason does he have this time?
1217736	Serpent rider, The Dino, Yxavel Magno	Bloomsbury	2024	9781547615131	5-6	Tani dreams of fulfilling her destiny as a Serpent Rider, fighting alongside an elemental serpent to defend her village against monsters. More than anything, she wants to protect her little sister Ligaya, the village princess who's tasked with memorising their community's history, including the tale of Great Bakunawa, the most powerful and feared sea serpent that swallowed six of the world's seven moons. After a devastating monster attack, Tani can no longer wait patiently for her bakunawa egg to hatch. She makes a desperate deal with a stranger who promises her a serpent of her own. But when her gamble puts her sister in major danger, Tani must find a way to save Ligaya before she's lost forever. All the while, in the depths of the sea, Great Bakunawa is stirring, threatening to devour the last moon and plunge the night sky into eternal darkness.
1423822	Serpent sea Ibrahim, Maiya	Hodder & Stoughton	2024	9781399702096	7-9	Once, Imani swore to protect her home from the monsters roaming the desert. But now an even worse enemy threatens the Sahir, and as the Harrowlanders march south with their stolen magic, it is only a matter of time before the invasion begins. The only chance for survival is a dangerous alliance with Qayn, a djinni king. If Imani journeys with him on a quest beyond the sands to restore his lost powers, he will summon a supernatural army to save her people. Meanwhile, her rival, Taha, has been captured and is on a dangerous mission of his own. One wrong move could cost them their lives and everyone they love. But they may find that there is more than meets the eye crossing the Serpent Sea... and betrayal cuts deeper than any dagger.

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76517	Serpent's tale, The Crew, Gary & Ottley, Matt (ill)	Lothian Books	2010	9780734410283	7-9	At a market, a boy discovers an intriguing amulet and pleads with his mother to buy it. The amulet is shaped like a snake swallowing its own tail. The mother thinks it's ugly but the boy thinks it's beautiful and that it holds a story he wants to write. The vendor will not accept payment and seems happy to be rid of the amulet. The boy finds he cannot write and, when he falls asleep, he has vivid dreams, full of many emotions.
4952	Serpents & werewolves: Stories of animal shape-shifters from around the world Don, Lari & Greenwold, Francesca (ill)	Bloomsbury	2015	9781472916341	5-6	Werewolves, talking snakes and cursed princes are the stuff of fairy tales. Stories that we have all heard and enjoyed but with a modern twist. Slimy, ugly frogs wanting a favour, playful sisters who tease their older brother, brides who cannot live with any secrets, and unusual household items that are best left untouched. Stories crafted to be read aloud and shared. Illustrated with simple silhouettes.
15523	Serpents of Arakesh, The Jones, V M	HarperCollins Australia	2004	9781869504779	7-9	Abandoned as a baby, Adam feels there is nowhere he really belongs. When he wins the chance to test-drive a top-secret computer game, his luck changes. But, in the world he enters, the boundary between fantasy and reality breaks down.
1359278	Set-up girl, The Vey, Sasha	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181542	9plus	Amalia's life runs like clockwork: school, family book club, hanging out with her best (and only) friend Mae. It's comfortable in its predictability. So when Mae announces she's ready to start dating - against the wishes of her strict parents - Amalia's world is thrown into chaos. Forever the dutiful friend, she agrees to help set Mae up with the hottest boy in class: Kasun. The only problem? He's Amalia's secret crush. Adopting the role of wingwoman, Amalia does her best to navigate an unfamiliar world of parties and romantic drama. Meanwhile, she grows closer to Kasun's best mates, Jake and Laeli, who frustrate and intrigue her in equal measure. When misunderstandings (and secret kisses) threaten to derail relationships, Amalia is left more confused than ever. Who does she really want to be with? Can the set-up girl ever become the main character of the story? A feel-good romantic comedy of errors, where the road to love rarely runs straight! Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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871557	Seven days Ferris, Fleur	Penguin	2022	9781761043352	5-6	Seven days to solve a century old crime. Seven days to unearth the treasure. Seven days to survive... The countdown is on. Ben works to overcome his own shortcomings to set right a wrong and bring some credit back to a wronged family? But, can he live long enough to succeed? A fast paced, action packed story that will make you snigger and gasp, just not at the same time.
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.
637582	Seven keys, The Rushby, Allison	Walker Books	2019	9781760650797	5-6	Flossie Birdwhistle is the Turnkey at London's Highgate Cemetery. Seven years have passed since Flossie saved her country from a ghostly invasion during World War II. Since then, things have been quiet. That is, until Flossie's nemesis, Hugo Howsham, reveals a secret the pair have been keeping - the keys of the Magnificent Seven cemeteries can be combined to make a Turnkey not only mortal, but immortal. When Hugo Howsham begins stealing keys, the other Turnkeys turn against Flossie, trusting her no longer. With family, friends and her cemetery in danger, can Flossie find the inner strength to protect everything she has ever cared about?
348	Seven little Australians Turner, Ethel	Penguin	1994	9780140347333	5-6	The seven Woolcot's children live in cheerful turmoil with their father who does not understand them and their young mother. Among them is Judy, spirited, brave and clever. A classic story of family life in Australia during the 19th century.
15156	Seven more sleeps Wild, Margaret & Rawlins, Donna (ill)	Working Title Press	2004	9781876288389	K-2	Babs, the baby, Fog, the dog, and mum count down the sleeps until the party. On the day, there is a big surprise.
903381	Seven percent of Ro Devereux O'Clover, Ellen	HarperCollins US	2023	9780063318311	9plus	Seven percent of Ro Devereux is a fast paced romance which follows Ro a creator of a app called MASH. The app becomes an overnight success but Ro is forced to partner with Miller (her ex best-friend) A story about loss, family dynamics and living your dreams. This book is a 21st Century look on life on socials! Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
64765	Seven ways to catch the moon Robertson, M P	Frances Lincoln	2008	9781845079031	K-2	Equipped with a butterfly net, a little girl tries to catch the moon by hitching with a witch, riding on a dragon's back, floating in a hot air balloon until, finally, the moon is discovered.

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871193	Seven Wherewithal Way Bound, Samantha-Ellen	Affirm Press	2021	9781922419224	5-6	Celeste is having the worst summer ever. Her parents are off on an adventure and she's stuck at Gran's house with her annoying little sister, Esme, and strict instructions to be responsible. Or, as Esme says, boring. So when their eccentric cousin Ferd crash-lands a flying bus in the yard, what choice does Celeste have but to follow Ferd back home to Seven Wherewithal Way? Ferd's house, and the gateway to the many realms unreachable from Earth - is bursting with magic and mystery and otherworldly creatures. But when something tries to break in through the portal in the pantry - the door to the mystical Realm of Forests - Celeste learns that both Wherewithal and her beloved cousin are under threat. If Celeste wants to save her cousin, their home, its inhabitants and possibly even all the realms, she is going to have to find her adventurous side.
1286612	Seven Wherewithal Way: Into the faerie realm Bound, Samantha-Ellen	Affirm Press	2025	9781923135383	5-6	Wherewithal has fallen When their beloved home comes under siege, the Wherewithal crew flee through the portal to the Realm of Fae. Behind the walls of the Faerie Market, they search for ways to stop the increasingly powerful Red Cap from achieving Realms-wide domination?
	Seven wonders series Lerangis, Peter				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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846200	Seventh grade vs the galaxy Levy, Joshua S	Carolrhoda Books	2019	9781728423098	7-9	PSS 118 is just your typical school, except that it is a rickety old spaceship orbiting Ganymede, a moon of Jupiter. Jack's dad used to be the science teacher, until he got fired for tinkering with the ship. Now Jack wants to get through the last day of school without anything going wrong.. But when the school is mysteriously attacked, Jack discovers that his dad has built humanity's first light speed engine and given Jack control of it. Jack catapults it hundreds of light years away and right into the clutches of the first aliens humans have ever seen. School hasn't just got out, it has gone clear across the galaxy. Now it is up to Jack and his friends to get everyone home.
871491	Seventh most important thing, The Pearsall, Shelley	Random House Children's Books	2015	9780553497311	7-9	Arthur T. Owens grabbed a brick and hurled it at the trash picker. Arthur had his reasons, and the brick hit the Junk Man in the arm, not the head. But none of that matters to the judge-he is ready to send Arthur to juvie forever. Amazingly, it's the Junk Man himself who offers an alternative: 120 hours of community service... working for him. Arthur is given a rickety shopping cart and a list of the Seven Most Important Things: glass bottles, foil, cardboard, pieces of wood, lightbulbs, coffee cans, and mirrors. He can't believe it-is he really supposed to rummage through people's trash? But it isn't long before Arthur realizes there's more to the Junk Man than meets the eye, and the "trash" he's collecting is being transformed into something more precious than anyone could imagine. . . .
12467	Shack that dad built, The Russell, Elaine	Little Hare Books	2004	9781877003486	3-4	Elaine Russell's dad built the family shack just outside the Aboriginal mission at La Perouse in Sydney. The life of an indigenous kid on the urban fringes with memories from happy ones like hunting for bush tucker to her saddest Christmas ever.

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783567	Shackleton's endurance: An Antarctic survival story Grochowicz, Joanna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526092	7-9	In 1914, Shackleton set out to chart the Antarctic continent. It was a journey fraught with setbacks and challenges. The ship, Endurance, becomes locked in the ice and when it begins to sink the men are forced to make camp on the ice floes. These are unstable subject to cracking and separating. The crew must journey through perilous conditions to find safety and the security of land. Battling hunger, exhaustion and fluctuating weather conditions the crew finally make it to Elephant Island where the crew separate in the hope of bringing help to rescue them. But with WW1 raging this proves challenging. An inspiring journey of perseverance, hope and courage.
47694	Shadow Morpurgo, Michael & Birmingham, Christian (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2010	9780007339600	5-6	This story is based on two real life events. Never have Aman and his mother needed a friend more than when a Springer Spaniel appears, thin and war-ravaged, in the mouth of their Afghan cave. Nursed back to health by Aman, the dog becomes a constant companion, a shadow. But, as life in war-torn Afghanistan becomes more dangerous, Aman, his mother and Shadow embark upon the treacherous journey from Afghanistan to a relative's home in Manchester, England, where they hope to be safe.
3960	Shadow Waite, Judy	Walker Books	2002	9780744590050	7-9	Premonition is a band hoping to make it big but they need somewhere to practise. Tom suggests the old warehouse but Billy has a bad feeling about it. Tom is angry, thinking Billy is putting it on but, as anger grows, a shadow falls over the band.

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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...
3080	Shadow bright and burning, A Cluess, Jessica	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9780143784739	7-9	Henrietta can burst into flames. Forced to reveal her power to save a friend, she's shocked when, instead of being executed, she's invited to train as one of Her Majesty's royal sorcerers. Thrust into the glamour of Victorian London, Henrietta is declared the girl who will defeat the Ancients, bloodthirsty demons terrorising humanity. Her fellow trainees are handsome young men, eager to test her power and her heart. One will challenge her. One will fight for her. One will betray her. But Henrietta Howel is not the chosen one. As she plays a dangerous game of deception, she discovers the sorcerers have their own secrets to protect. With battle looming, how much will she risk to save the city - and the one she loves?
11454	Shadow brumby, The Lester, Alison & Harvey, Roland (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2007	9781741148909	3-4	Best friends, Bonnie and Sam, love horses. They ride nearly every day and have the best adventures. Sometimes, in the mountains, Bonnnie and Sam catch a glimpse of the wild bush horses, the brumbies.
12374	Shadow dog, The Hill, Anthony	Penguin	2003	9780670041138	7-9	From the moment Sebastian is rescued as an abandoned pup, this passionate, feisty dog proves irresistible, even when he fails Obedience School. The story of the mutual devotion of a boy and his dog.

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4207	Shadow forest Haig, Matt	Corgi Books	2007	9780552555630	5-6	A giant log falls from the sky on to his parents' car and changes forever the lives of Samuel Blink and his sister, Martha. Don't tell Samuel that he is going to be a hero because he doesn't know it yet. Don't tell him he is going to Norway to live with his aunt and uncle beside a mysterious forest into which his loved, little sister will disappear. Samuel doesn't know any of this and it might ruin the book if you tell him.
27475	Shadow of the fox Kagawa, Julie	Harlequin	2018	9781489267368	9plus	Every millennium, one age ends and another age dawns...and whoever holds the Scroll of a Thousand Prayers is able to call the great Dragon God from the sea and be granted one wish. The time is near and the pieces of the Scroll are desperately sought by those who would demand ultimate power. A humble, peasant girl holds the first scrap of the Scroll, a girl with a dangerous secret. Demons have burned Yumeko's home to the ground, killing the master who trained her to hide and use her kitsune shape-shifting powers. She escapes the temple and is thrust into the path of a mysterious samurai, Kage Tasumi of the Shadow Clan. Yumeko realises quickly that he is under orders to find the scroll she carries...and to kill anything or anyone in order to do so, but she needs his help. Will her tricky kitsune ways be enough to keep her safe? A wish will be granted and a new age will dawn. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
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.

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1433819	Shadow pony, The Wakeford, Olivia	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2026	9780008658618	5-6	Evan hates change, which is a big problem because the last few years have brought a lot of it. His family is split down the middle, and lately Grandad hasn't been himself. But Evan can always depend on best friend Okie Dokie, his lovable dog. When a school trip takes Evan to an old mine where Grandad used to work, things go disastrously wrong. Grandad refuses to talk to Evan about the mine, and especially about the poor pit ponies that worked down there in the dark. But Evan is desperate to know more about Grandad's past and if he can only find out what Grandad's hiding, the weird gulf between them will surely disappear. Can Evan uncover Grandad's secrets before they are lost forever?
15530	Shadow snake Svendsen, Mark	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2004	9780734406552	5-6	Pud, Cuppy and Skeeta must be real men enough to stay out camping, even after telling really wicked, snake stories. They may be taken by the mutant crocodile-man lurking in the dark shadows. Some coarse language in context.
1423978	Shadow thieves Burns, Peter	Farshore	2025	9780008667818	7-9	13-year-old Tom scrapes a living as a pick-pocket on the street of London until the day his friends are caught and sent to a brutal workhouse. Frantic to save them, Tom takes up an offer from the enigmatic Corsair to train at an elite boarding school for thieves. Tom is swept into the world of the Shadow League where his street smarts give him an edge - and make him dangerous enemies. But the more he learns about this place, the harder it is for him to leave and rescue his friends. Dark forces are at work. And Tom is the only one who knows it.
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.
657229	Shadowblack De Castell, Sebastien	Hot Key Books	2017	9781471406133	7-9	Four months after fleeing his own people, Kellen has discovered he's an even worse outlaw than he is a mage. It doesn't help that his only allies are a swaggering card player and a thieving squirrel cat. Then he meets Seneira, a blindfolded girl who isn't blind. Her secrets pull them into a conspiracy of magic, blackmail and murder.

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567935	Shadowcaster Williams Chima, Cinda	HarperCollins Australia	2017	9780062380982	9plus	A warrior princess risking her throne to end a lifelong war. A young enemy soldier questioning his role in a game of life and death. If they join forces under the shadow of a new threat, will they survive to lead the resistance? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
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.
76089	Shadows in the mirror Nunn, Cameron	Black Dog Books	2006	9781742030029	7-9	Set in Hamilton College, the story is presented through the eyes of David and follows his realisation that there are dark forces at work in his school. David befriends a newcomer, Simon, who doesn't fit in and faces bullying and intimidation. When David and Simon discover that bullying resulted in the death of a student a number of years earlier, they set out on a quest for justice.
349	Shadows of time Wrightson, Patricia	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1994	9780091829506	7-9	An orphaned girl and an outcast Aboriginal boy become involved in a spiritual journey at the time of European settlement in Australia.

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1023615	Shadows of truth Scholte, Astrid	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761068898	9plus	After their dramatic escape from Vardean prison, Cayder and his friends leap into the unknown, tumbling headlong out of Telene and into the strange and mysterious world beyond the veil. Leta - who grew up believing a world of dark fairytales existed on the other side of the veil - finds that the truth is more magical, and terrifying, than she could ever have imagined. And it's the worst possible place to discover your boyfriend has been mortally wounded. Meanwhile, Cayder and Elenora learn that both this world and their own are teetering on the brink of destruction. Still reeling from Elenora's betrayal, Cayder must overcome his feelings and work with her to prevent an apocalypse. They have to make it home, and to do so they will need the help of their old enemy, Dr Bueter - as well as old friends they thought were lost forever. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 or above.
12416	Shaedow master D'Ath, Justin	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2003	9781865087382	9plus	Treachery, betrayal, greed and racism played out in a mythical, fantastical, medieval kingdom. Ora must confront the King's terrible secret, related to the pervasive Quickwater Lake. A lake, black and deadly as night, that demands sacrifice. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
18655	Shaggy gully times, The French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2007	9780732284107	5-6	This week's edition of The Shaggy Gully Times, the punniest newspaper, is jam-packed with exciting news from a small town full of interesting animals we have met before, including barber, Pete the sheep, and Josephine, famous ballerina.
96461	Shake a leg Pryor, Boori Monty & Ormerod, Jan	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9781741758900	5-6	When three young boys go to a pizza parlour and meet an Aboriginal chef who can speak Italian and make a deadly pizza, they're in for a surprise, learning about aboriginal culture in a light-hearted and humorous manner with eye-catching graphic novel style illustrations.

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855820	Shakespeare for everyone Roberts, Emma & Tanat Jones, Sarah (ill)	Magic Cat Publishing	2022	9781913520465	7-9	'Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them.' William Shakespeare. Meet William Shakespeare and understand how he became the world's greatest playwright. This step-by-step journey through his plays and poetry makes the genius of his writing accessible to readers everywhere.
	Shakespeare original plays mature reads Various				7-9	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.
	Shakespeare original plays mature reads Various				9plus	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.
350	Shakespeare stealer, The Blackwood, Gary	Penguin	2000	9780141305950	7-9	Set in and around London in the mid 1600s, Widge is ordered by his master to go to the Globe Theatre and copy Shakespeare's Hamlet.
351	Shakespeare stories Garfield, Leon	Puffin Australia	1997	9780140389388	7-9	Twelve of William Shakespeare's most famous plays are presented in narrative form.
	Shakespeare stories series Matthews, Andrew & Ross, Tony (ill)				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1209776	Shakespeare's first folio: All the plays (Children's edition) Shakespeare, William & Chouhan, Dr. Anjna & Sutton, Emily	Walker Books	2024	9781529514421	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.
17835	Shakespeare: the most famous man in London Thompson, Tony	Black Dog Books	2009	9781742030708	9plus	London society supplied many inspirational ingredients for William Shakespeare, helping him become one of the greatest writers of the English language. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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943169	Shaking things up Hood, Susan & Strickland, Shandra (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780062741721	5-6	Meet fourteen revolutionary young women who, through their persistence and determination, sparked change in the world and paved the way for the next generation of female trailblazers and activists. Join this celebration of women-and, who knows, maybe you'll be inspired to shake things up one day too!
4340	Shallow in the deep end Tiwi College Alalinguwi Jarrakarlinga & Thomas, Jared	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781742762692	3-4	When a young girl on the Tiwi Islands asks her parents for a dog, the last thing she expects is a pet buffalo! This page-turner tells the story of an unlikely friendship between a dog and a water buffalo and all of the trouble they get themselves into.
	Shalott series Pulman, Felicity				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.
35609	Shaozhen Chim, Wai	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760113797	7-9	Shaozhen has no intention of staying in his remote and poor village in Henan and becoming a poor farmer. But when the worst drought in over sixty years threatens the entire village, he realises he must come up with a plan. And better yet, he needs the people of the village to support his plan if it is going to succeed!
12329	Shape game, The Browne, Anthony	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2004	9780552546966	5-6	A family reluctantly visits an art gallery but, one by one, each member is enthralled by a different picture in the gallery and transported into an imaginative and colourful world.
7151	Shape, The Bates, Dianne & Rippon, Sally (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2000	9781865083537	5-6	Julia's life is overshadowed by the death of her little sister. From her forbidden treehouse, Julia can see everything and she hides secret treasures there. In her house, there are secrets too but Julia can't figure them out by herself.
8014	Shapes at play Borando, Silvia	Walker Books	2016	9781406367331	K-2	Squares, triangles and circles - let's play. We might even make a brand-new shape.
35896	Shapes of Australia Bancroft,Bronwyn	Little Hare Books	2017	9781760129286	3-4	From boulders to bee hives, from mountains to coral, Bronwyn Bancroft explores the shapes that form our land.
24357	Shapes, reshape Borando, Silvia	Walker Books	2016	9781406367348	K-2	The shapes in this book get mixed up, moved around, and reshaped into all kinds of animals. See if you can guess the animal before the shapes reshape.

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581481	Shaping the fractured self: Poetry of chronic illness and pain Taylor Johnson, Heather (ED)	University of Western Australia Press	2017	9781742589312	9plus	Shaping the Fractured Self showcases twenty-eight of Australia's finest poets who happen to live with chronic illness and pain. The autobiographical short essays, in conjunction with the three poems from each of the poets, capture the body in trauma in its many and varied moods. Because those who live with chronic illness and pain experience shifts in their relationship to it on a yearly, monthly or daily basis, so do the words they use to describe it. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
76155	Share said the rooster Allen, Pamela	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780143501756	K-2	Five little stories about Billy and Ben. They will not share anything, whether it's a sticky bun, a pair of boots or an apple. But, when Billy and Ben go out in a rowing boat, they learn to share.
80973	Share-a-not, The Wallace, Adam & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	JoJo Publishing	2009	9780980518573	3-4	Share-a-Not wants it all and he wants it now. Everyone in town has just one pet rock but the Share-a-Not wants more. He goes on a stealing spree, taking rocks from everyone, even babies and old ladies. Finally, he steals from a young lad whose father decides enough is enough, and he works out a plan to show the Share-a-Not that he's got it all wrong.
29300	Shark and Lobster's amazing undersea adventure Schwarz, Viviane	Walker Books	2006	9781406305203	3-4	Shark and Lobster are frightened of tigers so they find a deep sea monster to protect them. But, the monster doesn't like being woken up and chases the duo all around the ocean. Shark and Lobster realise that maybe a tiger isn't so bad after all.
31141	Shark book: The fish with attitude Norman, Mark	Black Dog Books	2008	9781742030128	5-6	Sharks have been around since before the dinosaurs and there are more than 370 types of sharks in the world. Some are ferocious and others are just plain shy. Beautiful photographs and detailed information reveal the majesty of the shark and why many varieties are protected.

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779534	Shark caller, The Bethell, Zillah	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2021	9781474966849	5-6	Ever since a notorious shark took the lives of her parents, Blue Wing's ambition has been to become a Shark Caller like her guardian. It is a skill that she believes will help her get revenge. But instead, she has been asked to keep Maple, the daughter of a university professor who has come to her island, company while Maple's father searches the island for the answers to a secret he keeps close to himself. Once the two girls stop being angry at their situation, they begin to realise they have a great deal in common and become friends. However, as they begin to unravel the mystery of what brings Maple's father to the island, their friendship and bravery are really put to the test.
2347	Shark caller, The Wolfer, Dianne	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9780143780557	7-9	Fourteen year old Isabel is returning to her birthplace in Papua New Guinea. She's eager to see her family again but there's a tragic reason for the trip. Izzy's twin brother, Ray, has died in a freak diving accident. Things have changed since their last visit. Logging threatens the community's way of life and sharks no longer answer the ancestral song of the shark callers. The clan needs someone to undertake a traditional and perilous diving ritual. It must be a twin from the shark calling lineage. Izzy is the last twin.
9879	Shark girl Bingham, Kelly	Candlewick Press	2010	9780763646271	7-9	Everything changed after Jane went for a swim at the beach. Now, she is returning to school with her fake arm and the kids whisper about the shark girl and stare. Jane wonders why this happened and what it will mean for her, and her love of art.
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.
352	Sharon, keep your hair on Rubinstein, Gillian	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1996	9780091831608	5-6	This is an illustrated, rhyming book with modern language and scenarios in which Sharon is marrying Jase and moving into his shed which is not quite big enough. Jase has an interesting solution to the problem.

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652337	Shatter City Westerfeld, Scott	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760528256	9plus	Rafi's engagement party is the talk of the feeds. Her dress is spectacular and her fiance, Col Palafox, is charming. But Rafi and Col are both prisoners - with bomb collars around their necks. Surveillance dust records their every move, tracks every glance. And there will be deadly consequences if Rafi's father realises that it's Frey who stayed behind in Shreve, while Rafi escaped with the rebels. With help from the rebels, Frey and Col must try to reach the neighbouring city of Paz, where they hope to be safe. But Frey and Rafi's father has destructive plans even for the City of Peace. When the dust settles after the disaster he initiates, will Frey be able to find a way to survive? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
630902	She persisted around the world Clinton, Chelsea & Boiger, Alexandra (ill)	Penguin USA	2018	9780525516996	5-6	Women around the world have long dreamed big, even when they've been told their dreams didn't matter. They've spoken out, risen up and fought for what's right, even when they've been told to be quiet. Whether in science, the arts, sports or activism, women and girls throughout history have been determined to break barriers and change the status quo. They haven't let anyone get in their way and have helped us better understand our world and what's possible. In this companion book to 'She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World', Chelsea Clinton introduces readers to a group of thirteen incredible women who have shaped history all across the globe. 'She Persisted Around the World' is a book for everyone who has ever aimed high and been told to step down, for everyone who has ever raised their voice and been told to quiet down, and for everyone who has ever felt small, unimportant or unworthy.

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630877	She persisted: 13 American women who changed the world Clinton, Chelsea & Boiger, Alexandra (ill)	Penguin USA	2017	9781524741723	5-6	Throughout American history, there have always been women who have spoken out for what's right, even when they have to fight to be heard. In early 2017, Senator Elizabeth Warren's refusal to be silenced in the Senate inspired a spontaneous celebration of women who persevered in the face of adversity. In this book, Chelsea Clinton celebrates thirteen American women who helped shape our country through their tenacity, sometimes through speaking out, sometimes by staying seated, sometimes by captivating an audience. They all certainly persisted. 'She Persisted' is for everyone who has ever wanted to speak up but has been told to quiet down, for everyone who has ever tried to reach for the stars but was told to sit down, and for everyone who has ever been made to feel unworthy or unimportant or small.
647200	She'll be coming round the mountain Passchier, Anne (ill)	Child's Play International Ltd	2018	9781786281753	K-2	She'll be coming round the mountain, when she comes. Toot, Toot! How will she arrive next?
18436	She's all that: poems about girls Hollyer, Belinda	Kingfisher	2005	9780753411346	5-6	Diverse poems for girls bringing together some modern verse and some nostalgic classics. Moving and uplifting, these poems will help girls to find their place in the world.
1019716	Shearer McMullin, Neridah & Tomkins, Michael (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760653163	K-2	Jack Howe had hands the size of tennis racquets, legs like tree trunks and wrists made of steel. And in Queensland, in 1892, he set a hand blade shearing record that has never been beaten! An astounding true story, about the greatest shearer in the world!"
649021	Shearing time Marlow Paterson, Allison and McGrath, Shane (ill)	Big Sky Publishing	2017	9781925520095	3-4	Sunrise to sunset there are sheep with attitude, a shed of shearers, dogs with personality, motorbikes and a country kitchen to open the door on the life of a country kid.
40625	Sheep in wolves' clothing Kitamura, Satoshi	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842709078	3-4	Georgina, Hubert, and Gogol go to the beach for one last, carefree day of summer sun and surf. Once there, these innocent lambs get fleeced by some cagey characters who smooth talk them out of their fur coats. Enter Elliott Baa, Private Detective, who, together with the three cold and exhausted friends and some rugby-playing cats, set off to confront the villains in this action-packed and off-beat tale.

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55095	Sheep with boots Matter, Maritgen & Jutte, Jan (ill)	Gecko Press	2009	9781877467424	3-4	A hungry Wolf tricks Sheep into accompanying him on an adventure. Sheep has no idea what's really going on and he isn't the slightest bit afraid. Finally, Sheep thinks he has found a friend. But, remember, a wolf is a wolf and there is Sheep.
9201	Sheep-pig, The King-Smith, Dick	Puffin Australia	2003	9780141316000	5-6	A piglet becomes famous after being adopted and trained as a sheep dog.
3952	Sheila the heeler Clark, Margaret	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2000	9780733612121	3-4	Sheila the blue heeler is the smartest dog in town, so when her master Old Ben goes missing, she turns to the Aussie Angels. They are baffled until Mike discovers some old caves and an underground river that may unravel the mystery.
10065	Sherlock Bones Brecon, Connah	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734404732	3-4	Bones, the family dog, is very smart according to the son but the father doesn't agree, until he loses his car keys.
871653	Sherlock Bones and the art and science alliance Treml, Renee	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781761065729	3-4	Sherlock Bones, a tawny frogmouth skeleton and his sidekicks (a raccoon and a stuffed parrot) are on the case in the National History Museum to solve a new mystery. What is hissing and growling? Is the painting of the Hydra really haunted?
596777	Sherlock Bones and the natural history mystery Treml, Renee	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760523954	3-4	Sherlock Bones is the world's greatest detective and needs to journey through the Museum of Natural History to uncover the case of the missing blue diamond. Along the way, Sherlock Bones will encounter a chocolate-crazed raccoon, a stuffed parrot and a range of other memorable characters. Can Sherlock Bones uncover the mystery and save the day before it's too late?
15031	Shhh Willis, Jeanne & Ross, Tony (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2004	9781842703564	K-2	The little shrew believes that he has the secret to peace on earth. Although he tries to tell everyone, his tiny voice is lost in the clutter of day to day noise. Eventually, after much effort, people listen and take heed.
76509	Shhh little mouse Allen, Pamela	Penguin	2007	9780670070688	K-2	The little, grey mouse is hungry but he faces dire consequences if he wakes the sleeping cat.
1423960	Shibu's tail Thomas, Tess & Fong, Kamwei (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761182525	K-2	A tale about a tail and a cat with some very big feelings.
20294	Shield maiden Hill, Stuart	Bloomsbury	2016	9781472918628	7-9	No enemy may find this place; we hide it in mist and shadow...When King Alfred's great hall is destroyed by the Vikings, the king must flee with his family. But his daughter Aethelflaed knows that hiding in the marshes, far away from the battlefield, is the last thing she wants to do; can she fulfill her destiny and become a warrior princess, a shield maiden?
353	Shiloh Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Aladdin Publishing	2003	9780689862229	7-9	Shiloh, a beagle, is owned by a violent, angry man. Shiloh's rescue comes when Marty appears.

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17516	Shimmer Deans, Kathryn	Pan MacMillan	2005	9780330421744	7-9	Accompanied by a talking possum and a tracker gnome, Colin and Grieve set out on a mad-cap and thrilling adventure to rescue the Shimmer. It is part of the stone of creation and has been stolen by power-mad, completely evil fairies.
23699	Shine Mountain Hunt, Julie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760291501	7-9	Before her grandfather dies he shares a tiny concertina button box with the family. The box changes everything; crops die, flowers wilt, a drought spreads over the land and Oma, her grandma, becomes very ill. Ellie decides to get rid the box to save her grandmother. Her journey takes her with a horse and the family goat into the Gleam country. Ellie learns the truth about her gifts and her family.
3059	Shine: a story about saying goodbye Balla, Trace	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781743316344	K-2	A story about loss and the everlasting power of love.
751110	Shiny broken pieces Charaipotra, Sona & Clayton, Dhonielle	HarperCollins US	2020	9780008392819	9plus	June, Bette and Gigi have given their all to dance at New York's most elite ballet school. Now they are competing one final time for a spot at the prestigious American Ballet Company. With the stakes higher than ever, these girls have everything to lose... and even the nice girls are no longer playing nice. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
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.
25680	Ship breaker Bacigalupi, Paolo	Little, Brown & Co	2011	9780316056212	9plus	In a post-apocalyptic world, Nailer scavenges for copper wire by crawling into the wrecks of ancient oil tankers that line the beaches of America's Gulf Coast. It's dirty, dangerous work. After a hurricane, Nailer finds the wreck of a clipper ship, filled with valuable goods that could make him rich. Amid the wreckage, a girl clings to life and Nailer is her only hope. He must make a choice. Includes violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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	Ship kings series McGahan, Andrew				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.
846202	Ship of cloud and stars, The Raphael, Amy & Ermos, George (ill)	Hachette Australia	2022	9781510108417	3-4	Nico's parents are almost entirely uninterested in her longings to be a scientific explorer. As Nico follows a cat aboard a ship, she becomes an accidental stowaway and her adventures begin. Life on the high sea is not without its challenges but Nico is totally unprepared for the attention of a crew of pirates who also have their sights set on the Tree of Hope and will stop at nothing to get to it first.
9475	Ships and other sea craft Hawkes, Nigel	Franklin Watts	2003	9780749647285	3-4	Diagrams and cutaway artwork reveal how ships, sailing boats, jet skis and hydrofoils, in fact, everything from dinghies to ocean liners work. Even instructions on building your own sea craft.
89175	Ships in the field Gervay, Susanne & Pignataro, Anna (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2012	9781921665233	3-4	Every night, the little girl and her best friend, Brownie, wait for Papa to come home. Before their world changed, her Papa was a farmer but he now works long hours in a car factory. Her Mama was a teacher but she makes dresses all day long. Sundays are special, they're picnic days.
18625	Shirt front: a short and amazing history of Aussie Rules Hunt, Paula	Black Dog Books	2005	9781876372668	7-9	From the first bounce to a future timeline and everything in between, including the tallest, the shortest, the best and fairest, this book covers just about everything you would ever want to know about the game of Aussie Rules.
40086	Shiver Stiefvater, Maggie	Scholastic US	2009	9780545123266	7-9	Sam and Grace come together one Autumn having loved each other for years at a distance. Now they must fight to keep each other as Sam is drawn back to being a wolf.
50775	Shiverton Hall Fennell, Emerald	Bloomsbury	2013	9781408827789	7-9	Arthur has been unexpectedly offered a scholarship to attend Shiverton Hall, a school steeped in tales of curses and evil. He has his reasons for wanting a fresh start, but upon arriving at the school, with its hidden labyrinth and scares hiding in the shadows, he would rather return home.
1357342	Shmoof McKinnon, Heidi	Albert Street Books	2025	9781760876661	K-2	Shmoof moves into a new house where he meets Floof. Shmoof and Floof do not get along until the find something that have in common.

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7091	Shock 'em: Stories of the Big River Hawks Various & Heiss, Anita & Phillips, Sandra R.	Indigenous Literacy Foundation	2016	9780994465429	5-6	Shock 'em! is an expression used by the players of the Big River Hawks for when the football hits the opposing player hard and shocks them, and the title of a new book. Eight players have shared some of their stories of their love for football, their heroes and their special places. The stories are full of tension, drama, highs and lows - along with plenty of shock 'em moments - that characterise playing in the biggest game in the AFL annual calendar.
803715	Shockingly good stories Spratt, R A	Penguin Books Australia	2021	9781761043376	5-6	Piranhas on the run, stolen sandwiches, chocolate waterfalls and so much more! From R.A. Spratt, bestselling author of Friday Barnes, comes this collection of twenty short stories featuring fractured fairytales told by none other than Nanny Piggins, previously unpublished Friday Barnes mysteries and a bunch of other hilarious and highly original tall tales. This book will delight kids from seven to seventy, whether they're after a bedtime story, entertainment for a long car ride or distraction in the doctor's waiting room!
6787	Shoelaces are impossible! Allen, Ed & Eckstrom, Nathaniel (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760154950	K-2	I am NEVER going to be able to tie my shoelaces. It's IMPOSSIBLE! Caterpillar really wants to learn to tie his shoelaces so he can be a tap dancing star! Luckily, his bunny friend gives him all the steps to learn how to do it. You can learn too!
4385	Shoes from Grandpa Fox, Mem & Mullins, Patricia (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2008	9780868963723	K-2	When Grandpa decides to buy Jessie a new pair of shoes for winter, the rest of the family joins in to buy various items of clothing. Jessie doesn't want to be ungrateful but she really wants something else.
15157	Shoes news Grantford, Jacqui	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2004	9780734405159	5-6	A quirky history of shoes interwoven with historical events.

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677709	Shoestring: The boy who walks on air Hunt, Julie & Newman, David	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760297213	5-6	Twelve year old Shoestring, is leaving behind his life of crime and starting a new career with the Troupe of Marvels. He is their lead performer. With an invisible tightrope he has an act to die for. But trouble is brewing. The magical gloves that caused so much trouble for KidGlovz are back. When Shoestring is wearing the gloves it is easy for him to help himself to whatever he likes including other people's hopes and dreams. But when he steals his best friend's mind, he's at risk of losing all he values most.
12295	Shoo cat Bone, Ian	Omnibus Books	2003	9781862915312	K-2	There's a strange cat at the back door. He keeps trying to get into Matt's house. Matt must shoo the cat away, it doesn't live at his house.
587165	Shoo Grumpers shoo! Lawson, Josh & Knoll-Miller, Shelley (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742991955	K-2	When you find yourself with a grumper, or two, you need to tell those grumpers to shoo, for it's grumpers that bring out the grumpy in you. But how do you dump a bumper of grumpers? That's quite a stumper. So here is a lesson in just what to do.
18700	Shooting star, The Impey, Rose	Orchard Books	2005	9781843625605	5-6	Jelly Jackson and her netball team are the clear favourites to win the League Final when their competition is cancelled due to a council ban on competitive sports. They embark on a campaign to convince the community this is a mistake.
82334	Shooting the moon Jones, V M	HarperCollins NZ	2006	9781869506216	9plus	At fourteen, Pip's life is finally his own. His domineering dad is focusing on big brother, Nick, and Pip's climbing, his passion in life, is going one way up. Beneath the tranquil surface, however, currents are stirring. On the traditional McLeod first hunting trip, Pip faces a dramatic choice and discovers what it means to confront issues of life and death. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
4069	Shop at Hoopers Bend, The Rodda, Emily	HarperCollins Australia	2017	9781460753668	5-6	Eleven-year-old Jonquil Medway is a girl with more than an unusual name. Quil's parents died in a car accident when she was a baby and she now goes to boarding school. She spends her holidays with an aunt - or at camp, which is where Quil is heading when she decides to get off early at a train stop called Hoopers Bend. There is something magical about the shop at Hoopers Bend, and it draws Quil and Bailey into an unlikely friendship as they join to fight to save the shop from developers.

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10150	Shopping basket, The Burningham, John	Red Fox	2002	9780099899303	K-2	You can count on Steven as he goes to buy his six eggs, five bananas and four apples. He finds going to the shop to get his mother's order quite an adventure. He may not be able to get it all home safely and survive the trip himself.
15024	Shopping expedition, The Ahlberg, Allan & Amstutz, Andre (ill)	Walker Books	2005	9780744596847	K-2	A simple trip to the shops for groceries becomes an imaginative journey.
3973	Short Goldberg Sloan, Holly	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781743816516	5-6	Julia is very short for her age, but by the end of the summer she'll realise how big she is inside, where it counts. This is the summer she gets cast as a munchkin in a production of The Wizard of Oz. Through some new friendships, and her turn in the spotlight, she finds that she may not be as tall as everyone else, but she more than deserves to hold her head high.
22815	Short Wilkinson, Lili (ed)	Black Dog Books	2008	9781742030340	7-9	A collection of short stories and poems in which to dip in and out. Some of Australia and New Zealand's best known writers and illustrators for children are featured as well as contributions from young people.
15160	Short and incredibly happy life of Riley, The Thompson, Colin & Lissiat, Amy (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734408068	5-6	Riley's life is short but happy as he revels in the moment and has no need of material possessions.
22754	Short and scary Tayleur, Karen (ed)	Black Dog Books	2010	9781742031330	7-9	A range of authors and illustrators, both well known or not, present stories, poems and illustrations on the huge range of things which scare them, from freaky fairies to technology taking over.
1341049	Short stories Borando, Silvia	Scribble Press	2025	9781761381560	K-2	Short Stories presents eleven encounters between unexpected animal pairings, each told with remarkable economy. From the unseen dangers of a hedgehog at a birthday party to the unexpected uses of a chameleon's colour-changing abilities, these bite-sized narratives showcase the art of storytelling at its most precise and playful. Silvia Borando's comic timing turns each page into a lesson in narrative craft. With just a few words and simple illustrations, she creates moments of surprise, irony, and pure delight.
798	Shot boom score Brown, Justin & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743313688	5-6	Sport loving Toby can't believe his luck when instead of being punished by his parents, they issue him with a sporting challenge. All he has to do is take 20 wickets in the cricket season and make 10 tries in rugby to earn the latest gamebox. But unfortunately the new boy at school seems to be blocking Toby all the way.

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5184	Shout out to the girls: a celebration of awesome Australian women Penguin Random House Australia	Penguin Books Australia	2018	9780143789420	5-6	Let's hear it for the Australian women who have shaped our history and are expanding our future! Shout-outs to 50 awesome Australian women with easy-to-read biographies of their incredible achievements. From Cathy Freeman to Turia Pitt, Edith Cowan to Julia Gillard, Mum Shirl to Vali Myers, plus rally car drivers, molecular biologists and more, this book is a celebration of women in all fields, from all walks of life, and from Australia's past and present.
13106	Shouting at the stars Belbin, David	Evans Bros	2008	9780237535230	7-9	Layla is a young singer who is just hitting the big time. But, with all of the excitement of her growing fame comes the eerie presence of an unknown heckler who begins to follow all her performances. She doesn't know who he is or why he's doing it. And, she just wants it to stop.
	Shoutykid series Mayle, Simon & Catlow, Nikalas (ill)				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.
12402	Show and tell Dawe, Bruce & McLean, Andrew (ill)	Penguin	2003	9780143300298	3-4	Six little, bilby babies go to school for 'show and tell' and escape. If Tommy didn't know all their personalities so well, the children in his class would never have been able to find them.
13918	Show day Matthews, Penny & McLean, Andrew (ill)	Omnibus Books	2012	9781862916890	K-2	It's Show Day and everyone has taken weeks to get ready. Now, the whole family and an assortment of animals are off to the country showgrounds for a day of fun and excitement.

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1124886	Shower land: Break the curse Amoore, Nat & Hart, James (ill)	Puffin Australia	2024	9781761342523	3-4	Felix is a 10 year old boy and finds his everyday life boring. He is fed up with his annoying younger brother, and his Dad is always yelling at him. He wishes he could get away from it all... When Felix jumps into the shower one morning when getting ready for school, something very amazing, astonishing and mind blowing happens. Imagine opening your eyes and finding yourself in a strange land, between two armies yelling, chickens flapping and you're wearing NO clothes. Will Felix escape the farmers pitchforks? Will he find some pants to wear? Will he ever find a way to get back home? A humourous younger reader novel filled with curses, dragons and smelly town fairs. Kids who like a not-so-serious read are going to adore this new series: Shower Land. Big text and brilliant pictures make it easy to navigate, and it is one I think reluctant readers will gravitate towards."
4427	Shrapnel Swindells, Robert	Corgi Books	2009	9780552559300	7-9	Gordon is growing up in World War II London. His older brother, Raymond, leaves home and becomes involved in secretive war work, or so he leads Gordon to believe. When Gordon finds a revolver hidden in his parent's house, he decides to track his brother down. But finding Raymond leads to much more than Gordon had bargained for as Raymond lures him into danger.
3969	Shrek: the novel Weiss, Ellen	Penguin	2001	9780141312491	5-6	A contemporary fairy tale of a monster from the swamp.
57789	Shrieking Violet Quay, Emma	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781741695694	K-2	Sometimes, having a younger sister is not much fun. Violet seems to interrupt or spoil everything. It is only when the older sister realises that things go better when the two sisters are not competing for attention, that family life is fun again.
9601	Shrimp, The Smith, Emily	Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group Inc	2001	9780552547352	3-4	Ben's new teacher has set school work in the summer holidays. Everyone in the class is horrified until they find that the projects are going to be judged by a famous TV wildlife presenter. Ben has a great idea for his project.
354	Shrinking of Treehorn, The Heide, Florence Parry & Gorey, Edward (ill)	Holiday House	1992	9780823401895	5-6	Treehorn has a problem. He is shrinking but his parents don't seem to notice.
10636	Shutting the chooks in Gleeson, Libby & James, Ann (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2003	9781863889858	K-2	A small boy has to feed the chooks and shut them up for the night. On this night, one of the chickens is missing and he must find it before the fox comes.

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15001	Shy little kitten, The Schurr, Cathleen & Tenggren, Gustaf (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2004	9780375828997	K-2	A shy, little kitten makes new animal friends.
44516	Shy Mala, The Stafford, Liliana & Zielinski, Sophia (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2006	9781921136931	3-4	In the central desert of Australia lives a small nocturnal marsupial group call Marla that inhabits the spinifex and hummock grasslands. Their numbers have declined since the 1990s due to habitat destruction and predation. Warla, the shy Marla, tells how the Warlpiri people rescued her and how she now lives in a safe environment.
6653	Sian, a new Australian Luckett, D	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781742990392	5-6	Sian is the unlucky, thirteenth child in a Welsh coalminer's family. Life is hard. Her mother died after giving birth to her and her father is grief-stricken. Sian's sister hatches a plan for a better life. It will involve a long ocean voyage but Sian is looking forward to a country where the sun shines and she can go to school, instead of picking coal scraps for pennies. The only problem is, no one must know about their journey.
355	Sick as: bloody moments in the history of medicine Jennings, Gael & Harvey, Roland	Roland Harvey Books	2000	9780949714688	7-9	Fascinating historical aspects of medicine presented in an unusual and exciting format.
639349	Sick bay Weetman, Nova	University of Queensland Press	2019	9780702260322	5-6	Having met in sick bay, Riley and Meg are intrigued by each other and little by little, as circumstances contrive to bring them together, become friends. Twelve year old Riley must choose between her popular group or the very unpopular Meg. There is a reason behind Meg's odd behaviour. She appears to be a loner, wears slippers and the same ratty t-shirt to school each day, spouts bookish quotes and carries a paper bag. On the surface, Riley appears cool and confident, hanging out with the popular girls and being noticed by the boys. Both girls are hiding secrets that unfold as the end of the year and graduation night looms.
38104	Sick day for Amos McGee, A Stead, Philip C & Stead, Erin E (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742377797	K-2	Friends come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. And, for Amos McGee, they're all sorts of species, too. Every day, Amos spends a little bit of time with each of his friends at the zoo, running races with the tortoise, keeping the shy penguin company and even reading bedtime stories to the owl. But, one day Amos is too sick to make it to the zoo.
356	Side by side Tucker, Alan	Scholastic Australia	1998	9781862913110	7-9	Investigates the relationship between Aboriginal people, British colonists and European missionaries.

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5120	Side by side in the beginning McMullin, N & Walters, Ainsley	One Day Hill Pty Ltd	2010	9780980794809	5-6	One hundred years ago, AFL football was quite different. Footy grounds were rough and muddy, and the game was characterised by long, passing kicks. Jumpers were canvas cotton vests, laced up the centre, and shorts were long and worn with long socks. Caps and hats were often worn. These were tough times of war and depression. But, from the very beginning, Collingwood Football Club wanted to win.
4275	Side by side shoulder to shoulder McMullin, N & Walters, Ainsley (ill)	One Day Hill Pty Ltd	2011	9780980794823	5-6	It's 1935 and Tom is off with Grandpa to watch his favourite team at footy training. As they walk through the gates of Victoria Park, his grandfather removes his black and white Collingwood scarf and gives it to Tom. This scarf has been passed down through generations of Collingwood supporters.
34592	Sidekicks, The Kostakis, Will	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9780143309031	9plus	The swimmer, the rebel and the nerd. Ryan, Harley and Miles live different lives, have different interests and keep different secrets. All they have in common is their shared, best friend, Isaac. They were his sidekicks. But, now, Isaac has gone. A mature and challenging book. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
903382	Sideways orbit of Evie Hart, The Kamaleddine, Samera	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9781460762653	5-6	Evie Hart likes rules. A lot. But as she embarks on her very last year of primary school, it feels like all the rules around her are being broken. When Evie's class starts learning about the Earth's place in the universe, it makes Evie think about her own place in the world and where she belongs. Which has her more worried than ever. When your mum writes a horoscope page for a living, it's hard not to think about what the future holds. Especially when she and the only dad Evie has ever known are acting like they're on different planets. But the more Evie learns about the sky and the stars, the more she learns that changes in the world can't always be controlled. And maybe that's not a bad thing.
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!

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61223	Siggy and Amber MacLeod, Doug	Puffin Australia	2009	9780143304388	9plus	Siggy learns the pitfalls of alcohol abuse and not considering the consequences before embarking on what looks like a good idea at the time. Growing up in a sleepy coastal town full of characters, with the girl he loves only a long bike ride away, Siggy is on a quest for the perfect girlfriend. He also has to survive the cool kids at school and build family ties with a mum, an arty sister and a potential stepfather. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
3979	Sign of the seahorse, The Base, Graeme	Puffin USA	1998	9780140563870	5-6	An aquatic, colourful gangster tale with a cautionary moral that greed is bad.
1259027	Signed sealed dead Murphy, Cynthia	Scholastic Australia	2024	9780702318528	7-9	After years living in Britain, Paige and her mum move to the small American town where Paige's dad is from. They find a big, though rundown, home waiting for them and some friendly townsfolk. Yet, the house has secrets which are revealed to Paige through handwritten letters in the mailbox. A serial killer ravaged the town 28 years ago and then disappeared. It seems that the house, the killer, and Paige have a connection!
	Significant people in Australia's history series Barrett, Rees				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.
903334	Silence that binds us, The Ho, Joanna	HarperCollins US	2022	9780063059344	9plus	Maybelline Chen isn't the Chinese Taiwanese American daughter her mother expects her to be. Her brother Danny, on the other hand, has just been admitted to Princeton University, but secretly struggles with depression, and when he dies by suicide, May's world is shattered. In the aftermath, racist accusations are hurled forcing May to challenge the ugly stereotypes. Who gets to tell our stories and who gets silenced? There are always consequences. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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4940	Silent invasion, The Bradley, James	Pan MacMillan	2017	9781743549896	9plus	It's 2027 and the human race is dying. Plants, animals and humans have been infected by spores from space and become part of a vast alien intelligence. When 16-year-old Callie discovers her little sister Gracie has been infected, she flees with Gracie to the Zone to avoid termination by the ruthless officers of Quarantine. What Callie finds in the Zone will alter her irrevocably, and send her on a journey to the stars and beyond. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
5728	Silent knight Clark, Margaret & Denton, Terry (ill)	Puffin Australia	2002	9780140372380	3-4	A bumbling, fearful medieval knight and an affable dragon, in search of his lost puff, band together to soothe each other's troubles. Their adventures are full of gentle humour.
579249	Silent one, The Cowley, Joy	Penguin	2001	9780141310619	5-6	When Jonasi was sent from the sea as a boy to grow up in an isolated Pacific Village, no one knew the unique gift he would reveal. Unable to hear or speak, Jonasi retreats to an underwater world where he develops a friendship with a rare white turtle. When the villagers turn their back on Jonasi and believe him and the turtle to be spirits of bad luck, Jonasi must find a way to save the turtle... and himself. A mysteriously moving story of a lonely boy and his strange destiny.
846204	Silent stars go by, The Nichols, Sally	Andersen Press Ltd	2020	9781839131134	7-9	When Margot's fiance, Harry, went missing in action, she found herself left with a secret which could ruin her life and her family's reputation. Three years later, Harry has returned. Can Margot deal with her devastating secret and reveal the truth to a man she still loves?
17448	Silk & venom Lasky, Kathryn & Knight, C G (photo)	Candlewick Press	2011	9780763642228	5-6	Love them or hate them, spiders are feared and misunderstood by many. Join Greta Binford, a biology professor and arachnologist, on a trek to the Caribbean in search of the elusive Loxosceles, a deadly recluse spider. The DNA in its venom may hold the answer to many scientific questions. Amazing photographs will get you up close and personal with many spiders.

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1380611	Silken thread, The Wang, Gabrielle	Penguin Books Australia	2025	9781761350740	5-6	A magical story of friendship forged over distance between two children, from very different worlds, who share a common experience of loss and a passion for a life where dreams can come true. Moonie lives in Melbourne and dreams of designing dresses for movie stars. Eight thousand kilometres away, on Chongming Island in China, peasant boy Little Dipper cares for the silkworms on his family's farm and hopes to learn English. On the day Moonie's beloved Ma Mi goes away, Little Dipper appears in her house. Before they can speak, he is whisked back home. Aided by a magical silk cocoon, Little Dipper's visits become a regular event and although neither knows how or why they are connected their bond grows each time. Will the silken threads of friendship be enough to help Moonie bring Ma Mi home, or to save Little Dipper from the troublesome ghosts who stand between him and his dream of learning English? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
516	Silly Billy Browne, Anthony	Walker Books	2006	9780744570175	K-2	Billy worries about everything including things that may never happen. His parents don't know the best way to help him but his grandmother offers him a special way to manage his worries.
12318	Silly birds Dreise, Gregg	Magabala Books	2014	9781922142993	K-2	Maliyan is a young eagle who makes his parents very proud. He always looks and listens, and everyone respects him. Then, he meets Wagun, the turkey, who is a 'wombah thigaraa', a silly bird. He's always talking, usually about himself. No one respects Wagun but Maliyan thinks he is fun. It's not long before Maliyan has become a bit of a wombah thigaraa himself.
12007	Silly galah Brian, Janeen & Johns, Cheryll (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2001	9781862914421	K-2	Witty verses, colourful illustrations and useful facts about seventeen, very different Australian animals combine to make this an entertaining and informative picture book.
571287	Silly Lily and the first day of kindergarten Robaard, Jedda	Bonnier Publishing Australia	2017	9781760405601	K-2	Lily is smart and adventurous and is not scared of anything! But Lily does not always understand new situations. Which means Lily is often in trouble. Today is her first day of kindergarten, and there is so much for Lily to discover! But a classroom and playground can be a bit confusing. And in her excitement, Lily forgets to pay attention to the rules! Luckily Lily is clever, too. She may sometimes be a bit naughty but in the end, she always does the right thing!

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5923	Silly squid: poems about the sea Brian, Janeen & Johns, Cheryll (ill)	Omnibus Books	2015	9781742990965	K-2	Find out about some clever Australian creatures found by the shore. In this collection of funny verse, each poem is accompanied by some facts about the animal and the illustrations are based on the colours and features of the environment in which each one lives.
28613	Silly Suzy goose Horacek, Petr	Walker Books	2007	9781406304589	K-2	In her quest for individuality, Suzy Goose reasons that it just might be better to be part of a flock for most of the time.
13787	Silly verse for kids Milligan, Spike	Puffin UK	1968	9780140303315	3-4	One of many Milligan classics, rich with his zany sense of humour and illustrated with his own quirky art.
769305	Silver Arrow, The Grossman, Lev	Bloomsbury	2020	9781526629418	5-6	When Kate is given a colossal steam train for her birthday, she can't believe her luck. After 11 years of waiting, adventure has finally found her! Soon the silver arrow is whisking Kate and her brother Tom to a magical station with passengers standing ready to board. From the porcupine to the pangolin each one is rare wonderful. But these animals have been waiting a very long time. Can Kate deliver them home before it's too late?
4274	Silver blade, The Gardner, Sally	Orion	2009	9781842555972	7-9	France is in the dark days of the guillotine where the innocent and guilty are killed daily. Yann and his compatriots rescue French aristocrats from the guillotine and get them safely away to England. Count Kalliovski, supposedly dead, is plotting Yann's death. Against this terrible background, Yann yearns for his love, Sidonie, whom he believes is safe in London.
2813	Silver buttons Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2013	9781406342246	K-2	At 9.59 on Thursday morning, Jodie draws a duck. Just as she is about to add one final silver button to the duck's boots, her little brother takes his first step. At this exact same moment, a man buys bread, a soldier leaves home and a baby is being born.
15395	Silver donkey, The Hartnett, Sonya	Viking Children's	2004	9780670042401	5-6	A blind soldier, who has deserted from the war, wants to return to England to see his brother before he dies. Two young girls befriend him. The soldier shares four stories about donkeys throughout history that have been brave, kind and trustworthy.

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21225	Silver hand, The Deary, Terry	Bloomsbury	2018	9781472961440	7-9	"We can't wait three days. There is a man coming to kill us." A Man with a silver hand. It's 1918 and the Great War is entering its final phase. In Northern France, young Aimee has just found out that her mother is part of a spy network working with the British. After reluctantly befriending Marius, a young German boy who has been left behind by his countrymen, she must try and help him get back behind German lines while they evade a traitor she helped to discover.
916567	Silver in the bone Bracken, Alexandra	Hachette Australia	2023	9781786541727	9plus	Tamsin Lark is a hollower. In search of treasure, she breaks into the ancient crypts of dark sorceresses. Now, rumours are swirling about a powerful ring from Arthurian legend, a ring that could free her brother, Cabell, from a curse. But they aren't the only ones who covet it... Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1017918	Silver linings Nannestad, Katrina	ABC Books	2023	9780733342257	5-6	Nettie Sweeney is the youngest in her family and wishes they had a Mum. When her new Mum finally arrives, it seems like the Sweeney family have it made. But tragedy strikes and nothing will ever be the same again: Nettie attempts to help fix things but will her actions lead to disaster? LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Katrina Nannestad read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#silver-linings-katrina-nannestad
2240	Silver people: A tale from the Panama Canal Engle, Margarita	University of Queensland Press	2014	9780702253294	7-9	One hundred years ago, the world celebrated the opening of the Panama Canal, connecting the world's two largest oceans. Creating a path of water where a mountain had stood is one of the largest and most difficult engineering projects ever undertaken. But, thousands lost their lives, and those who survived worked under the harshest conditions for only a few silver coins a day.

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886455	Silver sea, The Murrell, Belinda	Penguin	2022	9781761045554	5-6	Who do you trust if you have been told to trust no one? Sophie returns to the magical land of Tuscia and is instantly thrown into danger - Nanna and Caterina Rossellana have been kidnapped. To save them, Sophie and Nicco must team up with a theater troupe who are performing for the Mago in the city across the Silver Sea. Can Sophie unravel the political intrigues of Venetto and save the grandmothers? Or will she fall foul of the evil Mago and be thrown into the dungeons to be eaten by the Mostro of the Dark Waters?
	Silver shoes 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.
357	Silver sword, The Serraillier, Ian	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2003	9780099439493	7-9	The night the Nazis come to take their mother away, three children escape in a terrifying scramble across the rooftops. In the chaos of Warsaw, they have to learn to survive on their own. Their father's paperknife becomes their symbol of hope.
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?

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	Silvermay trilogy series Moloney, James				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.
15158	Silverskin Kuchling, Guundie	University of Western Australia Press	2002	9781876268633	K-2	Silverskin is different from her brothers and sisters but she comes to discover herself and her own talents. Beautiful end papers and great illustrations that give extra information about Australian animals.
2156	Simple things, The Condon, Bill & Norling, Beth (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743317242	5-6	Stephen is not keen to meet his great aunt Lola, who is turning eighty. He discovers she is not only very old but also grumpy and scary. When Stephen meets an unexpected friend, Allie, he shares the simple things in life, like fishing, cricket and climbing trees. A medical emergency with aunt Lola leads to a secret being revealed and Stephen wondering if he has also made another new friend, aunt Lola.
12440	Simpson and Duffy Small, Mary & Kasepuu, Ester (ill)	ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee QLD Incorporated	2001	9780957795747	5-6	This is one of the many stories about Simpson and his donkey which has been especially written and illustrated for younger readers.
33750	Simpson and his donkey Greenwood, Mark & Lessac, Frane (ill)	Walker Books	2008	9781921150180	3-4	A poignant account of the story of John Simpson Kirkpatrick and how he and his donkey, Duffy, rescued over 300 men during the campaign at Gallipoli. The book includes a brief biography of the man, details of his work at Gallipoli as well as the little known story of how, without realising, he rescued his childhood friend.
4231	Sing a rebel song Rushby, Pamela	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781742991344	7-9	Twelve year old Maggie McAllister and her family are caught up in one of the most dramatic events in Australia's history, the Shearers' Strike. In 1891, trouble erupted between the Shearers' Union, the pastoralists and the government. Through her writing, Maggie plays her part in the Union's struggle although her friends do not see things the same way. Singing a rebel song may have heartbreaking consequences for Maggie.
790532	Sing me the summer Godwin, Jane & Lester, Alison	Affirm Press	2020	9781925972924	K-2	Splash into summer with this glorious love letter to the seasons.

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14264	Sing, Pepi, sing Storer, Jen & Gordon, Gus (ill)	Puffin Australia	2006	9780143302636	3-4	Following a lightning strike, an axolotl shocks his poor restaurant owners by singing. A ruthless loan shark requires self-sacrifice and creates the need for a daring marine rescue. A humorous story with a strong Mexican flavour and good values.
7055	Singing bones, The Tan, Shaun & Pullman, Philip (foreword) & Zipes, Jack (intro)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760111038	7-9	Seventy five fairy tales by the Brothers Grimm are wonderfully evoked by Shaun Tan's extraordinary sculptural works. Wicked stepsisters, greedy kings, honourable peasants, ruthless witches, and tales of love, betrayal and magical transformation provide the inspiration for the stunning sculptural works.
11353	Singing for Mrs Pettigrew, a story-maker's journey Morpurgo, Michael	Walker Books	2006	9781406300765	7-9	A number of Michael Morpurgo's beautifully written short stories, each one preceded by insights from the author relating to the background of the story and how he came to write it.
4008	Singing hat, The Riddle, Tohby	Puffin Australia	2002	9780141313207	5-6	When a bird makes its nest on Colin Jenkin's head, his gentle and courteous acceptance redefines his life.
593315	Singing seal, The Lamington, Merv & Langton, Allison (ill)	Affirm Press	2018	9781925584868	K-2	Meet Florence, a flamboyant fur seal who lives on the steps of the Sydney Opera House. Unlike the other seals, Florence has plans. Big plans. She's going to be a world-famous singer. But does Florence have what it takes to become a real SEALPRANO?
29957	Single shard, A Park, Linda Sue	University of Queensland Press	2012	9780702239373	5-6	Tree-ear has a dream. He has watched the master potter, Min, take a lump of clay and shape it into a thing of beauty. Tree-ear wants to perform the miracle too. But, an orphan like Tree-ear can't just walk up to a master potter and ask him to teach his craft. Tree-ear must prove he is worthy so he asks if he can work for him, without pay. Tree-ear has taken his first step but realising a dream can be very hard.
4987	Single stone, A McKinlay, Meg	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9781925081701	7-9	Jena's life as leader of the line, gathering mica from deep inside the mountain, is hard. But, it is all she knows, accepting everything that her community leaders tell her. After an unfortunate accident, Jena discovers a small polished stone, which brings forth buried memories from her past. These memories disrupt everything and everyone around her.

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942535	Sinister booksellers of Bath, The Nix, Garth	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180002	9plus	The discovery of a sorcerous map leads left-handed bookseller Merlin into great danger, requiring a desperate rescue attempt from his sister, the right handed bookseller Vivian, and art student Susan Arkshaw who is still struggling to deal with her own recently discovered magical heritage. The map takes the trio out of this world to a place maintained by deadly sorcery and guarded by monstrous living statues. To unravel the secrets of a murderous Ancient Sovereign, the booksellers must investigate centuries of disappearances and deaths.
1380627	Sinister summer: Camp creepy White, Kiersten	Delacorte Press	2023	9780593650264	5-6	Twins Theo and Alexander and their sister Will are in the middle of a mystery, when at Camp Creepy they realise things are oddly weird and that something bigger is going on. Quincy is not the same and Alexander is stuck in the tie dye cabin workshop where all the participants including Alexander change into different personalities under Dr Jay. Can Theo get them back to normal whatever that is!
1380634	Sinister summer: Menacing manor White, Kiersten	Random House Children's Books	2023	9780593570043	5-6	Weird and strange continues as the friends trundle along towards Science Camp at Stein Manor. Below a thrashing ocean and deep caves giving a rather threatening feeling to this week long day camp.Discovering that their parents attended this camp with Victor Stein in their youth deepens the mystery of their disappearance and the place is as unsettling as well as exciting as the storm erupting around them. Will they be safe as they delve into the fascinating science ? Alexander is happy about the three meals and uneasy about the rest, Mr Frank and other eerie characters.
1920	Sink the gizmo Jennings, Paul	Penguin	1997	9780140381481	3-4	Cal and Ricky take time off from school and 'borrow' a boat but the gizmo on the boat turns everything to water when Cal looks at it. Cal is in trouble if he can't find a way to stop it.
31862	Sir Katherine Brooksbank, Anne	Puffin Australia	2007	9780143302841	5-6	When Katherine's parents die of the plague, her grandmother decides it would be safer to raise her as a boy. Little do they know that 'Kit' will be made a knight of King Arthur's court and sent on a dangerous quest to rescue one of the Queen's maidens from a dragon.

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11389	Sisi and the cassowary Meeks, Arone Raymond	Scholastic Australia	2005	9781865045252	3-4	Sisi slips away from her mother and sisters to catch a tortoise in the waterhole. She surfaces from a deep dive and realises she is lost. A boy offers to help, then disappears. It is both mysterious and worrying for Sisi who is not sure she'll get back.
15159	Sister chick McDonald, Meme	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2002	9781865089867	5-6	The journey of a curlew in its migration from Siberia to Australia and a journey of a child from silence to speech.
6190	Sister heart Morgan, Sally	Fremantle Press	2015	9781925163131	7-9	Annie, young Aboriginal girl, is taken from her family in the north of Australia and sent to an institution in the distant south. Away from everything she knows and everyone she loves, Annie must make a new life in a strange world. A sister-friend brings fresh hope.
9243	Sister Madge's book of nuns MacLeod, Doug & Smith, Craig (ill)	Omnibus Books	2002	9781862910577	5-6	An hilarious and irreverent account of convent life, told in cheeky verse.
803518	Sister of the Bollywood bride Bajpai, Nandini	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526825	7-9	Mini's big sister is getting married. Their mom passed away seven years ago and between Dad's new start-up and Vinnie's medical residency, there's no one but Mini to plan the wedding. Dad raised her to know more about computers, calculus and cars than Desi weddings but from the moment Mini held the jewelry Mom left them, she wanted her sister to have the wedding Mom would've planned. Now Mini has only two months to get it done and she's not going to let anything distract her, not even the persistent, mysterious and smoking-hot Vir Mirchandani. Flower garlands, decorations, music, even a white wedding horse - everything is in place. That is, until a monster cyclone heads for Boston that could ruin everything. Will Mini come through as sister of the bride and save the day?
846122	Sister secrets Campbell, Cate & Campbell, Bronte	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760525910	7-9	Follow the highs and lows of Cate and Bronte Campbell's long journey towards Olympic glory. Gain insight into their motivation, mental toughness, and the balance between life and elite-level swimming.

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3928	Sisters Telgemeier, Raina	Graphix	2014	9780545540605	5-6	Raina can't wait to be a big sister. But, once Amara is born, things aren't quite what she expected. Amara is cute but she's also a cranky baby, who mostly prefers to play by herself. Over the years, their relationship doesn't improve much. When a baby brother enters the picture and something doesn't seem right between their parents, Raina and Amara realise they must work out how to get along. They are sisters, after all.
	Sisters Grimm series Buckley, Michael & Ferguson, Peter (ill)				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.
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.
903302	Sisters of the snake Nanua, Sasha & Sarena	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780062985606	7-9	Princess Rani longs for a chance to escape her gilded cage and prove herself. Ria is a street urchin, stealing just to keep herself alive. When these two lives collide, everything turns on its head: because Ria and Rani, orphan and royal, are unmistakably identical. A deal is struck to switch places -- but danger lurks in both worlds, and to save their home, thief and princess must work together. Or watch it all fall into ruin.

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587805	Sisters Saint-Claire and the royal mouse ball, The Gibson, Carlie & Ainslie, Tamsin (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760523640	K-2	Queen Julie S. Cheeser has invited the entire village to her glamorous Royal Ball, but with nothing to wear, what are the villagers to do? Luckily, the Sisters Saint-Claire have a thrifty idea, or two!
8816	Sisters Saint-Claire, The Gibson, Carlie & Ainslie, Tamsin (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760291563	K-2	This is the tale of the five sisters Saint-Claire. There's Harriet, Violet, Beatrice, Minette and, we must not forget, little Cecile. Five gourmand mouse sisters go to market. The youngest sister, Cecile, sets up her very own delicious pie stall, with food fit for a queen.
660791	Sit, stay, love Howard, J J	Scholastic Australia	2016	9780545861571	5-6	Cecilia Murray has been wishing for a dog for as long as she can remember. And when a cute pug named Potato is brought in to Orphan Paws, the shelter where she volunteers, she knows he is the dog she's been waiting for. There's just one problem: Eric Chung, a popular, arrogant boy from school, adopts Potato first. What's worse, he hopes to train the little tater to become a show-dog superstar. Cecilia knows that Potato is not cut out for a life of sparkly collars and snobby judges, so she sets out to sabotage Eric's plans. But the more time Cecilia spends with Potato and Eric, the more she questions everything she thought she knew about dog shows... and a certain cute show-dog trainer. Can Cecilia save Potato while also listening to her heart?
751062	Six angry girls Kisner, Adrienne	St Martin's	2020	9781250253422	9plus	Raina Petree is crushing her senior year, until her boyfriend dumps her, the drama club (basically) dumps her, the college of her dreams slips away, and her arch-nemesis triumphs. Things aren't much better for Millie Goodwin. Her father treats her like a servant, and the all-boy Mock Trial team votes her out, even after she spent the last three years helping to build its success. But then, an advice columnist unexpectedly helps Raina find new purpose in a pair of knitting needles and a politically active local yarn store. This leads to an unlikely meeting in the girls' bathroom, where Raina inspires Millie to start a rival team. The two join together and recruit four other angry girls to not only take on Mock Trial, but to smash the patriarchy in the process.

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803554	Six crimson cranes Lim, Elizabeth	Hachette Australia	2021	9781529356755	7-9	Shiori, the only princess of Kiata, does not want to marry an oafish lord from the North whom she has never met, just because her father wills it. Distraught on the morning of her betrothal ceremony she loses control and accidentally reveals the forbidden magic that coursing through her veins which catches the attention of her stepmother Raikama, a sorceress in her own right. Raikama banishes Shiori and turns her six brothers into cranes warning that she should speak of this to no-one; for every word that escapes her lips one of her brothers will die. Penniless, voiceless and alone, Shiori searches for her brothers and uncovers a dark plot to seize her father's throne.
4017	Six dinner Sid Moore, Inga	Simon & Schuster	1990	9780750002974	K-2	Sid has six owners, lives in six houses and has six dinners a day. Each owner doesn't know about the others and life for Sid is just about perfect.
582934	Six dots: A story of young Louis Braille Bryant, Jen & Kulikov, Boris (ill)	Penguin Random House Australia	2016	9780449813379	3-4	Louis wanted to read. But there were no books for blind children. And so he invented an alphabet that he could read by touch. Each letter was formed from just six raised dots. Now the world of books was at his fingertips.
69153	Six impossible things Wood, Fiona	Pan MacMillan	2010	9780330426060	7-9	Fourteen year old Dan Cereill is not quite coping with moving house, new school hell, a mother with a failing wedding cake business, a just-out gay dad and an impossible crush on Estelle, the girl next door. His life is a mess but, for now, he's narrowed it down to just six things to achieve. Dan thinks they may be impossible.
567309	Six of crows Bardugo, Leigh	Hachette Children's Books	2015	9781780622286	9plus	Kaz, Inej, Jesper, Wylan, Mathias and Nina are an unlikely band of misfits who agree to take on a ridiculously impossible mission. Their journey is gripping and filled with unexpected twists and turns. Can they achieve the impossible? Will they make it out alive? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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1141346	Six summers of Tash and Leopold Binks, Danielle	Hachette Australia	2024	9780734421890	5-6	Leopold and Alytash - Leo and Tash - are neighbours who used to be best friends, but aren't anymore, for reasons that Leo doesn't entirely understand. But now it's the last week of Year Six and Tash is standing in Leo's front yard with a misdelivered letter - and a favour to ask. It's a request that will set off a chain of events in their little crescent in Noble Park, a suburb that is changing, and fast. In the process of solving an unfolding neighbourhood mystery and helping Ms Shepparson, a reclusive neighbour with a tragic past, Leo and Tash each have to confront fault-lines in their own recent histories and families. They will discover that friendships can grow and change, that bravery takes many forms, and that, most of all - whatever the future holds - friends and family are what matter. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Danielle Binks read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#six-summers-of-tash-and-leopold-danielle-binks
13853	Sixth Grade style queen (not) Clark, Sherryl & Christian, Elissa (ill)	Puffin Australia	2007	9780143303008	7-9	Dawn knows that she is not popular at school and is not a style queen. While she acknowledges that style queens are the popular ones at school, she has nothing in common with them. Dawn is having problems dealing with things at home too and wonders how she'll be able to sort out her problems.
358	Sixth worry doll, The Dwyer, Christina	Scholastic Australia	1997	9781863887465	5-6	A story reflecting the experience of immigration.
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!

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9290	Skateboarding Herran, Joe & Thomas, Ron	Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd	2003	9780732979041	5-6	A book for skateboarding enthusiasts.
8768	Skateboarding: extreme sports Powell, Ben	Raintree	2003	9781844430918	5-6	One of a series of books about extreme sports. With action photographs, diagrams and a glossary of terms, this book shows you the techniques of skateboarding, the equipment and the right gear to wear.
359	Skating on sand Gleeson, Libby	Penguin	1995	9780140371611	5-6	Being the youngest of three girls, Hannah often feels left out, especially when she so desperately wants to learn how to skate.
360	Skellig Almond, David	Hodder & Stoughton	1999	9780340716007	7-9	Michael and Mina care for an extraordinary being when it seems to have given up on life.
15397	Skellig: the play Almond, David	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2003	9780340854334	7-9	In the dark and derelict garage, Michael discovers a strange creature. His life is in turmoil with his baby's illness and his new found friendship with 'a girl'. The strange creature affects his life. Michael wonders if it could possibly be an angel.
1366503	Skin Deborah, Kelly	Rhiza Press	2025	9781761112454	7-9	When a tiny freckle on Lexie Collinss cheek turns out to be a rare kind of melanoma that requires surgery, she is left with a big, ugly scar across one cheek. She had just earned a spot in the state finals for public speaking, but with the scar, her confidence has vanished. She doesnt even recognise herself anymore. Mum and Dad keep reminding Lexie how lucky she is that she didnt need further treatment. But Lexie doesnt feel lucky at all. She suddenly feels ugly, unsure of herself and different from all her friends. She doesnt want to be seen, let alone speak, n public ever again. But when a chance encounter turns into an unexpected friendship, Lexie's feelings about her scar and herself slowly begin to change.
837031	Skin deep Lawrence, Hayley	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781760976446	7-9	This inspirational story follows Scarlett who is burnt 40% of her body in a fire. It follows Scarlett's journey of self acceptance and self love and highlights. It is not always the end journey that is important it is how you get to the end that matters.

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1151292	Skin I'm in, The Tisdell, Steph	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781760984977	9plus	A feisty, funny and poignant novel - about being 17; being Indigenous and navigating high school, cultural and personal expectations and responsibility. Layla is in her final year of school. It's the last year to make sure that the next major phase of her life begins correctly because she's got big plans. All Layla wants to do is fit in and be a normal teenager but when her troubled cousin Marley comes to stay, he unwittingly challenges everything she thought she was. Plus her best friend Amy has a new best friend, she's trying to work out what it means to be Indigenous, and she's falling in love. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
47235	Skinful of shadows, A Hardinge, Frances	Pan MacMillan	2017	9781509869305	9plus	Makepeace Lightfoot lives during harsh times. During the English Civil War she has to travel to live with her paternal family after the death of her mother. Makepeace has inherited more than most from her father's family. She has to learn to defend herself from ghosts. The struggle to make a life for herself in 17th century England with strict religious rules could be the hardest struggle of all. Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 and above.
	Skinny mysteries series Ball, Duncan & David, Mark (ill)				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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1433928	Skipping to Sammy's beat Vass, Coral & Fielden, Blithe	New Frontier Publishing	2026	9781923331020	K-2	Sammy loves to splash in puddles, dangle from trees, look for ladybirds and skip and dance down the path to her very own beat. TAP, DA-DUM, TAP, TAP, DA-DUM! But when Sammy turns five, she feels silly wearing her tutu and gumboots, and so she stops dancing altogether. Eventually, Sammy cannot hear her beat any more - the very beat that makes her special. How does Sammy find her beat again?
1238832	Skippy Blackfeet Fraser, Rebecca & Horn, Jennifer (ill)	Wombat Books	2025	9781761111662	3-4	'Skippy Blackfeet lives behind the cemetery walls. He's often hungry and lonely... but safe. When May finds Skippy Blackfeet and brings him home, their adventures begins. For starters they need to win May's dad over. Then there's the fierce neighbourhood dog, birthday party bungles, tumultuous trips to town, fireworks and thunderstorms, and everything in between! But Skippy Blackfeet and May go together like milk and sardines, and together they can face any challenge. Three stories in one collection of a loving cat and his best friend May.s
1356338	Skipshock O'Donoghue, Caroline	Walker Books	2025	9781529520927	9plus	: Margo is on a train to a new boarding school when she slips into another dimension, passing from the height of Irish summer into the chill of an alien winter, from a 24-hour day to one that begins and ends in just six hours. From a stranger on the train - a travelling salesman by the name of Moon - she learns that New Davia is part of a world scarred by uprisings, travel bans and world sealings. Power is determined by time - who has it, who doesn't, and who has the freedom to travel between time zones. Can Margo find a way to get back home - or will she choose to stay in a world where her teenagehood is slipping away faster than ever before, but where she may have found the only person with whom she would choose to spend eternity? A dazzlingly inventive sci-fi fantasy romance. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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	Skoz the dog series Daddo, Andrew & Rossell, Judith (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.
	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.
120068	Skull alphabet book, The Pallotta, Jerry & Masiello, Ralph (ill)	Charlesbridge Publishing	2002	9780881069150	5-6	To call it an alphabet book is really misleading. It is a science book and a remarkable study of mammal skulls. For each letter of the alphabet, the reader has to identify, by learning functions of facial bones and teeth, the skull of the mammal.
1019869	Skull, The Klassen, Jon	Walker Books	2023	9781529509571	5-6	Otilla is on the run from something unnamed but formidable. The night is cold and dark, but just as she begins to lose her resolve a very large and very old house appears in the forest. The house appears abandoned except for a skull offering shelter but maybe not safety.
751082	Skunk and Badger Timberlake, Amy & Klassen, Jon (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760525484	5-6	Skunk is Badger's new roommate. Badger who prefers to be left alone doing his Important Rock Work suddenly has his world upended by potato rockets and chickens when Skunk moves in. They say opposites attract but will Badger and Skunk find a way to overcome their differences?
821	Skunk with no funk, The Young, Rebecca & Rudge, Leila (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2014	9781922179012	K-2	Woody is not what his family expected. He is a failure, a flop, an odourless plop.
5702	Skunk, The Barnett, Mac & McDonald, Patrick (ill)	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2015	9781760067823	3-4	Leaving his home one day, a bespectacled, tuxedo-clad man discovers a small skunk sitting on his doorstep. When the man finds the skunk following him, the unlikely pair embark on an increasingly frantic chase through the city, from the streets to the opera house to the fairground. It's not clear what the skunk wants. When the man escapes the creature by moving house, maybe he is missing something.

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4802	Sky Sherman, Ondine	The Author People	2017	9781925399189	9plus	Friendship can be found in the unlikeliest of places. After her mother's death, Sky leaves her city life to move in with her aunt and uncle in a small Australian town. Life in a new place isn't easy, and Sky finds comfort in the friendship of a stray dog she meets along the way. But her new friends at school are another story, and as Sky struggles to fit in, she finds herself doing things that go against everything she believes in. When Sky stumbles on a case of animal cruelty, she is forced to question what's really important to her and who she wants to be. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
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.
22429	Sky dreamer, The Morgan, Anne & Eimann, Celine (ill)	IP (Interactive Publications Pty Ltd)	2011	9781921479977	3-4	When Liam's sister dies, his world turns grey. He spends hours watching clouds crossing the wintry skies, hoping that Cassie is out there somewhere.
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.

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1211911	Sky is everywhere, The Nelson, Jandy	Walker Books	2024	9781529525618	9plus	After her older sister Bailey's sudden death, 17 year old Lennie finds herself all alone and adrift in her grief. Only Toby, Bailey's boyfriend, shares her grief and seems to understand how she is feeling. But then a new boy arrives in town. Joe is a musical genius and seems to glow with life. Each boy offers Lennie something she desperately needs, but if the two of them collide her whole world will explode. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, and above.
73761	Sky so heavy, The Zorn, Claire	University of Queensland Press	2013	9780702249761	9plus	It's not like any other day because on the other side of the world, nuclear missiles are detonated. When Fin wakes in his home in the Blue Mountains the next morning, it is dark, cold and snowing. There is no internet, no phone, no power and no parents. As the outage continues for days and then weeks, Fin and his brother struggle to survive and grow desperate. Contains mature themes and some language in context. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
17864	Sky village, The Ashland, Monk & Nigel & Nentrup, Jeff (ill)	Candlewick Press	2008	9780763635244	9plus	In a future where wild beasts, humans and mechanical beings battle for control, two children, Mei and Rom, on opposite sides of the earth, connect through a mysterious journal that comes alive to reveal a powerful primal force and a frightening destiny. Mei and Rom must work together to overcome evil. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
774238	SkyWake invasion Russell, Jamie	Walker Books	2021	9781406397512	5-6	When gaming obsessed Casey Henderson - aka CASEY_FLOW - is invited to attend an international gaming tournament, she is torn by the fact that this would mean her true female identity would be revealed to her team mates and her desire to play the game she loves. This becomes an insignificant drama when the world is turned upside down by a tournament turned alien invasion.

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837330	Skyward Sanderson, Brandon	Orion	2018	9781473217850	9plus	Defeated, crushed, and driven almost to extinction, the remnants of the human race are trapped on a planet that is constantly attacked by mysterious alien starfighters. Spensa, a teenage girl living among them, longs to be a pilot. When she discovers the wreckage of an ancient ship, she realizes this dream might be possible - assuming she can repair the ship, navigate flight school, and (perhaps most importantly) persuade the strange machine to help her. Because this ship, uniquely, appears to have a soul. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
687424	Slam your poetry Merrill, Miles & Nozica, Narcisa	NewSouth Publishing	2020	9781742236094	9plus	No props. No music. No costumes. Just you, your words and a mic-you've got two minutes to make the crowd scream your name. Miles Merrill, spoken word artist and founder of Australian Poetry Slam, and award-winning teacher Narcisa Nozica will take you from novice to spoken word superstar in no time. Twenty years after Merrill introduced poetry slams to Australia, there's a national competition with a live audience of 20,000 people! With tips from stars of the Australian poetry slam scene, including bestselling author Maxine Beneba Clarke, this book will inspire you to slam your own poetry, Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
3749	Slave girl Moses, Alexa	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2012	9780732294984	7-9	Exchange student Jenna has managed to get an appointment at New York's coolest hair salon, but when her teacher insists she stays at the boring Metropolitan Museum she stumbles into ancient Egypt.
21179	Sleep Prendergast, Kate	Old Barn Books	2018	9781910646229	K-2	From cats and dogs to bears and tigers - how does the animal kingdom sleep? Discover a world of curious sleeping habits in this fact-based picture book for young nature lovers.
903337	Sleep through the night Stephen, Byll & Stephen, Beth & Howe, Simon (Ill)	ABC Books	2022	9780733342707	K-2	Some species sleep wherever they choose to roam, but human beings sleep the very best when they are home.
81618	Sleep tight, my honey Shanahan, Lisa & Harris, Wayne (ill)	Lothian Books	2008	9780733623738	K-2	Lily and Monty's new baby is gorgeous but she just won't sleep at night. Grandma, Tortoise, Possum, Butterfly and Bat are full of helpful advice but nothing works and everyone is very tired.
4046	Sleep time Gleeson, Libby & Greder, Armin (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1993	9781863880633	K-2	When a little girl is put to bed early to have a sleep, she responds by trying to get each of the toys in her room to have her sleep for her.

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8753	Sleeping beauty Scott-Mitchell, Clare & Fitchett, Gordon & Perrault, Charles	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2000	9780091840662	3-4	A magical watery world is created for the princess, a hippopotamus, to fall asleep in, in this revised classic.
19787	Sleeping beauty, The McAllister, David & Tylesova, Gabriela (ill)	Little Hare Books	2017	9781760129934	5-6	The story of The Sleeping Beauty spills over with fairies and princes, passion and despair, magnificence and splendour, and the ballet version of this classic tale is the most romantic and spectacular of all.
5097	Sleepless in space Odgers, Sally	Koala Books	2002	9780864614186	3-4	As a result of Jed's grandad inventing the Starspinner Drive for spaceships, Jed finds himself on the way to the distant planet, Serendipity. Jed is supposed to sleep for a year. But one day, he wakes to find space pirates have taken over the ship.
1380686	Sleepover BFFs: Big dreams Harris, Fiona	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761642265	5-6	BFFs Abbie, Violet, Zi and Naira love hanging out and having SLEEPOVERS! And when a new girl, Mackenzie moves to town, Abbie has the perfect plan to welcome her a SLEEPOVER of course. Will their firsr sleepover be a huge success or and EPIC FAIL?
1424116	Sleepover BFFs: Bright star Harris, Fiona	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761642272	5-6	A fun and relatable story about friendship, creativity, and finding the confidence to shine. When the girls plan something exciting for a school talent show, things don't go quite as expected, leaving one friend questioning her abilities. With the support of her BFFs, she learns that believing in yourself - and having people who cheer you on - can make all the difference. Warm, engaging, and full of heart, this is a great read for anyone who loves stories about friendship and growing confidence.
7065	Sleepovers Wilson, Jacqueline	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780552547093	3-4	Amy, Bella, Chloe, Daisy and Emily are school-friends who plan ever-more elaborate sleepover parties. Daisy begins to dread her turn, wondering what her friends will make of her home and her sister, who has learning disabilities.
7369	Sleepy bears Fox, Mem & Argent, Kerry (ill)	MacMillan	1999	9780732909802	K-2	Winter is here, and in winter bears sleep. But how do you convince six not-so-sleepy bear cubs to go to bed? Mother Bear finds a way with a cosy rhyme for each bear that sends them on dreams filled with adventure.
4047	Sleepy Pendoodle Doyle, Malachy	Walker Books	2001	9780744594775	K-2	Uncle tells a little girl the right words to get her new puppy to open his eyes. But it's a long way from Uncle's place to home and every interruption makes it harder to remember.
1065820	Sleepy Sheepy Cummins, Lucy Ruth & Oswald, Pete (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9780593465912	K-2	Sleepy Sheepy is NOT sleepy. It might be bedtime, but he would rather do all the fun activities he can. Ma and Pa sheep try everything to get him to bed. A humorous read-aloud picture book for young audiences.

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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.
20912	Slightly annoying elephant, The Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2013	9780007493999	3-4	Sam visits the zoo and fills in some papers to adopt an elephant. He never thought one would turn up on his doorstep.
5060	Slightly invisible Child, Lauren	Orchard Books	2010	9781408307908	K-2	When his friend, Marv, comes over to play, Charlie would prefer that his little sister stay away. However, Lola is irritating and likes being the centre of attention. When Charlie's nerves snap, he issues an ultimatum to Lola, but rules, like not touching the secret potion that turns people invisible, are simply ignored.
55178	Slightly skewed life of Toby Chrysler, The Collins, Paul	Celapene Press	2009	9780975074244	5-6	Toby Chrysler's mum has been missing for more than a month. His new friend, Ginger, has lost her dad. And everyone is looking for Toby. An abandoned red shoe and some map coordinates help them in their search for their parents.
4048	Slightly true story of Cedar B Hartley, The Murray, Martine	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2002	9781865086231	7-9	Cedar hangs out on the edges of the neighbourhood social circuit with her dog and best friend. Things change when she meets a boy called Kite and finds they have a lot in common. Together they form a circus troupe and put on a performance.
687816	Slime Walliams, David	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2020	9780008349141	3-4	To say Ned was just an ordinary boy would be wrong. He wasn't ordinary-he was extraordinary. He was the coolest boy on wheels. He is from the Isle of Munch. Jemima is his older sister. She likes nothing more than playing the most horrid tricks on her little brother. Like the ghastly present she has prepared for his birthday. But Ned finds the present the day before. He uses the find to take revenge on his sister and all the other mean bullies on the island.
11327	Slog's dad Almond, David & McKean, Dave (ill)	Walker Books	2010	9781406322903	7-9	Slog's father is dead and he knows it. But, when he sees the scruffy man outside the butcher shop, Slog knows that it's his father who has returned to see him, just as he promised. But, Davie, his best friend, is just as convinced that this man is a fake.
705712	Sloth and the dinglewot, The Prust, Nicole & Enwright, Amanda	New Frontier Publishing	2020	9781925594966	K-2	When Samuel the Sloth feels brave enough to leave his cosy hut, he meets the colourful and mysterious Dinglewot. Together they discover incredible places, and Samuel will learn that overcoming fears and doubts means more adventures, friendships and much happiness.

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3665	Sloth slept on Preston-Gannon, Frann	HarperCollins US	2016	9781843653042	K-2	He wasn't like any other creature we had ever found in the garden. We couldn't figure out what he was and where he had came from.
4787	Sloth who came to stay, The Wild, Margaret & To, Vivienne	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760290221	K-2	Amy's family is speedy! They are always in such a rush that there is no time to talk or play - until the afternoon Amy brings home a sloth. Then things start changing very, very slowly...
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.
32504	Slowcoach turtle Mewburn, Kyle & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Little Hare Books	2010	9781921541230	3-4	Tilda is lonely so decides she wants a pet. When Pop Hooper offers her Hoodini, the monkey, Tilda is delighted. But, Hoodini runs away and Pop asks Tilda to take care of Pickle, the turtle, overnight while he retrieves the monkey. This slow-moving pet isn't exactly what Tilda had in mind.
4844	Slowly! Slowly! Clark, T.M & Magisson, Helene (ill)	Wombat Books	2017	9781925563221	K-2	Slowly, slowly, you catch a monkey. Bongani wants to go to school but he is too young. To prove to his family that he is big and strong, just like his cousins, he tries to catch a monkey. Slowly, slowly, he must go. Luckily his family is there to school him in the lessons of patience and compassion.
7966	Slug needs a hug Willis, Jeanne & Ross, Tony (ill)	Koala Books	2015	9781742761428	K-2	When it begins to bug slug that his mummy doesn't hug him, he leaves home to find out why. Kitten suggests he should be furrier, so he puts on a woolly hat, while Bird suggests he needs a beak. Many animals come up with various ideas to make slug more attractive. Soon, Slug has a new look to take home to his mum.
15398	Small Vulliamy, Clara	HarperCollins Australia	2002	9780006647751	K-2	When Tom goes to grandma's place, he accidentally leaves Small, his toy mouse, at home. He misses Small terribly but Small is very loyal and does everything he can to get back to Tom.
2664	Small and big Collum, Karen & Wood, Ben (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2015	9781922081476	K-2	Small and Big are best friends but they are very different. During a trip to the city, Big is loud and confident and certain that it's the big things in life that matter. Small is more reserved and finds beauty in the detail. In the city, Small and Big are so fascinated by the things they are seeing, they lose track of each other and, eventually, Small realises he is lost.

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8257	Small and tall tales of extinct animals Rajcak, Helene & Laverdunt, Damien	Gecko Press	2012	9781877467905	3-4	Hundreds of years ago, Earth was home to some strange animals. There was the giant beaver taller than a human; the Sicilian dwarf elephant; the three-metre-tall elephant bird; the giant lemur nicknamed the tratratratra; the Thylacine; the world-famous dodo... Hunted by humans and weakened by climate change, these animals gradually disappeared. All that remains are footprints and fossils, stories and fascinating folk tales, all waiting to be discovered in the pages of this book.
8937	Small change for Stuart Evans, Lissa	Doubleday	2011	9780385618007	5-6	When ten year old Stuart moves to a new town at the beginning of the summer holidays, he expects to be bored. Soon, he is drawn into an intriguing adventure when he discovers his missing great uncle was an inventor and magician, who has left him the contents of his workshop, should he ever find it. There are clues and puzzles to solve but what starts as fun ends up as danger.
6543	Small free kiss in the dark, A Millard, Glenda	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2009	9781741756586	7-9	Skip is an outsider, a quiet observer, who draws pictures to make sense of the world. When war grips the city in which Skip and his mismatched family are surviving, they are forced to shelter in an empty fun fair, scavenge for food and live on their imaginations.
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.
804785	Small in the city Smith, Sydney	Walker Books	2020	9781406392982	3-4	Being small can be overwhelming in a city. People don't see you. The loud sounds of the sirens and cyclists can be scary. And the streets are so busy it can make your brain feel like there's too much stuff in it. But if you know where to find good hiding places, warm dryer vents that blow out hot steam that smells like summer, music to listen to or friends to say hi to, there can be comfort in the city, too. We follow our little protagonist, who knows all about what it's like to be small in the city, as he gives his best advice for surviving there. As we turn the pages, Sydney Smith's masterful storytelling allows us to glimpse exactly who this advice is for, leading us to a powerful, heart-rending realization...

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18483	Small steps Sachar, Louis	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2006	9780747591252	9plus	Theodore 'Armpit' Johnson is determined to finish school, save money and become a respected member of society again. He may be the victim, the perpetrator or the hero of a violent crime in this amusing, sensitive and highly suspenseful story. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
3159	Small things Tregonning, Mel	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781742379791	5-6	An ordinary boy in an ordinary world. This wordless picture book tells the story of a boy who feels alone with his worries but who learns that help is always close by.
743976	Small Town Gwynne, Phillip & Flowers, Tony (ill)	Penguin	2020	9781760893484	3-4	Milly loves her small town with its friends and family and basketball and fun. Like a lot of small towns, people keep leaving and soon there are not even enough players for a basketball team. In school, Milly learns about refugees who need a place to live. It only makes sense that her town can be that new home, but how does one create an invitation like that?
1409603	Small wonder Montgomery, Ross	Walker Books	2025	9781529526127	5-6	Tick lives at the edge of Ellia, along with his little brother and faithful horse -- until a deadly assassin descends. Enemies are invading and the kingdom is in danger. Tick only has six moons to get to King's Keep and warn their ruler. Travelling forests and mountains, encountering bandits and rogue knights, he is determined to honour his grandfather's last advice... Make it count.
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.
5723	Smallest bilby solves the biggest problem, The Hilton, Nette & NSW students (ill)			9781111111113	K-2	Billy Bilby needs the help of his friends with a very important job at Easter. This is an electronic book, viewed on YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-mHVegWKtA
49815	Smallest turtle, The Dodd, Lynley	ABC Books	1996	9780733322082	K-2	The smallest turtle is the last of his family to set out on the long journey to the sea. The sand is hot and there are many dangers.

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1701	Smart Slater, Kim	MacMillan	2014	9781447272762	7-9	Kieran finds the body of a homeless person floating in the Thames River. The police regard the death as an unfortunate accident but Kieran is obsessed with CSI and determined to find the murderer. Kieran's methodical note taking, his outstanding artistic abilities and unshakeable perseverance eventually provide many answers, not only to the murder but also to secrets in his own family.
6184	Smart girls don't wear mascara Paterson, Cecily Anne	Wombat Books	2018	9781925563443	5-6	Abby Smart is planning to have the most awesome year ever. She's the leader of the Smart Girls Club and after winning the talent quest, her dream to be a musical singer looks like it might come true. And then Stella turns up, fluttering her mascara eyelashes. She's way too cool for little old Kangaroo Valley. Worst of all, she's making Abby's friends like ridiculous things such as makeup and new music! Abby's plans to have a great year are being turned into dog food. Will Abby follow her friends, or follow her dreams? Because she can't have both. After all, Smart Girls don't wear mascara!
903257	Smarty pup #1: Friends fur-ever Do, Anh & Amdin, Anton (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526399	3-4	Hi! My name is Lily. Nothing exciting ever happens to me. Right now, I have a potato in my schoolbag because it was the most interesting thing I could find for show-and-tell. But all that's going to change now that we are getting a dog... Lily's new pup JJ is kind of clumsy, but something about his smiley face makes her really happy inside. So you can imagine Lily's surprise when she wakes up to discover that JJ can TALK and is SUPER SMART. In fact, he might have the smartest brain in the whole wide world!
936115	Smarty pup #2: JJ and the giant panther Do, Anh & Amdin, Anton (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761068720	3-4	'Okay, okay!' said Mr Hosking. 'Fine, JJ can come on school camp. But he has to be on his absolute best behaviour!' 'Deal!' promised JJ. JJ the genius pup has Lily and her teammates rolling around with laughter at his antics, until glowing eyes start appearing in the shadows . . . Could it be the legendary GIANT PANTHER??

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1019702	Smarty pup #3: To the rescue Do, Anh & Amdin, Anton (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761068959	3-4	'I've decided what to be when I grow up!' announced JJ. 'I want to be a firedog!' Lily and JJ the genius pup are thrilled when Chief Firefighter Do and his son Weirdo visit their school. JJ would love to be a firedog! But when fire threatens to burn down a local building, they realise there's more to firefighting than just driving a big red truck. Will JJ and his latest invention save the day?
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.
1289192	Smarty Pup #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?
50129	Smarty-cat Dawe, Bruce	Puffin Australia	2007	9780143302537	5-6	Barry is more than just clever. He's a talking cat, a TV star and a quiz show champion. Barry is a cat in a million, a real smarty-cat.
660378	Smeds and the Smoos, The Donaldson, Julia & Scheffler, Axel (ill)	Scholastic US	2017	9781407188898	K-2	The Smeds, who are red never, play with the Smoos, who are blue. So what will they do when a young Smed and Smoo fall in love?
5331	Smelly book, The Cole, Babette	Red Fox	2001	9780099409618	K-2	There are many smelly things in life and this book tells us about them in a humorous way.
4458	Smelly Louie Rayner, Catherine	Pan Macmillan London	2014	9780230742505	K-2	Louie, the dog, has just had a bath and he is not happy about it. He smells all wrong. Determined to get his Special Smell back, Louie goes on a hunt for it and meets lots of smelly things along the way. Louie wants his smell back and, more importantly, to keep it.

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9854	Smile Telgemeier, Raina	Graphix	2010	9780545132060	7-9	Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But, one night after Girl Scouts, she trips and falls, severely injuring her front teeth. What follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery and embarrassing headgear. And, on top of all that, there's a major earthquake, boy confusion and friends who turn out to be not so friendly. A graphic novel.
29833	Smile cry Mccartney, Tania & Racklyeft, Jess (ill)	EK Books	2017	9781921966989	K-2	Happy or sad, wailing or glad - how do you feel today?
361	Smith Garfield, Leon	Sunburst	2000	9780374467623	5-6	Smith is a twelve year old pickpocket who finds himself involved in murder, suspense and the London underworld.
1023593	Smoke & mirrors Jonsberg, Barry	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180750	9plus	Grace cares about two things: performing magic and her cantankerous grandmother. Magic gives Grace the chance to forget the hard things in her life. When her grandmother finds out she is dying Grace moves in to help. She must draw on all her magical abilities to not just survive but learn to thrive. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Barry Jonsberg read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/9plus-book-list#smoke-and-mirrors-barry-jonsberg
1670	Smooch and Rose Wheeler, Samantha	University of Queensland Press	2013	9780702249860	5-6	When Rose and Gran save a baby koala from a pack of blood-hungry dogs, Rose is so happy - caring for bush babies is her dream. But things change for the worse when Gran gets a letter from the bank. Then Uncle Malcolm mentions bulldozers and Rose realises it's not just her that's at stake.

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2772	Smuggler's curse, The Jorgensen, Norman	Fremantle Press	2016	9781925164190	5-6	Red Read's life takes a surprising and alarming turn when his mother sells him to an infamous smuggler, plying his trade off the north-west coast of Australia. From terrifying encounters with cut-throat pirates to battling the forces of nature in a tropical typhoon, from dining with head-hunting guerrillas to making meals of monkey stew, Red is in for a hair-raising adventure that may cost him his life.
12073	Snail Watts, Barrie	Franklin Watts	2002	9780749644314	K-2	One of a series that traces the life cycle of plants and animals. A simple introduction to snails, their behaviour and appearance, emphasising their development from the day they hatch until they lay eggs of their own.
41624	Snail and the whale, The Donaldson, Julia & Scheffler, Axel (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2003	9780333982242	K-2	One little snail longs to see the world and hitches a lift on the tail of an enormous whale. Together they go on an amazing journey, past icebergs and volcanoes, sharks and penguins, and the little snail feels so small in the vastness of the world. But when disaster strikes and the whale is beached in a bay, it's the tiny snail's big plan that saves the day.
2318	Snail and turtle are friends King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2014	9781743620236	K-2	Snail and Turtle are friends who enjoy walking, running and hiding together.
574733	Snail's crowded house Tang, Sulan & Zheng, Suming (ill)	Starfish Bay Publishers	2018	9781760360399	K-2	The rain doesn't worry Snail, because he carries his own little house with him everywhere he goes. An ant, a rabbit and a little boy came running through the rain. One after the other they all ask Snail the same question, "Can I stay in your house until the rain stops?" How will Snail's shell hold them all?
23482	Snake and Lizard Cowley, Joy & Bishop, Gavin (ill)	Gecko Press	2007	9780958278737	3-4	Like all friends, Snake and Lizard have different ways of looking at the world. They are a lovable, foolish pair who are always arguing and embarking on unlikely enterprises.
16938	Snake and the boy, The Sebastian, Azmen	Magabala Books	2011	9781921248245	K-2	As children play football in a country schoolyard, a boy takes to the bars in the playground, only to have a cunning green tree snake slither in and steal his apple.
53040	Snake book, The: Slip sliding away Goodall, Damian	Black Dog Books	2010	9781742031408	3-4	Amazing photographs of many of the world's snakes including the longest, the heaviest, the smallest and the most venomous. Bite-sized chunks of information, a glossary of terms and relevant websites help increase your knowledge and understanding of snakes.
362	Snake man, The Moloney, James	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2000	9780850918991	7-9	Terry and Liam are concerned about the contents of the box they helped carry into the derelict house of the taxidermist. Liam feels their concerns were warranted when Terry disappears.

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1103	Snake who came to stay, The Donaldson, Julia & Shaw, Hannah (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2013	9781742837093	3-4	Mum has no peace when Holly opens her holiday home for pets. Guinea pigs, birds and Doris the snake take over the house. Then Doris goes missing.
4065	Snake-stone, The Doherty, Berlie	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1997	9780006740223	7-9	Although close to his adoptive parents, James has always wondered about his natural mother. Armed with only a small stone and a note scribbled on the back of an envelope as clues to her identity, James sets off to find his past.
886027	Snakes awake Paine, Jarrod & Boland, Shannon (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2022	9781925804928	K-2	Pip explores the outdoors with her mum, hoping to find her favourite creature, a snake. Join her to discover the beauty and excitement of these remarkable reptiles and learn how to stay safe in the Australian bush
16091	Snakes, lizards, crocs and turtles of Australia Wilson, Steve	New Holland Australia	2006	9781921073014	5-6	Well-presented factual information and stunning photographs about Australian reptiles. Includes a comprehensive glossary, a quiz section and suggested books to read and web sites to view for further information.
12297	Snap, went Chester Cox, Tania & Miller, David	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2003	9780733614941	K-2	Chester is bored. He just can't think of anything to do until he discovers how much fun it is to go snap, snap, snap, at all the creatures around the waterhole. But, Chester is in for a big surprise.
18422	Snapshot Swindells, Robert	Barrington Stoke	2005	9781842993477	5-6	Victor has a new state of the art digital camera. He can't wait to try it out but taking a photo can change your life. Victor gets more than he bargained for.
9390	Sneaky deals and tricky tricks Impey, Rose	Orchard Books	2000	9781860399749	3-4	Two traditional tales retold.
12430	Sniffy the sniffer dog Bell, Krista & Smith, Craig	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734404633	3-4	When Sniffy gets thrown out of sniffer dog school, he is sent to live with a family and he has to prove that he really is a clever dog.
3890	Snot Chocolate and other funny stories Gleitzman, Morris	Puffin Australia	2016	9780143309222	5-6	Very Yummy Stories.Stop your mum picking her nose, read the secret diary of a dog, catch a bus and then let it go, discover how one slice of toast can make you the most popular person in school, start wearing a crown and give up eating pig-nostril gruel, use a wrecking ball to defeat a bully, show your big sister the very scary secret in your wardrobe, unleash the awesome power of chips, live in a house that gets wiped clean more often than a bottom. Funny stories from a favourite Australian author, Morris Gleitzman.

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15858	Snow angel, The St John, Lauren	Zephyr	2017	9781786695895	7-9	Growing up in vibrant, crowded Nairobi to loving parents, Makena's driving dream is to accompany her wonderful mountain guide father climbing Mt Kenya. But when her beautiful world is shattered she is plunged into the darkness of the city, with a thousand ways to fall, each more deadly than any crevasse. In a world full of strangers should she trust Snow, whose ballet dreams are haunted by a past she is still running from? And is the sparkling fox a friend or a figment of her imagination? After a fresh start in the Scottish Highlands turns bad, Makena flees to the mountains. But will that end her or be the making of her?
7768	Snow bear Stafford, Liliana & Davis, Lambert (ill)	Margaret Hamilton	2000	9781876289133	3-4	A lifelong friendship develops between a boy and a rogue polar bear that has lost her cubs. Includes information about polar bears.
4077	Snow goose, The Gallico, Paul	Penguin	2001	9780140299526	5-6	A beautiful classic set in a tragic war. The tale of a hunchbacked artist, a girl and a wounded bird that culminates in a courageous act at Dunkirk.
603347	Snow knows, The McGrath, Jennifer & Bisaillon, Josee (ill)	Nimbus Publishing LTD	2019	9781771084413	K-2	In the winter woods, the snow knows where everyone goes.
886442	Snow laundry, The Jakobsen, Mette	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2022	9781460762080	9plus	The Administration has taken control of the country, and everything has changed for the city's homeless youth. Now they are forced to work in the Towers with no hope of escape. 17-year-old Ally works long, hard hours in the laundry and is resigned to her fate. She can even cope with the cruelty of the guards, because living in the Towers is still better than the tunnels where she used to live. But as lavish birthday preparations are in full swing for the Tower's charismatic overseer, Ally's boyfriend Bon, vanishes without a trace. In her desperate search to find him, Ally is caught up in a deadly plot by the Administration. And now she wasn't answers. What has happened to Bon? And why did he leave behind a drawing of a moth? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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	Snow like ashes trilogy series Raasch, Sara				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
3801	Snow man and the seven ninjas Cosgrove, Matt	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781743811696	3-4	Don't worry! This isn't the story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs that has bored children for years. This disgusting and completely awesome retelling of the classic tale brings the story to life for a whole new generation of blood thirsty, booger hunters!
9330	Snow White in New York French, Fiona	Oxford University Press	1989	9780192722102	7-9	An innovative retelling of a fairy tale set in the jazz and gangster era of New York in the 1920s. Snow White lives in New York, known as the Big Apple. The wicked stepmother, a classy socialite, looks for herself in the Mirror newspaper.
6004	Snow White: a graphic novel Phelan, Matt	Candlewick Press	2016	9780763672331	7-9	It's 1928 and the glitz and glam of show business in pre-Depression era New York City is in full swing. The lights are bright for financiers and those who entertain them, and life seems good in the big city. But, in one house, a little girl is sent away by her cold, ruthless stepmother. She does not return until it's too late. The market has crashed, her father is gone and her stepmother is even more desperate for wealth and attention.
4892	Snow wombat, The Chambers, Susannah & Jackson, Mark (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760113810	K-2	In Australia's High Country, it's a big journey through the snow for a little wombat, meeting animals, birds and people along the way. But, there's no place like home.
12946	Snow: extreme sports Chapman, Garry	Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780732964580	5-6	One of a series of books about extreme sports. With action photographs, extreme facts, snow jargon and a glossary of terms, this book tells you all you've ever wanted to know about sports in the snow.
9291	Snowboarding Herran, Joe & Thomas, Ron	Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd	2004	9780732979065	5-6	A book for snowboarding enthusiasts.

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660611	Snowflake, AZ Sedgwick, Marcus	Head of Zeus	2019	9781788542333	9plus	Arriving in unfamiliar territory, Ash finds his stepbrother Bly living with Mona, her dog, a goat and an isolated community who call themselves the Canaries. They've been abandoned by society through a sickness no one understands. When Ash falls ill too, the doctor's response is, "it's all in your mind". But Ash uncovers something much bigger: the sickness of the world. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1423794	Snowman code, The Stephenson, Simon & Brown, Reggie (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780008668792	3-4	It's ArticleTwo of the Snowman Code: A snowman always helps a child in need. In the depths of London's longest-ever winter, ten-year-old Blessing meets Albert, a talking snowman. Albert gets muddled because snowmen don't go to school, but the Snowman's Code means Albert is duty-bound to help Blessing - and she needs all the help she can get. As the unlikely pair work together to overcome Blessing's bullies and finally end the long winter, they find themselves creating a friendship that will outlast all the seasons to come.
6937	Snowy's Christmas Murphy, Sally & Murphy, David (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781741664409	K-2	Snowy is a little, white kangaroo that recognises he is not the same as the other red kangaroos. When his mother explains he is special, he is not sure that he understands. With his mother's encouragement, he goes off to have a very special adventure on Christmas Eve, helping to pull Santa's sleigh across Australia.
12319	Snuffy Bruna, Dick	Big Tent Entertainment	2004	9781592260140	K-2	Snuffy, the little brown dog, finds a woman crying because she has lost her daughter. Snuffy sets off to find the daughter and bring her back safely.
35951	Snug as a hug Vaughan, Marcia & Lofts, Pamela (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781741695212	K-2	Join all the animals as they settle down to rest. The text is a rhyming lullaby, with each page showing an Australian animal in a different environment. A perfect book to read before sleeptime.
9464	So much Cooke, Trish & Oxenbury, Helen (ill)	Walker Books	1994	9780744543964	3-4	As the family gathers for a celebration, a baby boy's relatives arrive, one by one. They love him so much, they want to hug, kiss and squeeze him. Even the cousins are fighting over him. When Dad walks in, he gets a real surprise.
364	So much to tell you Marsden, John	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	1999	9780850919417	9plus	Marina's face is shockingly scarred. She has not spoken since her father threw acid at her mother, hitting Marina instead. As part of a writing assignment, she has to keep a journal. In it, she deals realistically with her post-traumatic stress. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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652807	So she did: The story of May Wirth Genziuk, Simi & Treml, Renee (ill)	Affirm Press	2018	9781925712926	5-6	At a time when girls weren't encouraged to be bold and daring, Australian circus rider May Wirth lived by her own rules. Instead of just looking pretty on a fancy circus pony, she longed to do thrilling stunts that would amaze crowds with her courage and skill... So she did. Here is the story of a girl from humble beginnings who defied expectations and became the world's bareback riding queen.
15161	So shy Morrison, Vicki & Hilb, Nora (ill)	North South Books	2005	9780735819672	K-2	Jake is shy, so shy that he has no friends. His only playmate is his shadow. They do everything together, race along the beach, clamber over rocks and climb trees. But, shadows can't talk and Jake longs to laugh and joke with a real friend.
959170	So that happened... but maybe you already knew that Sussman, Tami	Walker Books	2023	9781760656010	5-6	As Nutty plans and prepares for her bat mitzvah, she is suddenly beset with many more challenges than she expected. Not only are her parents having money troubles, but her best friend no longer feels like a girl. Follow Nutty as she tries to keep her family and friendships from falling apart.
	So you think you know about... series Garrod, Ben				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.
568099	So you think you've got it bad? A kid's life in Ancient Egypt Strathie, Chae & Morea, Marisa	Nosy Crow Ltd	2018	9781788001359	3-4	Life in Ancient Egypt for children was very different from today - dodging crocodiles, eating pigeon pizza for dinner and cleaning up dung. If that sounds horrible there are plenty more strange and fascinating ways of life that children endured. They did however get some pretty cool pets, including baboons, gazelles, jackals, monkeys and even lions. As the title says, if you think you've got it bad, you really don't!
15140	So you want to write fiction Bradman, Tony	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2003	9780750236478	5-6	A useful overview of the process of writing for aspiring writers. Excerpts from books and helpful addresses and websites are included.

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1244406	Soaring with the Sugarbird lady: The Robin Miller story Wolfer, Dianne	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760995270	5-6	Imagine flying solo, crisscrossing the north-west of Australia in your own plane, and single-handedly delivering lifesaving vaccines to remote communities. Robin Miller did this. This is her story of real-life extraordinary adventures!
79395	Soccer camp Bedford, David & Brumpton, Keith (ill)	Little Hare Books	2004	9781877003455	5-6	The Team is excited to be going to Soccer Camp. They are a little nervous to be playing against the best of the best. They are even more nervous that they will be sent home if anyone finds out that Mark 1 is a robot.
20158	Soccer squad: stars Rai, Bali	Red Fox	2009	9781862306578	3-4	Rushton Reds is a mixed boy and girl soccer team. When a television crew starts filming for a documentary, not everyone is working as a team. A big match is coming up and the team must learn to pull together.
365	Soccer: great moments, great players in world football Lovelock, Damien	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1996	9781864480856	5-6	Written by a keen fan of the sport, this book highlights some of the key aspects of soccer, its followers and players.
1484156	Soccer: I just love it Nicholson, Alister & Jellet, Tom	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2026	9781761182860	3-4	Soccer, I just love it... It's called the beautiful game. And one day, all around the world, they're going to chant my name. To me this style of football is the purest of them all. It's time to get my jersey on and go and grab my ball. This celebration of the beautiful game is for every kid who loves cheering for the Socceroos and the Matildas and dreams of the glory of slotting or saving the winning goal on the World Cup stage.
903331	Social media survival guide Bathie, Holly	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2022	9781474999267	7-9	Packed with entertaining illustrations alongside practical information, the Social Media Survival Guide answers questions about all aspects of social media. Managing life, relationships and mental health on any social media platform is important. Empower yourself to stay safe online with this fun, comprehensive guide.

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846149	Social queue Kerr, Kay	Text Publishing Co	2021	9781922458018	9plus	Zoe Kelly is starting a new phase of her life. High school was a mess of bullying and autistic masking that left her burnt out. Now, with an internship at an online media company, Zoe is taking her first steps on the road to her dream career. When her article about her non-existent love life goes viral, 18 year old Zoe is overwhelmed and more than a little surprised by the response. But with a deadline for her next piece looming and a list of romantic contenders from the past, she is hoping that one of those old sparks will turn into a new flame. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
4990	Sock monster, The Melenhorst, Glenn & O'Connor, Sharon	Lothian Books	2007	9780734409911	K-2	The sock monster is on the prowl and you have to wonder if you are in danger. The sock monster may be cranky, warty, scaly or naughty, but he is sure to be scary.
4996	Socks, sandbags and leeches: Letters to my Anzac dad Deeves, Pauline	National Library of Australia	2016	9780642278845	5-6	Ivy and her mother live in Australia, far away from where the Great War is raging. Ivy writes to her father, who is fighting overseas, all about life at home. About the socks and sandbags she and her friends make and the leeches they catch to sell to the hospital. The war keeps dragging on and she keeps on writing, hoping her dad returns safe.
1411079	Socks: A kid's Christmas lament McPherson, J.D & Orrock, Anika (ill)	Walker Books	2024	9781536237023	K-2	It's the dawn of Christmas morning, and this child can no longer wait, furtively tiptoeing straight to the unlit Christmas tree. There lies a festive box, brightly wrapped, with their name on it. A shake for good measure, and then . . . wait, seriously? What did they ever do to deserve this?
803711	Sofa surfer Duffy, Malcolm	Head of Zeus	2021	9781786697684	7-9	15-year-old Tyler's teenage angst turns into outright rebellion when his family leave London for a new life in Yorkshire. Angry with his parents about the upheaval and with only the dog to confide in, Tyler has no idea that a chance meeting with a skinny girl called Spider will lead him into a world he never even knew existed. Spider is living on the streets and Tyler finds himself spinning a tangled web of lies in his efforts to help her escape from this dark and dangerous place.
6096	Soldier boy Rooney, Anne	Evans Bros	2008	9780237537272	7-9	Drew isn't worried when his little brother, Martin, digs up a bone in the garden. Bu, Martin finds more bones in the shape of a hand, which then starts leaving spooky messages for Drew.

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366	Soldier boy : the true story of Jim Martin the youngest Anzac Hill, Anthony	Penguin	2001	9780141003306	7-9	This is the story of Jim Martin who enlisted in the Australian army at the age of fourteen to fight in World War I.
367	Soldier on the hill French, Jackie	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1997	9780207196379	7-9	A story about life in country Australia in World War II. Joey finds a Japanese soldier but no-one believes him.
368	Soldier's heart Paulsen, Gary	Laurel Leaf	2000	9780440228387	9plus	Charley Goddard goes to fight in the American Civil War. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1277	Solid rock: sacred ground Howard, Shane & Mutijulu, Kaltukatjara and Imanpu children (ill) & Hudson, Peter (ill)	One Day Hill Pty Ltd	2010	9780980564327	5-6	This song was one of the first songs of its type to touch on the subject of Aboriginal rights in Australia. Beautiful illustrations by the school children from Mutujulu, near Uluru, Australia.
807158	Solitaire Oseman, Alice	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2014	9780007559220	9plus	My name is Tori Spring. I like to sleep and I like to blog. Last year - before all that stuff with Charlie and before I had to face the harsh realities of A-Levels and university applications and the fact that one day I really will have to start talking to people - I had friends. Things were very different, I guess, but that's all over now. Now there's Solitaire. And Michael Holden. I don't know what Solitaire are trying to do, and I don't care about Michael Holden. I really don't. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 above. This novel depicts a number of mental health issues including depression, eating disorders and OCD. Please refer to the author's website for information about potentially triggering ideas and content.
14226	Solo bush babies: Koala Stewart, Robin & Ashby, Yvonne (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2002	9781862914674	3-4	Mars, the koala, is the star of a story filled with facts about koalas and how to care for them so that they can be returned to the wild. Lots of appealing illustrations.
69995	Solo bush babies: Wombat Stewart, Robin & Ashby, Yvonne (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2002	9781862914797	3-4	Filled with facts about wombats and how to care for them so that they can be returned to the wild. Lots of appealing wombat illustrations.
4093	Solo transport: trains Nicholson, John	Omnibus Books	2001	9781862914070	3-4	Find out how a steam train works, what bogie wheels are and why there are so many different kinds of wagons and coaches.
10544	Solo wildlife: elephant Kennett, David	Scholastic Australia	2001	9781862914384	3-4	All you want to know about elephants. A delightful book with beautiful illustrations and fascinating facts.
15262	Solo wildlife: lion Kennett, David	Omnibus Books	2001	9781862914391	3-4	Interesting information about lions with attractive illustrations.

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8250	Solomon crocodile Rayner, Catherine	MacMillan	2011	9780230529229	K-2	Here comes trouble. Poor Solomon the crocodile is looking for some fun but no-one wants to play. The dragonflies tell him to buzz off, the storks get in a flap and the less said about the hippo, the better. But, then, somebody else starts causing trouble and, for once, it's not Solomon.
885153	Solomon Macaroni and the Cousin Catastrophe Barton, Ashleigh & Davis, Sarah (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2022	9780702265617	5-6	You've never met a vampire like Solomon before. He is friendly and polite. But when his parents go on a one hundred year cruise without him, he is not impressed. Especially when it means he has to stay in creepy Transylvania with his uncle, Count Dracula, and six naughty cousins. He ends up in spooky Wildwood on a dangerous mission to try to save his catastrophic cousins and possibly the world A fangtastic tale about loving your family, even when they drive you batty."
1019625	Solomon macaroni and the vampire vacation Barton, Ashleigh & Davis, Sarah (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2023	9780702266300	5-6	Solomon is traveling to Paris with his cousins and his Uncle Dracula. To help cheer up their Uncle Dracula, the mischievious cousins steal the Mona Lisa with the help of Mademoiselle Bon-Bon. But things don't go quite as planned.
1019791	Solve your own mystery: The Transylvanian express Jones, Gareth P & Forshaw, Louise (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760656591	5-6	Private Detective Mr Solstaag and his assistant Klaus have been asked by a mystery client to board a train at Haventry underground station taking its passengers to visit Count Fledermaus's castle. One of the passengers disappears... and the trains conductor Mr Rubrick asks the detective to solve the case. A classic 'Who done It?' story to enjoy solving with a surprising end to this hearty horror.
46842	Some birds Spink, Matt	David Fickling Books	2016	9781910200667	K-2	Small and tall, flappy and fluttery, twitchers and tweeters. A feathery celebration of birds.
35243	Some dads Bland, Nick	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781741697933	K-2	Dads come in all shapes and sizes, with various interests, obsessions, foibles and personalities. Here are eleven animal dads to brighten your day.
1395168	Some days you'll have days like these Pyke, Josh & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761527067	K-2	A picture book about navigating sunny days and sad days, happy days and hard days.
820656	Some dinosaurs are small Voake, Charlotte	Walker Books	2022	9781406394207	K-2	One small dinosaur is no match for three big dinosaurs, especially when they are hungry. Find out who little dinosaur can rely on to stop the bullies in their tracks.

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1052179	Some families change Galatola, Jess & Barrand, Jenni (ill)	EK Books	2024	9781922539670	K-2	Families come in all shapes and sizes and sometimes they can change too. Sometimes people join our family and sometimes they leave, and sometimes changes can be hard to understand. But even when families change, there's one thing that never does. There are always people who love you.
974761	Some Fish Have Moustaches Walkinshaw, Heidi & Streich, Michel	Affirm Press	2023	9781922863256	K-2	There are big fish and small fish, round fish and long fish, and fish of all shapes and sizes. But did you know that there are also fish who have ...moustaches? Celebrate all kinds of fish, and especially those with moustaches, in this fin-tastic picture book!
609050	Some mums Bland, Nick	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781743626047	K-2	Some mums are graceful and some mums are tough. Each mum has her own way of being a mum and they are all delightful!
977799	Some shall break Marney, Ellie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761068010	9plus	September, 1982: Three months after the showdown with Simon Gutmunsson in St Elizabeths Hospital for the Criminally Insane, Emma Lewis has retreated to college life in Ohio, and the support of her family and her therapist. But Emma has a unique gift for hunting killers, and the FBI wants her back. Travis Bell is on track to make a career in law enforcement. But the FBI unit's latest case is testing all his skills, and in Emma's absence, Travis has accepted help from Kristin Gutmunsson, Simon's eccentric twin sister, to track a dangerous new target. Compelled to prevent more tragedy, Emma reaches out once more to Simon Gutmunsson to save the copycat's next victims -- but as always, Simon knows more than he's telling... Can Emma and Travis conquer a killer in the most horrifying situation they've ever faced? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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660663	Somebody give this heart a pen Thakur, Sophia	Walker Books	2020	9781406388534	9plus	This collection of poetry begins with a gentle petition of the reader to fill their hearts with poetry; to look within themselves, take the time to be silent, and listen to what they hear. This message continues throughout the poems as Thakur candidly shares her experiences as a Black woman and daughter of migrants living in the United Kingdom. In the poems is a proud daughter, mother, poet, and believer. She shares poems exploring the profound connections between people, and also the ways people can be careless with each other. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10, or above.
52181	Somebody's house Germein, Katrina & Stead, Anthea (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9781921720338	K-2	Follow a little girl as she walks along a street, looking at different houses and wondering who lives there. The little girl passes each, until she gets to the last house at the end of the street.
860934	Somebody's land Goodes, Adam & Laing, Ellie & Hardy, David (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526726	K-2	Today, across Australia, young children everywhere will acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of the land where we live, or go to school, preschool or care. This book is designed to help parents and carers have conversations with their children about what the acknowledgement means and why we do it.
587873	Someday Levithan, David	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2019	9780525636595	9plus	For as long as A can remember, life has meant waking up in a different person's body every day, forced to live as that person until the day ended. A always thought there wasn't anyone else who had a life like this. But A was wrong. There are others. A has already been wrestling with powerful feelings of love and loneliness. Now comes an understanding of the extremes that love and loneliness can lead to --and what it's like to discover that you are not alone in the world. In Someday, David Levithan takes readers further into the lives of A, Rhiannon, Nathan, and the person they may think they know as Reverend Poole, exploring more deeply the questions at the core of Every Day and Another Day: What is a soul? And what makes us human? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
16511	Someday Angeline Sachar, Louis	HarperTrophy	2005	9780747587231	5-6	Angeline's mum died a long time ago and her father works on a garbage truck so he can send her to college. Angeline is a genius but works out that people will only like her if she pretends not to be.

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369	Someone like me Forrestal, Elaine	Penguin	1997	9780140380927	7-9	Tas is an ordinary school boy, but Enya, new from Northern Ireland, has experienced danger and terror. The plot reveals an extraordinary fact about Tas in the final paragraph.
2794	Something about a bear Morris, Jackie	Frances Lincoln	2014	9781847805164	K-2	Find out about eight bears in the wild, what they like to eat, their habitats and daily activities. Includes conservation information about bears.
8990	Something about water Matthews, Penny & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781862916715	3-4	A humorous and informative book about the importance of water in our lives. Find out about the water cycle and the part you can play in helping the planet by recycling. Small things can make a big difference.
903343	Something broken, something fixed England, Kathryn & Lynch, Davilyn (ill)	Wombat Books	2022	9781761110825	K-2	Amy likes to make things. Sometimes she uses broken things for parts. Sometimes things get broken. When her brother Finn goes looking for her, he follows a trail of broken objects from the house to the backyard. He fixes things along the way. But what has his creative little sister been making?
569141	Something for Fleur Pelosi, Catherine & Murray, Caitlin (ill)	Lothian Books	2018	9780734418104	K-2	It's Fleur's birthday and her friend Bo is sending her a present. Can you guess what it is?
8679	Something from nothing Gilman, Phoebe	Scholastic US	1998	9780590745574	3-4	Grandfather was too poor to give Joseph all the things he wanted to give him but he was a tailor so he made Joseph a wonderful blanket. A blanket to keep him warm and cosy and to chase away bad dreams.
34498	Something special Rodda, Emily & Young, Noela (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2024	9781460766415	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.
1425960	Something terrible: Sam stop-your-frowning Barton, Sally & Nielsen, Christopher (ill)	Walker Books	2026	9781761601972	3-4	Sam Crisp lives at 6 Rufus Street. You might be surprised to know that is his name, because most people think his name is Sam Stop-your-frowning. But no matter how many people tell him, or how often, Sam never stops his frowning. One morning, just as Sam was leaving for school, his mum called, 'Sam! Stop your frowning. Something terrible could happen!' This is the story of the something terrible that did.

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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. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Sally Barton read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/3-4-book-list#tim-tie-your-shoelaces-sally-barton
1367118	Something terrible: Wanda wear-your-glasses! Barton, Sally & Nielsen, Christopher (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760659035	3-4	One morning, just as Wanda was leaving for school, her mum called 'Wanda! Wear your glasses. Something terrible could happen!' This is the story of something terrible that did.
903281	Something to say Moore Ramee, Lisa	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780062836724	5-6	Something to say is a delightful fiction story about eleven year old Jenae set in high school. Jenae likes to be alone and is happy with that until Aubrey comes to her school. Will Jenae find her voice and overcome her fears of public speaking and stand up for what she believes in. This story highlights the importance of being a good friend and gaining confidence when you least expect it.
6342	Something wonderful Caisley, Raewyn & Blair, Karen (ill)	Viking Children's	2016	9780670078455	K-2	Sam likes to pull things apart, put them back together and think about how things work. But, sometimes, he is so busy doing this, he forgets his chores on the family farm. One day, he creates something truly wonderful.
838	Somethingosaur, The Mitton, Tony & Ayto, Russell (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2012	9780007441266	K-2	Long, long ago, where the dinosaurs roam, a cute little creature bursts out of an egg, but what on earth is it and where is its mum.
815769	Sometimes cake Wyatt, Edwina & Ainslie, Tamsin (ill)	Walker Books	2020	9781760650421	K-2	There is always a reason to have cake. Audrey and Lion celebrate the little things that make them happy such as Tuesdays and coconuts. They celebrate with cake and hats and balloons. One day Lion feels ordinary, so Audrey cheers him up by making ordinary special too - and lions.
52640	Sometimes love is under your foot Thompson, Colin	Scholastic Australia	2008	9781741690873	3-4	Kevin, the dog, worships Brian but he has always ignored Kevin and never fully appreciated him. When Brian becomes ill, he realises the love that has been there all along and how much he needs it. Things are never quite the same between Kevin and Brian again.

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1424046	Somewhere beyond the sea Klune, TJ	Tor Books	2024	9781035009398	9plus	A magical house. A secret past. A summons that could change everything. Arthur Parnassus lives a good life built on the ashes of a bad one. He's the master of a strange orphanage on a distant and peculiar island, and he hopes to soon be the adoptive father to the six dangerous and magical children who live there. Arthur works hard and loves with his whole heart so none of the children ever feel the neglect and pain that he once felt as an orphan on that very same island so long ago. He is not alone: joining him is the love of his life, Linus Baker, a former caseworker in the Department In Charge of Magical Youth. And there's the island's sprite, Zoe Chapelwhite, and her girlfriend, Mayor Helen Webb. Together, they will do anything to protect the children. But when Arthur is summoned to make a public statement about his dark past, he finds himself at the helm of a fight for the future that his family and all magical people deserve. And when a new magical child hopes to join them on their island home, Arthur knows they're at a breaking point: their family will either grow stronger than ever or fall apart. This title is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
21355	Somewhere else Glover, Sandra	Andersen Press Ltd	2008	9781842708156	9plus	A troubled girl struggles with a life she doesn't recognise. The boy who poses as her little brother tries to help her unravel the mystery of whether she is possessed, imprisoned or mentally ill. Slowly, the events that led to this terrible trauma, the result of a violent assault, are unravelled as aspects of the harrowing experience are explored. Some very strong language, used in context, may offend some readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
21138	Somewhere else Gordon, Gus	Viking Children's	2016	9780670078851	5-6	George has no interest in exploring the world. He's far too busy at home baking fine pastries. That's what he tells everyone when they invite him along on their wonderful adventures. But, George's friend, Pascal, digs a little deeper.
1265	Somewhere in Australia Pennacchio, Marcello & Snell, Danny (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2013	9781741695229	K-2	Australian animals and landscapes feature in this rhyming text. We are taken to the hot and dry centre where death adders live, to the rainforest floor of the Tassie devils and right around the different Australian habits.

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5761	Somewhere in the reef Pennacchio, Marcello & Snell, Danny (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781760159894	K-2	Along the Great Barrier Reef, having fun in the sun, lived a mother dolphin and her little calf one. Leap, said the mother. I leap, said the one, as they leapt out of the water and had fun in the sun. Join the little dolphin calf and many more familiar ocean animals in this vivid counting book based on the classic rhyme Over in the Meadow.
1470711	Somewhere you can dream Brian, Janeen & Tapper, Hilary Jean (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2026	9781761181764	K-2	A beautiful, lyrical ode to all the places where you can run free or find peace, and feel at home enough to dream.
571117	Sonam and the silence Ayres, Eddie & Taher, Ronak (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760293666	3-4	In Taliban-ruled Afghanistan, Sonam's world is dark and silent. Then one day, she follows a magical melodious sound to a walled garden, and her world is silent no more. The sound is music, and it lifts her up amongst the stars and takes her deeper than the tree roots in the earth. How can she hold on to this feeling in a world where music is forbidden?
1249	Song for a scarlet runner Hunt, Julie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743313589	5-6	When young Peat is blamed for bringing misfortune to the local settlement, she flees to the marshes. There she is caught by a marsh auntie whose trade is stories that act as gateways, and Peat finds herself trapped in somebody else's life-and-death bargain.
89388	Song for Lorkie, A Bowen, Dean (ill) & Castles, Jennifer	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742377186	K-2	Lorkie is a Roofbird. His best friend is Brian and they've been friends since they were eggs. They live in the Valley of Roofs, where every bird has a song to sing except Lorkie. Lorkie wants to leave the rooftops and live on the Road, where he feels free, fast and fizzy. But, Brian thinks it's dangerous.
4944	Song from somewhere else, The Harrold, A.F. & Pinfold, Levi (ill)	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408853368	5-6	Frank doesn't know how to feel when Nick Underbridge rescues her from bullies one afternoon. No one likes Nick. He's big, he's weird and he smells- or so everyone in Frank's class thinks. And yet, there's something nice about Nick's house. There's strange music playing there, and it feels light and good and makes Frank feel happy for the first time in forever. But there's more to Nick, and to his house, than meets the eye, and soon Frank realises she isn't the only one keeping secrets. Or the only one who needs help.

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923387	Song in the city Bernstrom, Daniel & Mohammed, Jenin (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2022	9780063011120	K-2	A young blind girl, filled with the sounds of her beloved city, shares a song with her grandmother that changes the two forever. After helping Grandma realize that the city makes music as beautiful as the sounds they hear in church on Sunday morning, the two sit down and take in all the sounds of the city... together.
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.
1362578	Song of a thousand seas Frallion, Zana	University of Queensland Press	2025	9780702266317	5-6	All day long we can hear / that Sea howl prowling wild / inside our brains and every part of us is straining / to feel it taste it twirl it whirl it swirl it / inside our body / again. Houdini the octopus lives in an aquarium, but she misses her home in the wild Sea. She doesnt like the visitors who bang on her tank. Or the way she cant feel the sun on her skin or the wind rippling the water. Its a dull existence for a creature with nine brains. Then one day she meets someone who is different to the other visitors. Junos busy brain buzzes with so many questions and thoughts that Houdinis skin tingles with wonder. But the singing of the Sea is growing stronger and harder to resist. Can Houdini make Juno understand what she needs before its too late?

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846158	Song of Lewis Charmichael, The Laguna, Sofie & McBride, Marc (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760878573	5-6	Matthew stood on the snowy peak and stared out at the world spread before him. Beyond those icy plains, the sea; and beyond the sea, a land that floated on the ice. He put the binoculars down and saw valleys and cliffs and rivers all made of snow. Everywhere was white. For as long as he can remember, Matthew has dreamed about the north pole. And one day a crow named Lewis Carmichael lands at Matthews window- a crow who believes in Matthew in the most simple and ordinary ways. Soon, the unexpected voyage of a lifetime begins.....
611375	Song of the curlew Zigomanis, Lazaros	Busybird Publishing	2017	9780648478935	7-9	Luke Miggs wants more than small town life: the grind of chores on the family farm, playing lacklustre footy, beers with mates. Like maybe doing something about his crush on Amanda Hunt, a barmaid at the local pub who's smart, funny and ambitious. Or maybe playing footy in the big league. At eighteen it can't be too late, can it? There's his place in the Curlews, at least, although the team's little more than a bunch of battlers who play for the beers afterwards. If only they could take their footy seriously, like the reigning champions, the Little Reach Scorpions, who have dominated the competition for ten years. By the looks of this season, nothing is going to change. But when Adam Pride emerges from the night and tells the Curlews he wants to play for them, everything begins to change. A story of friendship, family, and coming of age, and how the choices of our past can come back to shape our future.
19214	Song of the dove Broome, Errol & Kretschmar, Sonia (ill)	Walker Books	2011	9781921529245	5-6	The compelling story of the Italian composer Bellini's rise to fame and his forbidden love.
	Song of the lioness series Pierce, Tamora				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.
637586	Song of the river Cowley, Joy & Andrews, Kimberly (ill)	Gecko Press	2019	9781776572533	K-2	Cam the mountain boy follows the river from its trickling source in the snow all the way to the sea. The river leads him through forest, farms and towns to the salty wind of the sea. The dramatic landscapes are packed with detail to discover in the world of the river.

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1039	Song of the slums Hartland, Richard	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743310052	9plus	In the Birmingham slums. the outcast gangs are creating a new kind of music, with pounding rhythms and wild guitars. Seventeen year old Astor is trained in classical music but, when her life plummets from riches to rags, there is only one way to survive. Charismatic Verrol, once her servant, is now her partner in crime. He could be so much more, if only he'd reveal his past. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
5714	Song only I can hear, A Jonsberg, Barry	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760630836	7-9	Introducing Rob Fitzgerald: thirteen years old and determined to impress the new girl at school, but it's a difficult task for a super-shy kid who is prone to panic attacks that include vomit, and genuine terror that can last all day. An anonymous texter is sending Rob challenges and they might just help. Or not.
1243803	Song to drown rivers, A Liang, Ann	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781761561290	9plus	A love story that transcends time and place. Xishi's beauty is seen as a blessing to the villagers of Yue - where the best fate for a girl is to marry well and support her family. When Xishi draws the attention of Fanli, the famous young military advisor, he presents her with a rare opportunity: to use her beauty as a weapon; one that could topple the rival neighbouring kingdom of Wu, improve the lives of her people, and avenge her sister's murder. All she has to do is infiltrate the enemy palace as a spy, seduce their immoral king, and weaken them from within.
617179	Songbird Laguna, Ingrid	Text Publishing Co	2019	9781925773538	5-6	A new house. A new school. A new language. A country far from home. Jamila wants to make new friends and fit in, but it's hard when you miss your best friend at home in Iraq and you're worried about your father's safety in Iraq. Your mother needs your help with simple tasks like shopping and communicating with people. When Jamila joins the school choir , she finds a place where she can belong, a place where she might find a friend and a place where she can dare to hope.
98778	Songlines and stone axes NIcholson, John	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2007	9781741750027	5-6	Magical pearl-shell pendants, greenstone axe-heads, belts made of human hair, outriggers for canoes, songs and dances, body paint, feathers, extra strong glue, cloaks made of 80 possum skins sewn with kangaroo sinew were traded around Australia before white settlement. All this happened without money until the Macassans and then the Europeans arrived.

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8249	Songs of a war boy Adut, Deng Thiak & McKelvey, Ben	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9780733636523	7-9	From the family farm at the age of 6, to the Sudanese Peoples Liberation Army, to Law school in Western Sydney, Deng Adut has undertaken a remarkable journey. Songs of A War Boy is his story, filled with adventure, heart break, and bloodshed, but also with resilience, compassion, and persistence. Deng recounts his experiences as a child soldier in Sudan, and his fight for education and for justice in Australia. A powerful, important book, this memoir is a must read for every Australian.
1355845	Sonny & Tess Weetman, Nova	University of Queensland Press	2025	9780702268427	7-9	It's the end of year 7 and Tess wants a summer job. She's keen to earn her own money and buy her own clothes. But her mum has other ideas: it looks like Tess will be stuck at home babysitting her twin brothers. Thirteen-year-old Sonny is tired of moving around. With his dad up north, he's staying with his uncle and aunt above their fish and chip shop. And it just so happens his uncle is hiring extra staff for the holidays. When Sonny and Tess crash into each other outside the shop, sparks and dim sims fly. Soon they're both wondering if the other feels the same way, but, as Sonny loves to say, it's complicated. Over hot chips and chicken salt, can these two work out what they really want?
3117	Sonoma meets Miss Mouse Morrissey, Di & Sydenham, Julie (ill)	Harbour Publishing House	2015	9781922134400	K-2	A sob in the night awakes a little girl called Sonoma. She discovers a magical little mouse who is scared of the dark and hungry. Sonoma decides she must help the poor mouse.
647916	Sophia and the Corner Park Clubhouse Bell, Davina	Hardie Grant Egmont	2019	9781760503970	5-6	Sophia and her lifelong best friends, Belle, Maisie and Lola, are reunited at their old favourite hangout - the Corner Park Clubhouse - after their first term at different high schools. But it soon becomes obvious that, in spite of pinkie swears and promises, they're drifting apart. The one thing keeping them together is the clubhouse, which holds special memories for each of them - and after what happened there last summer, it means more than anything to Sophia. So when they find out it's going to be bulldozed, the girls set out in a race against time to save it - and their friendship - from demolition.

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9139	Sophie Scott goes south Lester, Alison	Puffin Australia	2012	9780670880683	3-4	Sophie Scott is only nine years old but she's going to Antarctica on an icebreaker with her dad, the ship's captain. During the voyage to Mawson Station and back, Sophie keeps a diary. She makes new friends, wonders at the southern lights and even becomes stranded in a blizzard.
12475	Sophie's masterpiece: a spider's tale Spinelli, Eileen & Dyer, Jane (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2001	9780689801129	K-2	Sophie ages from a young artistic spider to an elderly lady too tired to travel further when she is not wanted. Every web that Sophie spins is more wondrous than the one before but only one person appreciates her at the boardinghouse.
5784	Sophie's prize Marston, Jennie & Watt, Lexie (ill)	Little Steps Publishing	2014	9781925117073	K-2	Sophie has won one hundred dollars in an art competition and she wonders what do with the money.
1550	Sophie's salon Branford, Anna & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	Penguin	2010	9780143304821	3-4	Sophie loves hairdressing and Melita loves ballet. Normally, they are the greatest of friends but when Melita gets the lead role in Swan Lake and gains some new friends, Sophie is left wondering where her best friend has gone.
13656	Sophie's secret war: a Second World War girl's diary, 1939-1940 Atkins, Jill	Scholastic UK	2009	9781407108650	5-6	Sophie has an important but terrifying role to play in the Second World War. As a citizen of France during German occupation, her youth and frequent bike rides to visit other towns enable her to pass messages under the enemy's nose. She becomes deeply involved in the French resistance and a daring plan to save a young Scottish soldier.
12373	Soraya the storyteller Hawke, Rosanne	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2004	9780734407092	7-9	Soraya, the storyteller, keeps her memories of Afghanistan alive while living in uncertainty under temporary protection in Australia. An ebony horse flies through her dreams helping her to find a strange land where she can be safe.
	Sorcerer's tower series Irvine, Ian & Cornish, D M (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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29801	Sorry day Vass, Coral & Leffler, Dub (ill)	National Library of Australia	2017	9780642279033	5-6	Maggie holds tight to her mother as they await the long anticipated apology to the Stolen Generations by the Prime Minister. In the excitement of the crowd, Maggie loses touch of her mother's hand and is lost. She is reunited with her mother but the faces and memories of the Stolen Generations are all around them. Two stories entwine in this captivating retelling of the momentous day when then Prime Minister of Australia Kevin Rudd acknowledged the sorrows of the past and said 'sorry' to Indigenous children who were taken from their homes.
567894	Sorry tale of Fox & Bear, The Lamond, Margrete & Vallance, Heather (ill)	Dirt Lane Press	2017	9780648023807	3-4	Fox and Bear were true friends. They were close-as-can-be friends, through and through friends... except for one thing. Fox was quick and slick and sly, and Bear was dumber than a pile of rocks. But that's how it was. And it didn't matter. Then Fox stretched the string of friendship until it snapped and they weren't friends any more.
2574	Sorry Wally Mayne, Troy	Oceanic Imagery Publishing	2007	9781920892524	K-2	Casey and Shelly are brave brother and sister turtles who team up against the school bully when he hides their lunch box.
803535	SOS save our seas K Bhandary, Isa & K Bhandary, Aanya	self-published	2021	9781736049006	3-4	The once glorious reef is now faded and dying due to pollution and global warming. Lu is determined to save her home. With the help of Captain J and Jason the octopus, the reef comes up with a plan....but will it work? This is an inspiring story about how each of us, no matter how small we may be, can do great things if we work together.
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?
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?

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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?
3628	Sound of colors, The: a journey of the imagination Liao, Jimmy	Time Warner	2006	9780316939928	7-9	A young girl who is going blind sets out on a journey determined to beat the loss of her sight. In her imagination she does amazing things and goes to fabulous places in her quest to gain what she has lost.
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.
371	Sounder Armstrong, William H	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2002	9780064400206	7-9	A poor, African-American family living in the South in the 1800s find their lives change forever when the father is arrested.
29368	Sounds spooky Cheng, Christopher & Davis, Sarah (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2011	9781864718799	K-2	In a rickety old house, spooky sounds fill the air. A crash, a slam, a snarl and a hiss. Who or what is making these sounds is yet to be discovered.
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.
1019751	Space between here & now, The Suk, Sarah	HarperCollins US	2023	9780063373129	7-9	The space between here and now follows Aimee on her search to find her estranged mother through a fascinating tale of time travel. The story explores family, self identity and acceptance.
87101	Space blog Royston, Angela	A & C Black	2010	9781408126899	3-4	A fictional description of a manned journey to the planets in our solar system shows what our astronauts and unmanned space flights have discovered, such as huge yellow clouds filled with acid and solar gas explosions.

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	Space brigade series Moriarty, L M				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.
9609	Space bug, The French, Jackie & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Koala Books	2002	9780864614223	3-4	Has Emily Anne Quinn found a meteor, a strange egg or a space monster? If it is a strange egg what sort of creature will hatch from it and what will that creature eat? Strange things are happening at Biscuit Creek.
372	Space demons Rubinstein, Gillian	Scholastic Australia	1997	9781862912878	7-9	Four children battle the space demons in a dangerous computer game.
9218	Space demons: the play Tulloch, Richard	Currency Press	2003	9780868193298	7-9	Stage adaptation of Rubenstein's novel in which a computer forces children to face their own demons.
4123	Space games Carter, Mick	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2001	9780734402738	5-6	Multicultural science fiction about Johnny, who joins a team of cadets chosen to combat an alien force that threatens the world.
4126	Space pirates on Callisto French, Jackie	Koala Books	2002	9780864614209	5-6	A sequel to, The cafe on Callisto, in which things go wrong on a camping holiday to the planet, Callisto, where everyone is happy and food is unashamedly revered.
	Space Scout series Badger, H				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.
1424105	Space tour: The ultimate journey across the universe Isham, Charlotte & Patel, Dhara	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2025	9780008752804	5-6	Get ready for a supersonic tour of the universe through stunning photographs and fascinating facts.
5619	Spaced out Simons, Moya	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2011	9781921529917	5-6	Centuria, a planet full of new technology and fascinating inventions. A great place for Jesse to spend his two hundred and fifty space credits that he's brought with him from Earth. But, when he rescues a human-like robot boy, Jesse must go deep into the Farlands around the city to help Michael find his family. Jesse wonders if he will be able to get back to Earth.

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15076	Spaceman Bill Kelleher, Victor & Smith, Craig (ill)	Word Weavers Press	2004	9781877073151	5-6	When Spaceman Bill lands in Sydney, supposedly from the future, he causes a sensation. Bill may not be what he appears to be.
373	Spaghetti legs Larkin, John	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1993	9780091827472	7-9	A funny story about Eric, who is a ""loser"" and has no luck with girlfriends.
374	Spangled drongo, The Herrick, Steven	University of Queensland Press	1999	9780702230950	7-9	Eleven year old Sam Slater is orphaned and lives in a small house with Ronaldo, the soccer dog, Parrot, the parrot and eccentric Aunt Ashmara. He is soccer mad and a poet.
1424104	Spare kisses Harry, Pip & Marcatili, Yiscah (ill)	Lothian Books	2026	9780734423511	K-2	Eve's Nan is prepared for anything, seats at the table for morning tea drop-ins. In Nan's cupboards Eve finds an assortment of treasures and Nan's spare kisses make everything right, from let-downs, rained out matches and burnt batches. Her limitless love (and treats) are never spared.
19565	Spark Wallace, Adam & Plant, Andrew (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2016	9781925272413	3-4	I began as a dry spark in the dry grass. All I wanted was a friend. I found one in the wind, who helped me to grow and fly.
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?
	Spark trilogy series Craw, Rachael				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
80195	Spartacus and his glorious gladiators Brown, Toby & Goddard, Clive (ill)	Scholastic UK	2004	9780439981873	5-6	Spartacus, the gladiator who fought for and against the Romans, had a life full of surprises. Learn about the Roman Empire and Spartacus's story from amassing an army inside a volcano to the crucifixion of six thousand slaves.

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23044	Special Blain, Georgia	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9780857988072	9plus	Fern Marlow is alone, datawiped and in hiding. Her mobie says she's Delia Greene, a refuse sorter. Every day, she queues to work, to earn enough to stay alive. She dreams of the past and the life she's meant to be living, for those wealthy enough or lucky enough to be genetically designed. Her rescuers said her former life was a lie. They said they'd come back for her but they haven't. Fern doesn't know who to trust or believe. To save herself, Fern must answer the one question she can't face. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above.
6486	Special forces cadets: Missing Ryan, Chris	Hot Key Books	2019	9781471407826	7-9	The Special Forces Cadets are tough, smart, and brave as well as being young and all alone in the world. A British secret agent has gone missing in North Korea, where unfamiliar adults would attract suspicion. So the cadets, disguised as a tour group, are sent to investigate. But they forget the key rule: Trust Nobody - and soon they are betrayed to the authorities. Can the cadets locate the missing agent and make it out of the country alive?
6221	Special Kev McKimmie, Chris	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2008	9781741755503	3-4	Kev is so special, his mum planted red roses and rolled out the red carpet when he was born. He is the only one of his eleventy million cousins with red hair and freckles. When his favourite cousin goes away, Kev is lonely and hasn't a friend who plays football. When Kev joins up with Nicky Bathgate to play Ned Kelly, things start to go wrong.
	Specky Magee series Arena, Felice & Lyon, Garry (ill)				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.
4392	Spectacular Spencer Gray, The Fitzpatrick, Deb	Fremantle Press	2017	9781925164671	5-6	Spencer Gray is just an ordinary kid, but he manages to get into some pretty extraordinary situations. Playing soccer at school with his mates he accidentally uncovers a sinister operation and rescues a super-endangered marsupial, but in the process he risks becoming super-endangered himself.

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916634	Spectaculars, The Garnish, Jodie	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2022	9781801312547	5-6	When three figures arrive at Harper's window in a flying canoe, they inform her that she is a Spectacular - a magical performer, gifted with special powers from the stars. Harper is thrilled to be part of the Spectaculars' travelling theatre and boarding school but, before long, she and her new friends are plunged into great danger that threatens everything and everyone they love.
81769	Speech day jitters Moss, Kerry & Rolland, John (ill)	Southern Community Welfare, NSW	2010	9780980504729	3-4	Dan is terrified about giving a speech in front of his class. But, Dan learns some tricks to outsmart Mr Jitters when his speech day arrives.
1399468	Speedy sloth Christmas, A Young, Rebecca & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761649219	K-2	Oh no! Santa is sick and an elf crashed the sleigh. Lucky the Speedy sloth is there to help. Spike, Dash and the elf have to work out how to deliver all the presents to the animals in the bay while the sleigh gets fixed.
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.
963414	Speedy sloth, The Young, Rebecca	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781760974893	K-2	It was finally time for the event of the year, Spike couldn't believe it - THE GREAT RACE was here! The other sloths said it couldn't be done, but Spike didn't care, she was ready to run!
804753	Spellbound ponies: Magic and mischief Gregg, Stacy	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780008402815	3-4	Eliza has moved from London to the countryside and hopes to begin horse riding lessons. But when her mum takes her to enquire, the stables are deserted and seem long neglected. When a door opens for Eliza that her mum thought was locked, she meets a girl in the stable who is wearing a very old-fashioned dress. The girl's name is Olivia and when she explains why the stables are deserted, Eliza agrees to go on quite a big adventure.
788917	Spellbound ponies: sugar and spice Gregg, Stacy	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780008402907	3-4	Prince the horse isn't as fast as he used to be, and the problem is cake! Can Olivia and Eliza help break the spell that is making him so slow? Can they bring him back to the stable?
941474	Spellhound: A dragons of Hallow book Tanner, Lian & Soweol Han, Sally (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180057	5-6	What do a minch-wiggin, a Queen, and a rather large magical pup have in common? They need to find the dragon that has turned their worlds upside-down... even if it means revealing all they want to keep hidden! A delightfully pleasing whimsical fantasy novel for readers who love Cressida Cowell or Katrina Nannestad.

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4423	Spellslinger De Castell, Sebastien	Hot Key Books	2017	9781471406119	9plus	Raised in a magic family, in a magic community, The son of the most powerful wizard faces an unspeakable challenge. His magic is fading. Can the mysterious stranger in town help him, or is she a spy trying to bring down the entire city. Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 & above.
903360	Spice road Ibrahim, Maiya	Hodderscape	2024	9781399702034	9plus	The desert city of Qalia has shielded its existence - and the secrets of its magic misra tea - from outsiders for generations. But when her brother disappears into the Forbidden Wastes, soldier Imani joins the mission sent to find him before he can expose Qalia's magic, and face punishment for his crime. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1395136	Spick and the span, The Van Martin, Pil	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9780008724788	7-9	Thanks to many generations of careless magicians, the city of Helm is overflowing with magic, which has made it a very dangerous place to live. Leave anything alone for too long and it will transform into something else: your house will turn to gingerbread, your teapot will start pouring pond water or - if you're really unlucky - your floor will turn to lava. The magicians liked to pretend it's them who keep the worst magical hiccups in check, but the real heroes of the whole sorry situation are of a wholly different occupation: equally well known but decidedly less respected. The heroes of the city of Helm are the cleaners. Ward, an ambitious twelve-year-old cleaner, wants nothing more than to belong to the League of Cleaners, who will grant him the prestige and popularity he's been looking for all his life - if only he can pass three near-impossible tests. Struggling toward this goal with a team he doesn't trust, Ward's world is upended when his friend disappears and mysterious magic-eating monsters appear all over the city and start tearing holes in the fabric of reality. Suddenly his ambitions are the least of his problems...
15358	Spider Metzenthen, David & Sheehan, Peter (ill)	Penguin	2004	9780143300991	3-4	A hairy, scary, creepy huntsman spider is in Min's bedroom.
10026	Spider and the fly, The Howitt, Mary & Diterlizzi, Tony (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2003	9781743478172	5-6	The spider entices the fly to come on inside. The fly is not convinced but flattery is so hard to ignore.
18125	Spider bought a bicycle and other poems for young children, A Rosen, Michael & Moore, Inga (ill)	Kingfisher	2005	9780753410479	3-4	A quirky anthology from playground rhymes to Shakespeare, including new, old, multicultural, funny, sad, thoughtful, short, long and classic poems.

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66585	Spiderlings and their families Calabrisello, Antonio & Turner, Nadia (ill)	Brolly Books	2008	9781921346439	5-6	Spiderlings are baby spiders. This is a lavishly illustrated and factually accurate book about spiders and their families that is both fascinating and just a little bit creepy - in the nicest possible way.
9495	Spiders Llewellyn, Claire & Watts, Barrie	Watts Publishing Group	2002	9780531146521	3-4	One of the Minibeasts series, describing the physical characteristics, behaviour and habitat of spiders.
1019684	Spies in the sky McWilliams, Beverley	Pantera Press	2023	9780645624533	5-6	Royal Blue is a royal racing pigeon from a long line of champions. Every morning he wakes and spends the day training, but there's a war growing and things are changing. One day the King himself comes to the loft and selects Blue for a special assignment. Blue needs to find the courage to leave his secure home to be a war pigeon and face dangers he never could have imagined, and will he survive to return to his family?
18731	Spiggie, the story of a puffin Bartlett, Maureen & Milne, Sally (ill)	Maureen Bartlett www.maureenbartlett.com	2006	9780977549115	3-4	Spiggie, an Atlantic puffin, is in training for his first ever migration. He is left guarding the burrow and wants to be brave and be able to fly and swim like the older puffins. Spiggie may not be ready for the Great Trip North.
15025	Spilled water Grindley, Sally	Bloomsbury	2004	9780747571469	7-9	One frightening day, everything changes in Lu Si-Yan's life. A country Chinese girl whose father dies, Lu Si-Yan is sold by her uncle to work for a family in the big city. She refuses to spend her life in servitude, determined to be reunited with her family.
874	Spinifex mouse MacDonald, Norma	Magabala Books	2013	9781921248801	3-4	In the Pilbara region of Western Australia, Cheeky, the spinifex hopping mouse, lives up to his name by taunting a hungry snake. But, he is soon swept up into a risky adventure.
15227	Spinners & weavers Ballance, Alison	Pearson Education Australia	2002	9780733937736	3-4	A look at animals that spin and weave. The book includes simple factual information, beautifully presented photographs and illustrations, a glossary and an index.
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.
31130	Spirit Ryan, Cherri & Booth, Christina (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781925381771	K-2	I built a ship from this and that. I named her Spirit. Could Spirit sail? I knew she could. A beautiful picture book about resilience, imagination and hope.

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	Spirit Animals series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
12417	Spirit of Barrumbi, The Norrington, Leonie	Scholastic Australia	2003	9781862915527	9plus	A sequel to, The Barrumbi kids, in which a trip to Barrumbi changes everything. Dale is warned in a dream that his brother, Sean, is in danger. He doesn't know that what happens to Sean will have a devastating effect on the whole community. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
16344	Spirit of hope Graham, Bob	Lothian Books	2008	9780734410696	K-2	Dad works six days a week at the factory across the street but, each night when he comes home, the fun begins for the five Fairweather children. When the family is ordered to move out to make way for another factory, they despair of finding another house they can afford. Mary's favourite toy inspires them to make a new home in an unexpected place.
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.
18548	Spirit of the deep Beames, Margaret	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2006	9780734408570	7-9	When Jess goes to stay with her unknown grandmother, she learns of her family's secrets that are about to be repeated with devastating results.
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.
9216	Spitting chips Murray, Peta	Currency Press	1995	9780868194066	9plus	Spud is angry since her mother died. She is befriended by an old woman who helps her with her grief. A family drama that deals with relationships, friendship and loneliness. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
34678	Splat Burgerman, Jon	Oxford University Press	2017	9780192749543	K-2	When you turn the page, get ready for....SPLAT! A very messy fit of giggles.

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9722	Splat the cat Scotton, Rob	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2008	9780060831547	K-2	Splat is terrified of his first day of school and he tries all sorts of tricks to avoid going. But, Mum is not convinced and Splat is soon on his way, with mouse pal, Seymour, in his lunch box. Splat is welcomed enthusiastically by his cat classmates and lessons go smoothly until he learns that cats are supposed to chase mice, not have them as friends. Watch Splat's day turn around. Day Two is going to be much better.
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.
37687	Splish, splash, splat Scotton, Rob	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2011	9780007432400	K-2	Splat doesn't want to have a play date with Spike because Spike will break his toys and eat all of his candy fish. And, Splat does not want to learn how to swim. He thinks water is horrible, scary and wet. He's sure that this is going to be the worst day ever. But, when the rest of their classmates rush straight into the pool, Splat and Spike find that they may have more in common than they thought.
9496	Splish, Splosh, why do we wash Lobb, Janice	Kingfisher	2000	9780753404263	3-4	An appealing investigation into simple science treating concepts that include wave action, soap, buoyancy, water temperature and mirrors.
6721	Splosh for the billabong Moriarty, Ros & Balarinji (ill) & Bradley, John (trans)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760112127	K-2	Splosh for the billabong at the shady bend of river. Brush for the flowers that burst in summer heat. A glorious celebration of country, animals and painting. Includes words translated into the Yanyuwa language, which is spoken by Aboriginal families in Borroloola, Northern Territory.
12452	Spook's shack Orr, Wendy & Millard, Kerry (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2003	9781865086453	5-6	Deep in the bush, Finn discovers an old, deserted shack. When a dog growls and a gravely voice snarls, Finn's hair stands up like bristles on a brush. But, there are greater dangers for this beautiful, bushland environment.
15020	Spookyrumpus Mitton, Tony & Parker-Rees, Guy (ill)	Orchard Books	2004	9781843624226	K-2	Count all the spooky characters as they make their way to a party.
375	Spooner or later Jennings, Paul & Greenwood, Ted & Denton, Terry	Penguin	1999	9780140543629	5-6	Picture puzzles and humorous drawings highlight this book of word games and spoonerisms.

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33240	Sport Mathieu, B & Rambion, M & Debat, A (ill); Saker, J (adapt)	Gecko Press	2011	9781877467769	3-4	A book for sports lovers. Everything from the origin of the Olympics and the history of rugby, football and tennis, to the health benefits of sport, from politics and doping to sports around the world, to playing for fun or as a professional. Also includes information about sporting careers, useful websites, sports vocabulary and lots more.
13041	Sporting hero Mason, Paul	A & C Black	2010	9781408126943	3-4	The ancient Greek Olympic Games were a little different to those of today. Find out why people took part, who was allowed to participate or attend, what activities there were and how hard it was. As the athletes were all naked, the illustrations are in the style of Ancient Greek pottery, or sculptures, however the male torso is shown.
	Sporty kids series Arena, Felice & Jellett, Tom (ill)				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.
3993	Spot of bother, A Emmett, Jonathan & Cabban, Vanessa (ill)	Walker Books	2015	9781406347999	K-2	Pig is very proud of his neat appearance so he's horrified to discover a spot of squashed cherry on his side. His farmyard friends try to remove it, with disastrous results, and the spot of bother soon becomes a truly calamitous catastrophe.
	Spot series Various				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.
771182	Spotlight Raphael, Solli	Penguin Random House Australia	2020	9781760898410	5-6	Slam poet and social advocate Solli Raphael shines a spotlight on the concerns teenagers face today with over 30 impressive new poems and performance pieces. He shares his experiences of helping to create change and contribute to a sustainable world. Packed with activities for kids and teens to find their own voices, everyone can be proactive in shaping the future.

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1380	Spotty dotty lady, The Boyle, Josie & Martins, Fern (ill)	Magabala Books	2014	9781922142108	K-2	A sad lady finds an unusual, spotty flower in her garden and is inspired to paint dots on her cups, kitchen and all over her house. Her neighbours soon become interested and the spotty flower breathes new life into the street.
841	Spring fever at silver street farm Davies, Nicola	Walker Books	2012	9781406323061	3-4	Spring has sprung at Silver Street Farm. How will Karl, Meera and Gemma ever cope with all that has to be done once the piglets, kids and lambs have been born?
120067	Sprite Downberry Hilton, Nette	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2008	9780732285487	7-9	Sprite's life is tough. Her Mum is moody, Dad is away a lot and her little brother should be starting school soon but can barely talk properly. When her Dad leaves, Sprite has to make decisions in order to reunite herself and her brother with their dad.
6827	Spud & Charli Wheeler, Samantha	University of Queensland Press	2015	9780702250187	3-4	Charli is at riding camp, where her dream is about to come true. She will finally learn to ride a real, live horse. But, Instead of riding the beautiful palomino Razz, Charli is stuck with the massive, retired racehorse, named Spud. And Charli is worried about the bats that fill the night sky. Riding camp isn't turning out the way Charli planned, especially when she finds herself in the middle of a life-threatening disaster.
1423831	Spud and Snowball and the fancy fish Rossell, Judith	ABC Books	2025	9780733343865	K-2	Every day, Spud and Snowball lie on the couch and watch TV. When they see an ad for Fancy Fish, the two cats work out a way to have this new food delivered to their door. But what actually arrives is totally unexpected. Can Spud and Snowball outwit this loud, bossy and very fancy intruder?
595786	Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth Boyce, Frank Cottrell	Pan MacMillan	2016	9781509819973	5-6	The Earth is about to be destroyed, you need to make a list of ten things on Earth that make it worth saving, what will you pick? Prez mets Sputnik, a small loud alien who looks like a dog. They both make a list but they are very different, will they be able to work together and save the world?
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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1019910	Spy academy: The peak Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761290473	7-9	Nolan Hawker is invited to attend the Peak, the world's most dangerous school. There he learns to crack codes, fly planes and deceive enemies so he can someday infiltrate the deadly anarchist group, Swarm. But Swarm is already inside the Peak, and they have a plan - the kind that no-one walks away from. Does Nolan have what it takes to save his friends, his school, the world? LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Jack Heath read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/7-9-book-list#spy-academy-1-the-peak-jack-heath
4156	Spy babies Bone, Ian	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2000	9780734401052	7-9	Imagine finding yourself in the body of a baby, with all the disadvantages that would bring.
3908	Spy toys Powers, Mark & Wesson, Tim (ill)	Bloomsbury	2017	9781408870860	3-4	Three faulty toys, a bear too strong to hug, an angry doll who hates children and a robot police rabbit, are the unlikely heroes in this story. They are recruited as spies and as part of a top secret team, The Spy Toys. They must save the Prime Minister's son Sam from being kidnapped. Can they stop the criminals in their tracks?
4826	Spy toys: Out of control Powers, Mark & Wesson, Tim (ill)	Bloomsbury	2017	9781408870884	3-4	The secret code that controls every toy's mind has been stolen! It's up to the SPY TOYS - Dan, the super-strong teddy bear, Arabella, the doll with the serious temper and Flax, the gadget-crazy robot rabbit, to get it back before toys everywhere turn bad!
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?

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22994	Square Barnett, Mac & Klassen, Jon (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781406378658	K-2	Every day, Square brings a block out of his cave and pushes it up a steep hill. This is his work. When Circle floats by, she declares Square a genius, a sculptor! "This is a wonderful statue," she says. "It looks just like you!" But now Circle wants a sculpture of her own, a circle! Will the genius manage to create one? Even accidentally?
14986	Squash and a squeeze, A Donaldson, Julia & Scheffler, Axel (ill)	Koala Books	2003	9780864614681	K-2	A little old lady thinks her home is too small. Her friend finds the best solution, filling the home with lots of animals so that it seems instantly bigger when they leave.
12412	Squeak street Rodda, Emily	Working Title Press	2002	9781876288341	K-2	Meet the ten mice who live in Squeak Street.
587875	Squid, the vibrio & the moon, The Wild, Ailsa & Barr,Briony & Crocetti, Gregory	Scale free network	2019	9781486309894	7-9	When he hatches from his egg, Sepio, a baby bobtail squid, is not able to glow. His dark shape is too obvious in the moonlit water and all kinds of predators lurk nearby. Ali, an intrepid Vibrio fischeri bacterium, is determined to reach safety too. A picture book about the symbiotic relationship between a bobtail squid and a bacterium.
628088	Squidge Dibley destroys the school Elliott, Mick	Hachette Children's Books	2019	9780734419422	5-6	Meet the most hilarious year 6 class ever, with the worst teacher of all time then add Squidge Dibley, a kid like no other. Everything is about to change!
35641	Squidnapped Metzenthen, David & Axelsen, Stephen (ill)	Puffin Australia	2010	9780143304777	3-4	When Holly finds a baby squid at the beach, she calls him Mr Googly Eyes and keeps him in a bucket with other things she has collected from the sea. Holly decides that he will be the star of her Travelling Creatures Show. But, when it's time to leave, Holly begins to think about Mr Googly's home.

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903364	Squire Shammas, Nadia & Alfageeh, Sara (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780062945846	9plus	Aiza has always dreamt of becoming a Knight. It's the highest military honour in the once-great Bayt-Sajji Empire, and as a member of the subjugated Ornu people, Knighthood is her only path to full citizenship. Ravaged by famine and mounting tensions, Bayt-Sajji finds itself on the brink of war once again, so Aiza can finally enlist in the competitive Squire training program. It's not how she imagined it, though. Aiza must navigate new friendships, rivalries, and rigorous training under the unyielding General Hende, all while hiding her Ornu background. As the pressure mounts, Aiza realizes that the "greater good" that Bayt-Sajji's military promises might not include her, and that the recruits might be in greater danger than she ever imagined. In this breathtaking and timely story, Aiza will have to choose, once and for all: loyalty to her heart and heritage, or loyalty to the Empire. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
823326	Squirrels who squabbled, The Bright, Rachel & Field, Jim (ill)	Orchard Books	2018	9781408340479	K-2	Greedy squirrels Cyril and Bruce both have their sights on a very special prize: the last pine-nuts of the season. Uh-oh! The race is on!
10029	Squish Prior, Natalie Jane & Dawson, Janine (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2002	9780733614835	3-4	Nicholas and Liam rescue a fairy. They think it will solve their problem, what to give Bronte for her birthday, but Squish, the fairy, becomes more trouble than he is worth.
638711	Squish Rabbit's pet Battersby, Katherine	University of Queensland Press	2019	9780702260469	K-2	Squish is just a little rabbit, but being little leads to big dreams. Most of all, Squish dreams of having a pet. Squish wants a puppy, but he doesn't know where to find one! With the help of his best friend, Twitch, Squish sets out to find the pet of his dreams.
1487346	Squished Wagner Lloyd, Megan and Mee Nutter, Michelle	Graphix	2023	9781338568943	5-6	Avery Lee is tired of feeling squished by her six siblings! All Avery wants is her own room to be alone and make art. She hatches a plan to finally get her own room, while navigating changes in her friendships, and working on an art entry for the fair. But her family might move across the country and things get even more complicated.
	Squishy Taylor series Wild, Ailsa & 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.

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4205	Stage Fright Cotterill, Jo	Bloomsbury	2017	9781472934130	9plus	Alice's parents are having problems and she has the lead in the school play. Can her friends help her to get over her stage fright? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
9401	Stage fright: plays based on the stories of Paul Jennings Tulloch, Richard & Jennings, Paul	Penguin	1996	9780140376913	5-6	Scripts for the stage adaptations of four of Paul Jennings' popular stories.
1424094	Stage left, heart right Forster, Kate	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761646850	7-9	Fall in love with Two Hearts-romantic fiction for young hearts. When it comes to surviving Year 9, Ava Riccardo has three rules: 1. Stay invisible. 2. Stay quiet. 3. Never bring attention to herself. But when her best friend, Izzy, convinces her to audition for the school play, a modern Romeo and Juliet, everything changes. Somehow, Ava lands the lead role, opposite Cameron Reed, Izzy's long-time crush and the funniest, cutest guy in their year. Now, Ava must navigate rehearsals, school work, Izzy's anger with her for getting the lead role, and her own growing crush on Cameron. But as the spotlight grows brighter, so does the tension between friendship and first love. Ava never wanted to be the centre of attention. So, why does it feel so right standing beside Cameron on stage?
4172	Staircase cat, The Thompson, Colin & Pignataro Anna (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2000	9780733610059	7-9	Oskar's loyalty knows no bounds as he waits in an empty war-torn house, surrounded by ghosts, waiting for his family to return.
20417	Staircase to the moon Houston, Bronwyn	Magabala Books	2011	9781921248290	K-2	A young girl has a yearning to get to the moon. One night, she and her grandfather sneak away from home in a bid to climb the staircase to the moon. The pair brave blood-thirsty mosquitoes, dive-bombing fruit bats, boab trees that loom like giants and sinking mangrove mud before making it to the foot of the staircase.
753395	Stalking Jack the Ripper Maniscalco, Kerri	Little Brown	2016	9780316273497	9plus	Seventeen-year-old Audrey Rose is like no other 'lady' of her time. Living in London during the 1880s, she would rather sneak out to her forbidden uncle's laboratory to study forensic medicine than drink tea and discuss what is considered more polite conversation with whoever her father believes she should be socialising with. When Jack the Ripper brutally strikes, Audrey Rose and her uncle are thrown into the case, but things just don't add up. Does she know the killer? Can Audrey Rose stop him, or will her meddling put her right in line to be the next victim? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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8067	Stamp, stomp, womp: and other interesting ways to get rid of pests French, Jackie	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2000	9780207197857	3-4	An invaluable aid to growing vegetables and annuals for young people who want to protect their garden from all sorts of bugs.
1313658	Stand proud Hynes, Nicho & Silva, Marlee & Douglas, Blak (ill)	Puffin Australia	2024	9781761341335	3-4	The inspiring story of rugby league star Nicho Hynes, who grew up to find his passion when he found his people.
3805	Stand up and cheer Re, Loretta	The Wild Colonial Company	2015	9780992306922	5-6	It's 1934 and the Great Centenary Air Race from London to Melbourne will be the biggest and most exciting race that the world has ever seen. Ten year old Jack longs to see the race but he lives in Albury, miles away from the action. But, when a giant Dutch plane is lost in a terrible thunderstorm over Albury, Jack finds himself part of the action.
587899	Stand up for the future: A celebration of inspirational young Australians Various	Penguin Books Australia	2019	9780143794394	7-9	Let's stand up and applaud the young Aussies who are using their voices and talents to change our world for the better. From soccer star Sam Kerr, conservationist Bindi Irwin, entertainer Jessica Mauboy to gender equality advocate Caitlin Figueiredo, this is a book about young people, for everyone. Through activism, innovation, giving back and leading by example, these inspirational young Australians are building a brighter tomorrow for us all. Brought to life by colourful portrait illustrations, from local artists, this book showcases emerging Aussie talent, motivates with inspirational praise and encourages readers to take action to create positive social change. The future is bright!
1176406	Stand up! Speak up! Andrew Joyner	Penguin	2020	9780593301586	3-4	After attending a climate march, a young activist is motivated to make an effort and do her part to help the planet... by organizing volunteers to work to make green changes in their community, from cleaning a lake, to planting trees, to making composting bins, to hosting a clothing swap and more! Here is an uplifting picture book that is an important reminder that no change is too small--and no person is too young--to make a difference.
1969	Standing in for Lincoln Green Mackintosh, David	HarperCollins Children's Books	2013	9780007463022	3-4	Lincoln has a double, someone who looks just like him. While Lincoln does the more important things, like building the biggest tower, his trusty stand-in does the tidying, putting away and sorting out.

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3032	Stanley Thompson, Colin	ABC Books	2016	9780733332852	K-2	It's very quiet in Stanley's house. There are no brothers or sisters, no dads or grannies, not even a cat, a budgie or a goldfish. Stanley lives with his human, Gerald, and Gerald's mum. Life is peaceful but, sometimes, Stanley feels quite lonely. Then, one day at the park, another dog steals Stanley's favourite red rubber ball and sets in motion a chain of events that will change Stanley's life forever.
44139	Stanley Paste Blabey, Aaron	Penguin Books Australia	2009	9780670071807	K-2	Stanley Paste is small, really small. And he hates it. But, when a new girl arrives at school, Stanley learns that being small is not so bad after all.
859	Star Bateson, Catherine	Omnibus Books	2012	9781862919815	5-6	Star and her mum used to manage. Now mum's old friend Charlie has moved in and life is topsy-turvy. Star knows she wants a horse and needs a new best friend. But how is that going to happen when no one is listening to her?
4594	Star Prior, Natalie Jane & Pignataro, Anna (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2008	9780733322440	K-2	Little eyes are closing and it's time everyone was in bed. I wonder what the star sees.
	Star Girl 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.
7824	Star jumps Marwood, Lorraine	Walker Books	2009	9781921150722	5-6	Ruby's family and the dairy farm are struggling through the drought. Life isn't easy, but Ruby is determined to do her own bit to help save her family and the farm.
	Star League series Various				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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	Star of Deltora series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
9737	Star of the circus Hilton, Nette & Stewart, Chantal (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2007	9780702236006	3-4	Bonnie would like just for once to be good at something, just for once not to come last at everything. Finding your talent isn't easy but Bonnie just fails to see how very special she is.
10759	Star of the show Hilton, Nette & Stewart, Chantal (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2006	9780702235795	5-6	Aimee is tired of playing second fiddle to Serena Sweetmay, who it seems, can do no wrong and is great at everything. Aimee is determined to outdo Serena when her class is asked to present the school Christmas play.
23498	Star scouts: Graphic novel Lawrence, Mike	First Second	2017	9781626722804	5-6	Avani is the new kid in town, and she's not happy about it. Everyone in school thinks she's weird, especially the girls in her Flower Scouts troop. Is it so weird to think scouting should be about fun and adventure, not about makeovers and boys, boys, boys? But everything changes when Avani is "accidentally" abducted by a spunky alien named Mabel. Mabel is a scout too - a Star Scout. Collecting alien specimens (like Avani) goes with the territory, along with teleportation and jetpack racing. Avani might be weird, but in the Star Scouts she fits right in. If she can just survive Camp Andromeda, and keep her dad from discovering that she's left planet Earth, she is in for the adventure of a lifetime.
903369	Star Wars Ahsoka Johnston, E K	Hachette Australia	2022	9781484705667	9plus	Fans have long wondered what happened to Ahsoka after she left the Jedi Order near the end of the Clones Wars, and before she re-appeared as the mysterious Rebel operative Fulcrum in Rebels. Finally, her story will begin to be told. Following her experiences with the Jedi and the devastation of Order 66, Ahsoka is unsure she can be part of a larger whole ever again. But her desire to fight the evils of the Empire and protect those who need it will lead her right to Bail Organa, and the Rebel Alliance... Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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26760	Star Wars: Leia, Princess of Alderaan Gray, Claudia	Hardie Grant Egmont	2017	9781405288903	7-9	A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, there was a princess who became a legend. Sixteen-year-old Princess Leia Organa is taking survival courses, practicing politics, and spearheading relief missions to worlds under Imperial control. But Leia has worries beyond her claim to the crown. Her parents, Breha and Bail, aren't acting like themselves lately, and determined to uncover her parents' secrets, Leia starts down an increasingly dangerous path that puts her right under the watchful eye of the Empire. When Leia discovers what her parents and their allies are planning behind closed doors, she finds herself facing what seems like an impossible choice; dedicate herself to the people of Alderaan - including the make she loves - or the galaxy at large, which is in desperate need of a rebel hero.
19230	Star, The Marshall, Felicity	Ford Street Publishing	2010	9781876462925	5-6	Marion, a wooden doll, has her loyal friends, Harley, and Polka, the dog. Marion longs for adventure and is lured by the world of glamour and fame. She becomes a glamorous Star but learns, painfully, that stardom has a use-by-date.
833104	Starboard Skinner, Nicola	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2021	9780008422417	5-6	This is the story of Kirsten, an apparently happy and successful eleven-year-old reality-TV star who meets a ship that comes alive. Inspired by the true history of the SS Great Britain, Starboard is about the friendship, heroism and bravery that you can find in others, whether they're made of flesh or iron. It's about going on epic adventures. But most of all, it's about finding out who you really dare to be when you're completely out of your depth.
886026	Stardiving Plant, Andrew	Ford Street Publishing	2022	9781922696021	5-6	Fluke dreams of seeing stars. But it's difficult for a young sperm whale to see the sky. When wise old Cachalot challenges him to look down, Fluke discovers stars he could never have imagined!
877870	Stardust thief, The Abdullah, Chelsea	Orbit	2022	9780316368865	9plus	Neither here nor there, but long ago... Loulie al-Nazari is the Midnight Merchant: a thief who, with the help of her jinn bodyguard, hunts and sells illegal magic. When she saves the life of a cowardly prince, she draws the attention of his powerful father, the sultan, who blackmails her into finding an ancient lamp that has the power to revive the barren land, at the cost of sacrificing all jinn. With no choice but to obey or be executed, Loulie journeys with the sultan's oldest son to find the artifact. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 & above

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	Starfell series Valente, Dominique & Warburton, Sarah (ill)				5-6	Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen.
377	Stargirl Spinelli, Jerry	Watts Publishing Group	2002	9781841219264	7-9	From the moment Stargirl arrives at Mica High School, the students are enchanted but, then, they turn on her because she is so extraordinary.
2341	Staring owl, The Edwards, Luke	Omnibus Books	2010	9781862919112	5-6	Owl began staring as soon as he was born. He makes people feel uneasy with his staring and begins to feel like a weirdo, so he sets out to find somewhere where he feels comfortable being a starer.
	Starlight Stables 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.
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.
1082884	Starminster Hopkins, Megan	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2024	9780008626891	5-6	Astrid has lived in the rhubarb shed all her life. Her mother explains that it's dangerous outside. When a stranger with wings unlocks the door, Astrid is taken to to London Overhead, a secret city in the sky for the Librae, winged folk. Astrid is also Librae, and will soon grow wings of her own. But soon she hears rumours of missing children, and realises that her mother may have been right about the dangers awaiting all along.

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	Starring Jules series Ain, Beth & Higgins Keenan, Anne (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.
17510	Starry starry night Mitchell, Sarah Kate	Pier 9	2010	9781741968194	3-4	When Jeffrey sees a falling star, he scampers out into the dark night in search of it. He's worried that the star may be a lost part of his imagination, tumbled to the ground and forever lost. When he finds the star, he discovers an empty shell, which he takes to stuff with poetry and pictures and secrets he hopes will rekindle the star. But as Jeffrey drifts off to sleep, something magical happens.
971937	Stars and smoke Lu, Marie	Roaring Book Press	2023	9780241646540	9plus	Winter Young is a global pop sensation. Everybody wants tickets to see him. That's why a top-secret government organisation thinks he'll make the perfect spy. His target is infamous business tycoon and bad guy Eli Morrison. Because Morrison's daughter has just one birthday wish: a private concert with Winter Young. Winter must use his stardom to crack his target's inner circle and bring Morrison down. With him will be expert spy Sydney - and she is convinced Winter doesn't have what it takes. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
4679	Stars at Oktober Bend, The Millard, Glenda	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781743315897	9plus	Alice has been twelve for a long time. Ever since she was assaulted, something inside her is broken. She has acquired brain injury and her words are slow and slurred. Alice writes poems to express what she can't say and leaves them in unexpected places for others to read. Sixteen year old Manny, once a child soldier back in his country, appears to be adapting to his new life. He has a poem and knows it off by heart. Alice and Manny weren't meant to meet each other. Mature read. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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941694	Stars did wander darkling, The Meloy, Colin	Walker Books	2023	9781760657192	7-9	Maybe Archie Coombes has been watching too many horror movies. All of a sudden, the most ordinary things have taken on a sinister edge: a penny on a doormat. A man in a brown suit under a streetlamp. the persistent sound of an axe chopping in the middle of the night. He keeps telling himself hat this is Seaham, a sleepy seaside town where nothing ever happens. Or at least nothing did, until his dad's construction company opened up the cliff beneath the old - some say cursed - Langdon Place. Soon, though, he and his friends can't deny it: More and more of the adults in town are acting strangely. An ancient, long-buried evil has been unleashed upon the community, and it's up to the kids to stop it before it's too late...
846235	Stars in their eyes Walton, Jessica & Aska (ill)	Fremantle Press	2021	9781760990718	7-9	Pop culture-obsessed Maisie can't wait to get to her first Fancon. But being a queer, disabled teenager with chronic pain comes with challenges. Can Maisie make it through the day without falling over, falling in love or accidentally inspiring anyone? Maisie has always dreamed of meeting her hero, Kara Bufano, an amputee actor who plays a kick-arse amputee character in her favourite show. Fancon is big and exciting and exhausting. Then she meets Ollie, a cute volunteer who she has a lot in common with. Could this be the start of something, or will her mum, who doesn't seem to know what boundaries are, embarrass her before she and Ollie have a chance?
526	Starship Q Alexander, Goldie & Hamill, Dion	MacMillan	2004	9780732992200	5-6	After initial mistrust, Jackson, a human boy, joins forces with young, telepathic aliens, Iyaki and Aari, to overcome a mutiny aboard a starship. A fun-packed, fast-paced, courageous adventure to save the imprisoned crew results.

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1011981	Starsight Sanderson, Brandon	Orion	2019	9781473217904	9plus	All her life, Spensa has dreamed of becoming a pilot. Of proving she's a hero like her father. She made it to the sky, but the truths she learned about her father were crushing. Spensa is sure there's more to the story. And she's sure that whatever happened to her father in his starship could happen to her. When she made it outside the protective shell of her planet, she heard the stars - and it was terrifying. Everything Spensa has been taught about her world is a lie. But Spensa also discovered a few other things about herself - and she'll travel to the end of the galaxy to save humankind if she needs to. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
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.
	Start with science series Waring, Geoff				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.
936	Starting school Godwin, Jane & Walker, Anna (ill)	Penguin	2013	9780670076765	K-2	Five children are off to school for the first time. There are new friends to make, fun ways to learn and lots of different things to discover.
4651	Startling story of Lachlan Macquarie, The: Founding father or failure Sedunary, Michael & Emmerichs, Bern (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2017	9780994384102	5-6	Lachlan Macquarie is celebrated for his inspired infrastructure building, as well as his enlightened treatment of convicts and emancipists. His treatment of the Aboriginal population, however, was far from enlightened. So how should history remember this towering figure of Australia's past- founding father or failure?

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1096844	Stay for dinner Parappukkaran, 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.
5359	Stay well soon Tangey, Penny	University of Queensland Press	2013	9780702249945	5-6	Stevie has a lot of dreams - more friends at school, better drawing pencils and a pony. When her brother becomes sick, her world is filled with trips to the hospital, where she becomes friends with Lara, an older girl who has cancer.
4145	Stay where you are and then leave Boyne, John	Doubleday	2013	9780857532947	7-9	Alfie's birthday is one he cannot forget, because it is the day World War I is announced. His life changes as his father enlists. Letters come, eagerly read between his mother, granny and himself. As the letters' cheerful tone changes, mother hides the letters and tells Alfie rather than reads what they contain. Then the letters stop and Alfie begins a mission of his own to find out the truth.
378	Staying alive in year 5 Marsden, John	Pan MacMillan	1996	9780330358842	5-6	Mr Murlin is not an ordinary teacher. His rules are amazing, like eating chocolate in class is compulsory. Johnny and Max love being in his class but still get into lots of scrapes. Contains language and actions that may offend some readers.
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.

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8911	Steam, steel and speed Nicholson, John	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2008	9781741750461	5-6	Find out how steam power changed Australia. You can read about paddle steamers trading up and down the nation's waterways, steam-powered factories churning out everything from biscuits to iron ships, new railways slashing travel times and all kinds of new jobs for fettlers and firemen, puddlers and pumpers, barge-masters and billy-boys.
1423991	Steeping of blood, A Faizal, Hafsah	MacMillan	2025	9781529097115	9plus	This is the sequel to A Tempest of Tea. Still reeling from the bloodshed, Arthie Casimir has no time to mourn the death of anyone, let alone her own. She has no time for love, either, but it had saved her life. As Arthie navigates new emotions and new allies, she must reassemble her scrambled crew and scrape what little they have left to fight one last time - and she will need to face the ghosts of her past to do it. This title includes mature themes and is usually read by students in grades 9 and above.
15399	Stegosaur stone Bernard, Patricia	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781865046204	7-9	Three loyal teenagers witness a murder and theft of a priceless dinosaur fossil. They are not supposed to be in the National Park at night and are in great danger. An international crime gang is not going to let them get in its way.
8206	Stella Austen, Jenna	ABC Books	2013	9780733331534	7-9	Fletcher has it all, with her inherited million-dollar magazine company, hanging with celebrities and servants to cater to her every wish. But money doesn't solve boyfriend, and family issues, so she secretly travels to a quiet island to sort her feelings out.
4304	Stella brings the family Schiffer, Miriam B & Clifton-Brown, Holly (ill)	Chronicle Books	2015	9781452111902	K-2	Stella's class is having a Mother's Day celebration and she is worried. Everyone else in her class has a mum, Howie even has two. But, Stella has two dads who take care of her, help with her homework and tuck her in at night. Stella doesn't have a mum to invite but she finds a unique solution to her party problem.
7912	Stella by starlight Draper, Sharon M	Atheneum Books for Young Readers	2016	9781442494985	5-6	In 1932, ten year old Stella lives in the segregated South of the United States. Some stores she can go into, others she can't. Some folks are right pleasant, others less so. To Stella, it sort of evens out, and the Ku Klux Klan hasn't bothered them for years. But, one late night, Stella and her little brother see something they're never supposed to see, something that is the first flicker of change to come. As Stella's community and her world are upended, she decides to fight fire with fire. She learns that ashes don't necessarily signify an end.

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12413	Stella by the sea Starke, Ruth	Puffin Australia	2003	9780143300663	5-6	Stella wants a private property that she can call her own, a cubbyhouse with an ocean view. A little advertisement in the newspaper changes her life.
	Stella Montgomery Intrigues series Rossell, Judith				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.
652683	Stella the unstoppable and the school camp kerfuffle Newsome, Richard	Affirm Press	2019	9781925870480	3-4	Hi! I'm Stella and yes, I'll admit it. I am just a teeny tiny bit obsessed with winning the Camp Cup this year. Who wouldn't be? The winner gets a pizza party! Year Five camp only comes around once in a lifetime and it's going to be awesome. Except ... the campsite is on the edge of an old abandoned graveyard. And there's a rumour that a kid called Spud Riley went to camp and never came back. AND we're on a Camp Cup team with Lizzie Lawless, and the thing you need to know about Lizzie Lawless is - oh. Never mind. You'll see ... It's going to be hectic. Yes. No. Really.
593637	Stella the unstoppable and the talent show fiasco Newsome, Richard	Affirm Press	2019	9781925712872	3-4	Who knew fire extinguisher foam was bad for guinea pigs? Stella found out the hard way and is now forced to enter the talent show as punishment. Can she get herself out of this predicament with the help of her crazy friends? Maybe her dog Defer will help her, maybe her crazy idea might just work.
82531	Stellaluna Cannon, Janell	Koala Books	1998	9780864611246	3-4	Stellaluna falls into a bird's nest and is brought up a bird until she finds her mama again.
846232	Stellarphant Foley, James	Fremantle Press	2021	9781760990732	3-4	Stella the elephant is fighting interstellar discrimination one pachyderm at a time! Stella wants to be an astronaut. There is only one problem: Stella is an elephant. Every time she applies to Space Command, they come up with a new reason she can't join. But where there's a will, there's a way and Stella is determined to reach for the stars.
923438	Step inside science: Your body Bryan, Lara & Bellon, Teresa (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9781474998864	K-2	Gurgle, sneeze, hiccup. There's so much going on inside your body that you can't even see. Step inside and find out how it all works - from eating to breathing to why your heart beats.

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5179	Stephanie chiocci and the cooper's hill cheese chase Porter, Matt	Ford Street Publishing	2018	9781925272888	3-4	Standing at the summit of Coopers Hill in England, Stephanie Chiocci prepares to barrel down a slope steeper than the MCG grandstands. But winning the annual Gloucester Cheese-Rolling Race is just one of her objectives. The Collingwood AFLW captain has also taken it upon herself to save the family cheese-making business of one of her biggest fans. To do so Stephanie must defeat local toff Neville O Shea in one of the worlds most dangerous foot races.
8008	Stephen's music Laguna, Sofie & Pignataro, Anna	Lothian Books	2007	9780734410160	5-6	When Stephen first hears the sound of the flute his whole world changes. He knows he must have one in his life but he must convince his parents first.
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.
4132	Stepping stones: A refugee family's journey Ruurs, Margariet & Badr, Nizar Ali (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702259739	3-4	War is coming closer to Rama's village in Syria. Her family have stayed, not wanting to leave but now there's not enough food and the bombs are falling near their village. The family make the decision to leave but now they are faced with the dangers of travelling to a new country.
616964	Stepsister Donnelly, Jennifer	Hot Key Books	2019	9781471407970	9plus	Cinderella is about a girl who was bullied; Stepsister is about the bully. We all root for the victims, we want to see them triumph. But what about the bullies? Is there hope for them? Can a mean girl change? Can she find her own happily ever after? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
	Sterling biographies series Various				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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2888	Steve goes to carnival Button, Joshua & Wells, Robyn & Rau, Julia (photo)	Magabala Books	2016	9781925360219	K-2	Steve is a gorilla, who lives at a zoo in Rio. He loves to listens to jazz on the radio with his friend, Antonio the zookeeper. One night, Steve lifts the latch of his cage door and escapes to find Antonio. It's carnival time in Rio and a hat provides the perfect disguise for Steve. He follows the sounds of a saxophone and discovers Antonio playing in a quartet. When a beautiful dancer steps on to the dance floor, Steve takes her by the hand. They twirl and twist until, suddenly, Steve's hat falls off his head.
10712	Steve Jobs: Insanely great Hartland, Jessie	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9780857988560	7-9	Steve Jobs was a tinkerer. He was also rebellious, did not follow rules and dropped out of college after one semester. At twenty one, he started Apple Computer in his parents' garage and it became the world's most valuable company. Jobs became the tastemaker of a generation, creating products that we now can't live without, while revolutionising the music, phone and tablet computer industries in the process. A graphic biography.
12844	Steve's Sunday blues Layton, Neal	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2002	9780340797228	K-2	There are so many things that are good about Sundays - walking the dog, splashing through puddles, eating yummy food. Even with all these good things happening, Steve has the Sunday blues.
2931	Stick dog tries to take the donuts Watson, Tom	Harper	2016	9780062457158	5-6	Stick Dog and his team of strays are off on another outrageous canine caper. To snatch some breakfast treats for his hungry pals, Stick Dog will need to stop a moving truck, outfox a man on a telephone pole, and calm down a very caffeinated Karen. But that's not all. He'll also need to manage the greatest confrontation in history when his good friend Poo-Poo comes face-to-face with the ultimate enemy; a squirrel! With Stick Dog's smarts, daring, loyalty and patience he just might lead his buddies to the best breakfast ever.
	Stick dudes series Arena, Felice				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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1200	Stick man Donaldson, Julia & Scheffler, Axel (ill)	Scholastic UK	2012	9781407132327	K-2	Stick Man lives in the family tree with his Stick Lady Love and their stick children three. But it's dangerous being a Stick Man. A dog wants to play with him, a swan builds her nest with him. He even ends up on a fire. How will he get back home.
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...
380	Sticky beak Gleitzman, Morris	Pan MacMillan	1993	9780330274067	7-9	A sequel to Blabbermouth, this book continues the story of Rowena's chaotic life as a teenager who cannot speak aloud yet converses with the reader with her 'voice'.
120066	Sticky Burr Lechner, John	Candlewick Press	2007	9780763630546	3-4	Sticky Burr is a special burr who lives in Burrwood Forest with all the other burrs. He has lots of adventures, wins through in the end and becomes something of a hero. Through the book, he enlists the aid of a friendly dragonfly and is pursued by a pack of wild dogs whom he outwits.
12070	Sticky stuff Walker, Kate & Smith, Craig (ill)	Omnibus Books	2009	9781862914308	3-4	When Sophie sets out for school, she gets stuck fast by sticky, gooey chewing gum to the footpath, then a park bench and, finally, to the school fence. When her classmates and teacher come to her rescue, Sophie needs a clever idea to get everyone free.
12382	Stickybeak Edwards, Hazel & Wilson, Rosemary (ill)	Puffin Australia	1986	9780140541144	K-2	Stickybeak is an unforgettable school pet who gets up to all sorts of mischief. He thinks he's a person. When a student takes Stickybeak home for the weekend, it proves to be a disaster.
30306	Sting Huber, Raymond	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781921150890	5-6	Ziggy's not your average bee in a box. He does not fit in with the honey bees in his hive. He knows that he is different and is determined to find out why. His decision to leave Bee City leads Ziggy into danger and new friendships. Share Ziggy's exciting adventure and find out a lot more about bees, too.
	Stink series McDonald, Megan & Reynolds, Peter H (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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992538	Stink: worst fairy ever McLachlan, Jenny	Farshore	2023	9780008524272	3-4	Stink is the naughtiest fairy there's ever been. From the moment Stink flies out of the fairy door and attaches herself to his hair, 11 year old Danny's life becomes a chaotic, hilarious mess. Stink needs Danny's help to do a good deed and earn fairy nuggets so she can return to Fairyland - and Danny will do anything to get Stink to go back to where she came from. But can Stink behave well enough to earn her gold nuggets and allow Danny's life to go back to normal?
382	Stinky cheese man and other fairly stupid tales, The Scieszka, Jon & Smith, Lane (ill)	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	1993	9780140548969	5-6	In this collection of traditional stories, the retelling does not resemble the original tales at all. The humour in this book is in its unusual design.
44093	Stinky Ferret and the JJs Lemon-Scott, Candice	Puffin Australia	2008	9780143303978	5-6	Adrian hates ferrets. He thinks they're boring and ugly and stinky. So, when it's his turn to take home Ferret, the classroom pet, Adrian knows he's in for a bad weekend.
1133512	Stitch Kenny, Padraig	Walker Books	2024	9781529517781	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 onlly ever see them as monsters.
32279	Stitches and stuffing Gallasch, Carrie & Acton, Sara (ill)	Little Hare Books	2017	9781760127787	K-2	Adeline's beloved Bunnybear goes with her everywhere, but one night he is damaged by the dog. Nanna sews Bunnybear back together, but this new Bunnybear is stiff and strange and Adeline puts him on a shelf and leaves him there. Then Nanna goes away, and Adeline realises it is not just stitches and stuffing that holds Bunnybear together, it is love.
383	Stoked real life, real surf Parry, Glyn	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1994	9781863737111	7-9	A lightweight but informative and accurate book comprising chapters that alternate between a humorous history of surfing and sensible advice from Dr Stoke. Excellent illustrations by Jeff Raglus further emphasise the humour.
2299	Stolen fiddle, The Quilty, Alisha	Quilty	2008	9780646484457	3-4	The Little People of Mt Miniature are holding a fiddle to ransom to coerce its talented owner to assist them to thwart the plans of an oppressive, nearby kingdom. The story is inspired by the music of an actual fiddle player known to the young author.

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85740	Stolen girl Saffioti, Trina & MacDonald, Norma	Magabala Books	2011	9781921248252	5-6	When a young girl is taken from all that she knows and loves, she dreams of how she will return to the life she had to leave behind. The book follows one girl who was taken from her home and placed in a children's home. Australian Government policy at the time removed one hundred thousand Aboriginal children who are known as the Stolen Generation.
12955	Stone age sentinel Fleming, Fergus & Tomlins, Karen (des.) & Dowsell, Paul (ed.)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	1998	9780746029596	7-9	Very funny newspaper full of articles about the stone age. Humour and historical accuracy combined.
4695	Stone elephant, The Stafford, Liliana	Windy Hollow Books	2007	9781921136047	3-4	This picture book explores the relationship between us and the natural world through the powerful imagery of elephants.
22990	Stone for Sascha, A Becker, Aaron	Candlewick Press	2018	9780763665968	K-2	This year's summer vacation will be very different for a young girl and her family without Sascha, the beloved family dog, along for the ride. But a wistful walk along the beach to gather cool, polished stones becomes a brilliant turning point in the girl's grief. There, at the edge of a vast ocean beneath an infinite sky, she uncovers, alongside the reader, a profound and joyous truth.
4201	Stone in my hand, A Clinton, Cathryn	Candlewick Press	2010	9780763647728	7-9	Eleven year old Malaak is a Palestinian living in Gaza. She endures the hardships of living in an occupied territory, with soldiers and dangers ever present. Her father has disappeared and her mother raises the family, and keeps their Islamic faith. Malaak has a tame dove which helps her to deal with her sadness. Hamid, her brother, has his own, dangerous way to cope with repression and uncertainty.
14887	Stone lion, The Wild, Margaret & Voutila, Ritva (ill)	Little Hare Books	2014	9781921894855	3-4	Sometimes, statues are granted a chance to become warm, breathing creatures. The stone lion's only dream is to run, pounce and leap in the park across from where he sits. But, one snowy night, when a baby is abandoned at his paws, he is compelled to think differently.

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5038	Stone man mysteries, The: Stone cold Yolen, Jane & Stemple, Adam & Zangara, Orion (ill)	Graphic Universe	2016	9781512411553	5-6	When a gargoyle comes to life and saves Craig from jumping to his death in the city of Edinburgh, Craig is pulled into a high paced world of murder, crime and mystery. A new crime fighting team that includes a hard-nosed priest, a demon gargoyle and a young boy is formed and they will need their wit, skills and a little luck to solve the mysterious murders that are plaguing the citys streets.
660438	Stone sat still, A Wenzel, Brendan	Chronicle Books	2019	9781452173184	5-6	A book about a stone sitting still does not seem very interesting until you think about the world around it. The still stone plays a different part for each of the passing creatures over changing time, weather, and geography. You will not step over a simple stone again without thinking of the parts it plays in the world long after you are gone.
4219	Stone soup Bonning, Tony & Hobson, Sally (ill)	Gullane Children's Books Ltd	2001	9781862334366	K-2	The weary fox stops at the farm gate and asks the animals if they have any food to spare. They are too mean to share so Fox asks for just a little water to make some stone soup. The curious animals crowd round to see how stone soup is made.
9251	Stone swan, The Bell, Helen	Benchmark	2000	9781876615017	5-6	A pair of black swans, separated from their flock, is forced to nest alone in shrinking wetlands where they face unknown dangers in changing and increasingly hostile conditions.
	Stoneheart series Fletcher, Charlie				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.
587677	Stop the bully Tyrrell, Karen	Digital Future Press	2014	9780987274069	3-4	Brian's life is falling apart. His dad has left, he has to move house, start at a new school and to make matters worse the school bully notices him straight away. What can Brian do to solve these problems? And will his shameful secret come out?

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839062	Stop the dad jokes! Beck, Adrian & Greiner, Simon (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2021	9781761043086	K-2	On a trip to the zoo, a kid finds out that even the animal dads think it's their job to tell really bad jokes. Somehow, dads all over the world think telling lame jokes is in their job description. And kids all over the world just have to groan.
1426059	Stop! Gangster koala! Moore, Jenny & Maluenda, Berta (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2025	9781923145597	3-4	Squeaky Minders actor Archie is the nicest, cuddliest koala in town. But he wakes up after a filming accident convinced he's Hoodlum Pie-Claw, his lemon-meringue-pie throwing gangster character from the show. And there's nothing cuddly about Hoodlum, as the other animals at the Pawprint Productions studios are about to discover... Meek and Squeak are hot on Hoodlum's tail but can they stop the gangster koala's reign of terror before calamity strikes?
	Stopwatch series Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, Ambelin, Blade & Ezekiel				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.
26541	Stories for boys who dare to be different Brooks, Ben & Winter, Quinton (ill)	Quercus Children's Books	2018	9781787471986	7-9	100 stories, with fun illustrations, about men and boys who have done something unusual or unexpected to make the world a better place. A beautiful and inspiring collection of stories about boys who changed the world without killing a single dragon or saving a single princess.
6121	Stories for kids who dare to be different: True tales of boys and girls who stood up and stood out Brooks, Ben	Quercus Children's Books	2018	9781787476523	7-9	Boys will be boys and girls will be girls? Not in this book. More extraordinary true stories of amazing Boys and Girls, Women and Men, who broke the mould and changed the world for the better. Have the courage to be yourself, and your dreams might come true....
16562	Stories for Simon Sarzin, Lisa Miranda & Briggs, Lauren (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9780857987440	3-4	When Simon unwraps a beautiful boomerang, he finds out about an Australian Prime Minister's national apology to the Stolen Generations. Through a new friendship and a magnificent collection of stories, Simon learns about the Stolen Generation, and gains a deep appreciation of the past and a positive vision for the future.

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1282890	Stories from Magic beach: The book of the Robert Connolly film Lester, Alison & Kelly, Emma	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181559	3-4	Ten children find themselves on a magic beach of their imagination. They explore caves, build giant sandcastles, poke around rock pools and converse with sea animals. They dive with horses in the waves and play with magical underwater creatures. Sandcastles are built and destroyed in terrible wars. Pirates smuggle treasure into caves. And Dreamtime serpents fly through the sky and shed their scales. The dreams of these children are limitless and the magic of the beach will be in their hearts forever.
9530	Stories from our house Tulloch, Richard	Penguin	1995	9780140553796	3-4	Four humorous stories tell of everyday situations in a suburban house.
9412	Stories from our street Tulloch, Richard	Penguin	1995	9780140553802	3-4	Three charming stories about everyday things.
120065	Stories from the billabong Marshall, James Vance	Frances Lincoln	2008	9781845077044	5-6	Ten Aboriginal dreaming stories of the Yorta-Yorta people, with beautiful illustrations and information about the animals.
14228	Stories of dragons Rawson, Christopher	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2003	9780746054048	3-4	Dragon's are not always as fearsome as they appear. These short stories show dragons in a new light.
4883	Stories of Thor Frith, Alex (adapted) & Kuricheva, Natasha (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2016	9781409550679	3-4	Thor, son of Odin and god of thunder and lighting might be the bravest warrior in all of Asgard but there are many that will still challenge him. In these retellings of three classic Thor stories, Thor must use all of his wits and his strength to defeat an angry giant, a sea serpent, dangerous frost giants and on top of all that, contend with his mischievous step-brother Loki's tricks. A great first introduction to Norse mythology for young readers.
1470709	Storm Saxby, Claire & Racklyeft, Jess (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2026	9781761181719	3-4	It begins with a puff. Then another. A flutter, a ripple, a shiver show where the breeze blows. Tiny water drops join and grow until they are too heavy to stay aloft. Lightning cracks and thunder bellows. The storm is here. An evocative exploration of the birth of a thunderstorm and the effects of wind and weather on the natural environment.
386	Storm boy Thiele, Colin	New Holland Australia	2002	9781864367669	5-6	Storm Boy has a fascinating life along the seashore with his friend, Hideaway, and the pelican, Mr Percival.

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120064	Storm callers Mackay, Duncan	Fremantle Press	2007	9781863682763	7-9	In tiny Miller's Flat, Mike is stuck at the caravan park helping his mum when he'd rather be with mates. One day, he meets feisty, city girl, Kirsty, who is trying to run away. Together, they escape their boredom and create their own world on a remote beach, beachcombing for treasures and imagining stories about pirates and washed up bodies.
572756	Storm keeper's island, The Doyle, Catherine	Bloomsbury	2018	9781408896884	5-6	When Fionn Boyle sets foot on Arranmore Island, it begins to stir beneath his feet. Once in a generation, Arranmore Island chooses a new Storm Keeper to wield its power and keep its magic safe from enemies. The time has come for Fionn's grandfather, a secretive and eccentric old man, to step down. Soon, a new Keeper will rise. But, deep underground, someone has been waiting for Fionn. As the battle to become the island's next champion rages, a more sinister magic is waking up, intent on rekindling an ancient war.
4444	Storm whale Brennan, Sarah & Tanner, Jane (ill)	Algonquin young readers	2017	9781760293642	3-4	Bleak was the day and the wind whipped down. When I and my sisters walked into town. So begins the story of three sisters who find a whale stranded on a windswept beach and try to save it.
9258	Stormy night Lemieux, Michele	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2000	9781876631031	7-9	While a storm rages outside, a young girl ponders some of life's big questions.
9384	Story about Ping, The Flack, Marjorie & Wiese, Kurt (ill)	Viking Children's	1997	9780140502411	3-4	Ping, the hero of this classic, is a rebellious little duck. On a day almost like any other, Ping is accidentally left behind. Undaunted, Ping heads out onto the Yangtze in search of his family, finding friends and adventures around every bend.
12623	Story blanket, The Wolff, Ferida & Savitz, Harriet May & Odriozola, Elena (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2008	9781842706947	K-2	Babba Zarrah has a beautiful, woollen blanket which the children love to sit on to listen to her stories. But, when Babba realises that her neighbours need new clothes, she has another use for her blanket.
825448	Story doctors Monty Pryor, Boori & Sinclair, Rita (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526559	5-6	This is a book for everybody. Welcome! Take a seat! And listen carefully, because this story has a heartbeat. Can you feel it, there in your chest? Legendary storyteller Boori Monty Pryor invites us to travel with him from the first footsteps through 80,000+ years of strength, sickness, and immense possibility. From the very first stories and art, to dance, language, and connection with the land, Boori offers a powerful, beautiful, and deeply rich account of Australia's true history, drawing on a lifetime of wisdom, and on his generous instinct to teach and heal.

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34682	Story like the wind, A Lewis, Gill	Oxford University Press	2017	9780192758958	7-9	A small boat drifts on the sea. Far from home, the people inside have lost everything. But at their boat spins slowly on the rising sea, they share a song and a story. A song that keeps their hope alive in their hearts. A song of freedom and a story like the wind.
9382	Story of Babar, The de Brunhoff, Jean	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780394805757	3-4	The first adventure in a series of children's classics, tells of Babar, elephant extraordinaire. We discover how Babar lost his mother, lived among men and was crowned King of Elephants.
387	Story of crow, The: A Nyul Nyul story Torres, Pat (storyteller)	Magabala Books	1990	9780731617364	5-6	A traditional Aboriginal story about why crows are black and emus can't fly, written in Nyulnyul and in English.
677977	Story of Doctor Dolittle, The Lofting, Hugo	Puffin Australia	1920	9780099582489	5-6	The famous doctor who can speak to animals first appeared in Hugh Lofting's letters to his children during World War I. Written and illustrated by Lofting himself, The Story of Doctor Dolittle follows John Dolittle and his misadventures with a crew of animals that he befriends. After learning he can speak to animals and he transitions from human medicine to veterinary practice, he loses most of his income and human patients. However, word in the animal kingdom spreads of this doctor with an extraordinary gift. Animals travel from far and wide to visit the doctor's practice and receive treatment for their ailments.
9392	Story of Ferdinand, The Leaf, Munro	Grosset and Dunlap (Penguin Putnam)	2000	9780448421902	3-4	Ferdinand is mistaken for a fierce bull when he is stung by a bee. In this classic tale, it turns out that Ferdinand would much rather smell the flowers than take on the bullfighter.
63359	Story of Growl, The Horacek, Judy	Penguin	2010	9780143503101	K-2	Growl is a little monster who lives in Eucalyptus Drive and loves to growl. After scaring her neighbours one day, Growl is banned from growling and she doesn't know what to do.
120063	Story of inventions, The Claybourne, Anna & Larkin, Adam (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2007	9780746070093	7-9	Find out the real-life stories of the bright sparks behind dozens of ideas and inventions. Includes a glossary of terms and a timeline.
9206	Story of King Arthur and his knights, The Pyle, Howard	Dover Publications	1982	9780451524881	5-6	Legends and heroic tales are the focus of these classic stories.

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4058	Story of life: Evolution Scott, Katie (ill)	Templar Publishing	2015	9781783704446	5-6	A graphic guide to evolution and life forms, starting with the first single-cell organisms and ending with modern life forms. Explore extraordinary land, sky and sea creatures, from algae to Archaeopteryx and Pterygotus to Tyrannosaurus Rex. Each life form, whether tiny bacteria or ice-age megafauna, represents its period in earth's history and shows life's incredible diversity.
4239	Story of Rosy Dock, The Baker, Jeannie	Walker Books	2002	9780744594751	3-4	Rosy Dock is a plant introduced into Central Australia by a settler who liked its red seed pods. This book, with detailed collages, follows the spread of Rosy Dock.
388	Story of the falling star, The Jones, Elsie	Aboriginal Studies Press	1991	9780855751999	5-6	A retelling and recreation of the Paakantji people of the Darling River in New South Wales.
43456	Story of Titania and Oberon, The Manton, Jo & Bray, Phyllis (ill)	Pavilion	2017	9781843653295	7-9	Titania, the Fairy Queen, and Oberon, King of Fairies, fall into a quarrel about who should have charge of a little changeling boy. Oberon and his servant, Puck, cast a spell which causes Titania to fall magically in love with Nick Bottom, a weaver who has been given the head of a donkey. Oberon sees the error of his ways and seeks a way to reverse the spell and restore harmony.
4830	Story of Tutankhamun, The Cleveland-Peck, Patricia & Greenberg, Isabel (ill)	Bloomsbury	2017	9781408876787	5-6	Everything you wanted to know about Tutankhamun is in this graphic novel. But this is not just the story of Tutankhamun. It is also the story of the men who discovered the tomb and the wonderful things they found and learnt there. Readers too will learn about ancient Egyptian fashion about mummification and hieroglyphs and of course read all about the dreaded curse of Tutankhamun. A beautifully illustrated graphic novel for anyone interested in History, Egypt or mummies.
	Storytellers series series Schow, Betsy				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.
389	Stradbroke dreamtime Nunukul, Oodgeroo (Walker, Kath)	HarperCollins Australia	1999	9780207198656	7-9	The two halves of this book combine to bring together a collection of Dreaming stories and stories reminiscent of the author's childhood on Stradbroke Island.

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61774	Straight line to my heart, A Condon, Bill	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742377308	9plus	School is over forever and Tiff is hoping her work experience will lead to a job. Driving lessons aren't going too well, Reggie is sick and her best friend has some big news. All of this at the same time as a boy is actually wanting to get to know the real Tiff. Some adult concepts. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
65442	Stranded Ramage, Jan & Wilson, Mark (ill)	Black Dog Books	2010	9781742030975	5-6	The bay was awash with stranded whales. Their high-pitched calls filled the air. Ben had to get help. Based on the true story of a town whose people saved 120 beached whales, Stranded is the story of one little whale, and the boy who risked his life to save it.
1209816	Strange and unlikely tale of Montgomery the mysterious bird of mystery, The Elworthy, Antony	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760658915	3-4	Gramps had what they call a "Chequered Career" which he insists on regaling to his sceptical grandson. He's been a stuntman and a deep-sea diver, but his most exciting, and discombobulating, career was when he was a magician. Known as The Astounding Alfredo, and he became famous throughout the world, especially for the disappearing trick with his dove - Montgomery, The Mysterious Bird of Mystery. Unfortunately, Montgomery is not just mysterious, but malevolent, envious and ambitious. And Gramps and Montgomery discover that fame has a way of changing people - and places. Expect the unexpected and believe the unbelievable in this hilarious debut novel from acclaimed animator Antony Elworthy.
20236	Strange little monster and the swamp goblin, The Whiting Sue & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2012	9780143306719	3-4	Sasha is different from other monsters. All she wants is a quiet place to practise her flute. Then, along comes a swamp goblin.
88691	Strange little monster, A Whiting, Sue & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Puffin Australia	2012	9780143304784	3-4	Sasha is a strange little monster. She doesn't like roaring and rumbling like her parents and her sisters. She'd much rather play the flute with her granddad. But, when she discovers that her parents are worried because she's so very different, Sasha makes an effort to roar and rumble with the best of them. Mum and Dad decide to enter her in the Hide and Go Scare contest.

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	Strangest adventures series Adornetto, Alexandra				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.
	Strangeworlds travel agency 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.
120062	Strat and Chatto Mark, Jan	Walker Books	2008	9781406313451	3-4	Chatto is a cat with a mouse problem. Strat is a rat with a house problem. But, with friends in places high and low, and a devious plan, Strat has the solution to both these problems. All he needs are a few bats, cockroaches, silverfish and a toad.
6726	Strays Hilton, Nette & Millard, Kerry (ill)	Koala Books	2000	9780864611130	3-4	David and his mother would share their last drop of milk. One cold and rainy night, they are evicted from the caravan where they have been living, but their kindness to a one-eyed stray farm cat pays off in a very mysterious way.
12945	Streets: extreme sports Chapman, Garry	Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780732964634	5-6	One of a series of books about extreme sports. With action photographs, extreme facts, street jargon and a glossary of terms, this book tells you all you've ever wanted to know about sports on the streets.
4255	Strega Nona dePaola, Tomie	Aladdin Publishing	1979	9780671666064	3-4	A whimsical, ancient tale that clearly reveals the agony and ecstasy of pasta power. It has become a children's classic.
641256	Stressless Johnstone, Matthew & Player, Dr Michael	Pan MacMillan	2019	9781760554224	7-9	Fully illustrated, easy to follow and based on the latest medical science, StressLess is your go-to guide to identify and reduce your own stress and help others do the same. You will learn how to: Recognise the thinking patterns that lead to stress, Disentangle yourself from stressful activities, Relax using breathing, stretching, meditation and mindfulness, Do more with your time, Problem solve, and Nurture relationships. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
390	Strike Harris, Christine	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1999	9780091829179	7-9	Set in Port Adelaide during the Depression, two friends are affected by the `wharfies' strike of 1928.

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903269	Strike the zither He, Joan	Text Publishing Co	2022	9781911231417	7-9	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. But Zephyr knows it's no contest. 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.
11630	Stripes in the forest: the story of the last wild thylacine Darlison, Aleesah & McGrath, Shane (ill)	Big Sky Publishing	2016	9781925275711	3-4	I am the last of my kind. This I know. Once, we roamed the land. We owned the land. We called it home. But strange creatures came to take it from us. I am a Thylacine. I am the last Tasmanian tiger to roam free.
4257	Stuart Little White, E B	Penguin	2000	9780141305066	5-6	Mr and Mrs Little are delighted with their second son, even if he is a mouse. A fantasy about Stuart, the mouse, and his relationship with his human brother and parents.
3197	Stubborn Stanley Eckstrom, Nathaniel	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781760155025	K-2	Stanley loves inventing fun things to play with. But Stanley is so stubborn he won't let anyone else join in - no matter what! Can Stanley work out how to make things fun all by himself? Or will he have to come up with another plan...?
8078	Stuck Calder, Charlotte & Jackson, Mark (ill)	Walker Books	2009	9781921150463	K-2	On a windy day, Charlie's kite gets caught in a big tree. All solutions to retrieve it fail, resulting in the tree being full of objects.
30546	Stuck Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2011	9780007263868	K-2	Floyd gets his kite stuck up a tree. He throws up his shoe to shift it but that gets stuck too. So, he throws up his other shoe and that gets stuck too, along with a ladder, a pot of paint, the kitchen sink, an orang-utan and a whale, amongst other things.

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1367127	Stuck in a handstand! Hansen, Drew & Roberts, Jessica (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781760658717	3-4	Pattie Cake would love to have a special talent, just like everyone else in her class. Luckily, her school principal (umm, make that 'un-principal') has a magic fish. It grants Pattie the special talent she longs for doing handstands. The only problem is, she gets stuck upside down! Will she ever be the right way up again?
1569	Stuck on history Miles, Chris	Black Dog Books	2008	9781742030333	5-6	Find out what fascinating things are trapped in the coloured squares that we stick on the corners of envelopes. Includes a timeline of events coinciding with stamp issues.
1019781	Stuck up & stupid Rice, Angourie & Rice, Kate	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760658281	7-9	The story explores Lily a teenager who attends a party at Pippi Beach and meets Dorian Khan. The story highlights the importance of first impressions and how sometimes they can be deceiving. A modern take on the classic Jane Austin's Pride and prejudice.
	Stuff happens series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
885976	Stunt kids Roberts, Trent	Pan MacMillan	2022	9781760787783	3-4	Gretel Grey has lived in a bubble after an incident when she was young. Her parents do all they can to protect her from any mishaps by keeping her at home and safe. So, when they enrol Gretel in STUNT camp, they think she is going to a Sensible, Totally, Undangerous, Never Thrilling camp. How wrong could they be. Gretel has to headbutt all her fears when she is faced with twisting, tumbling and flipping daredevils. Then Gretel and her new friends are assigned a top secret and highly dangerous mission. Will they survive this? What about Gretel's parents?
33584	Stupendously spectacular spelling bee, The Abela, Deborah	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925324822	5-6	India Wimple is a brilliant speller. When her family tries to convince her to enter the Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee competition, India is reluctant. She remembers the stage fright she got in the school play and she certainly doesn't want to repeat that experience. And, there's also Summer Millicent, who's determined to win and isn't afraid to step on anyone who gets in her way.

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8713	Stupid baby Blake, Stephanie	Gecko Press	2012	9781877579325	K-2	There's a new baby in Simon's house. And Simon wants to know when the stupid baby is going back to the hospital. But, the baby is here to stay. Simon wonders about the scary wolves outside the house and whether his parents will still protect him now they have a stupid baby.
1356323	Style secrets of Gareth McGreen, The Brodie-Brown, Kelly & Carty, Natasha (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761527043	K-2	Gareth McGreen was a stylish toad, no toad in the town appeared finer. He always impressed with the way that he dressed; a fabulous fashion designer. Gareth McGreen is a toad who sews, designing the very best clothes for creatures from all over the world. Until one day when he just cant find the right design for a shy young possum. Can Gareth unlock the style secrets he needs to create the perfect fit?
886021	Subbie and his mate Fenton, Corinne & WIlson, Mark (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2022	9781925804980	3-4	When Subzero won the Melbourne Cup, it was just the beginning for him and his best mate Graham Salisbury. Never has there been a greater bond between man and horse. What they did together will touch your heart. This is their true story.
1209896	Such charming liars McManus, Karen M.	Penguin	2024	9780241676998	9plus	''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. 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. 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? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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77350	Sucked in Parker, John	Walker Books	2008	9781921150623	5-6	When Zainey, the brunt of class jokes, sells his prized bike to purchase a mysterious and magic eye, Dan decides to save Zainey from his own stupidity and this useless joke. The eye, however, is not joking. The eye is seriously after blood and it could be Zainey's or Dan's blood that it gets.
78841	Sucked out Parker, John	Walker Books	2010	9781921529689	5-6	That creepy eyeball is on the loose again. It has left the back of Old Grimmo's head and is out for blood. Dan and Zainey have to try and capture it before the eyeball finds a new home.
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 fearsom saltwater crocodile Sebastian.
21233	Sugarlump and the unicorn Donaldson, Julia & Monks, Lydia (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2018	9781509862665	K-2	The unicorn has a silver horn, her eyes are bright and blue, and when she hears a horse's wish, she can make that wish come true. Sugarlump the rocking horse longs for adventure. But when a magical unicorn grants his wish, he soon discovers there's no match for the fun of playing with children. Is it too late to change his mind?
609736	Suite for Human Nature Lampert, Diane Charlotte & Puybaret, Eric (ill)	Atheneum books	2016	9781416953739	5-6	Mother Nature is busy caring for the Earth and all of its creatures, but more than anything she desires a child of her own. So she creates one, Fear, but this child is not what she expects, so she tries again. Next she creates Envy, then Hate, Greed and Fickle but none of the children seem to be what she was hoping for. As she works, Mother Nature asks the humans to watch over her children. When the children's personal qualities begin to seep into humanity, Mother Nature becomes distressed and tries to find a solution to her family troubles.

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1728	Sultan's eyes, The Gardiner, Kelly	HarperCollins Australia	2013	9780732294809	7-9	The year is 1648 and life in Venice is serene for Isabella and her friends Willem, Al-Qasim and Signora Contarini. Together they publish fine books like the controversial encyclopaedia, The Sum of All Knowledge. When a new Inquisitor declares war on free speech, they are forced to flee across the seas to the wondrous capital of the Ottoman Empire, Constantinople.
18386	Summer Factor, June & Lester, Alison (ill)	Brolly Books	2005	9781877035548	K-2	Rhyming pages illustrate family life in summer time. A good portrayal of Australian life.
1019738	Summer change Wray, Melissa	Rhiza Press	2023	9781761111211	9plus	Summer Change is set in Townsville and follows Shae who has her family holiday cancelled with no explanation forcing her to spend the summer with her cousins. Shae is trying to solve the mystery about what her parents are keeping from her. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 or above.
33462	Summer gang, The Funke, Cornelia	Chicken House	2011	9781904442868	3-4	Charley, Hannah, Izzie and Xa are the C.H.I.X gang, who become best friends, looking after a coop of hens. They promise to keep each other's secrets, always wear a feather and never, ever eat chicken. But, when the enemy boys let the chickens out, the girl gang is put to the test. And, they must find out what grumpy Grandma Slater's black key opens.
18053	Summer I turned pretty, The Han, Jenny	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780141330532	7-9	Every year, Isabel spends a perfect summer at her family friends' house. There's the swimming pool at night, the private stretch of sandy beach and the two boys - unavailable, aloof Conrad and friendly, relaxed Jeremiah. But this year, something is different. They seem to have noticed her for the first time.
11377	Summer of kicks, The Hackett, Dave	University of Queensland Press	2015	9780702253362	7-9	Starrphyre is your average, dorky sixteen year old, with one difference. He has a very weird name, thanks to his hippy parents, a radio sex therapist mum and a bass player dad, from a tragic one-hit-wonder 1980s metal band. All Starrphyre wants is one date with his dream girl, Candace McAllister, but so does every other high school guy. Perhaps starting a band with his video-game obsessed pals will do the trick.

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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?
7850	Summer rain Moriarty, Ros & Balarinji (ill) & Bradley, John (trans)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760112110	K-2	First, the land wakes in morning light. Turtles crawl and lizards creep. But, then, rain splatters on dusty ground and everything comes alive. A joyous serenade of northern Australian animals and landscapes in the rainy season. Words are translated into the Yanyuwa language, which is spoken by Aboriginal families in Borroloola, Northern Territory.
5347	Summerlost Condie, Ally	Penguin	2017	9780141371047	5-6	It's the first real summer since the devastating accident that killed Cedar's father and younger brother, Ben. But now Cedar and what's left of her family are returning to the town of Iron Creek for the summer. They're just settling into their new house when a boy named Leo, dressed in costume, rides by on his bike. Intrigued, Cedar follows him to the renowned Summerlost theatre festival. Soon, she not only has a new friend in Leo and a job working concessions at the festival, she finds herself surrounded by mystery. The mystery of the tragic, too-short life of the Hollywood actress who haunts the halls of Summerlost. And the mystery of the strange gifts that keep appearing for Cedar.
999	Sun Prior, Natalie Jane & Pignataro, Anna (ill)	ABC Books	2008	9780733322433	K-2	It's morning, the sun is shining and all the animals are stirring. I wonder if someone else is awake.

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3565	Sun is also a star, The Yoon, Nicola	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2016	9780552574242	9plus	Natasha: I'm a girl who believes in science and facts. Not fate. Not destiny. Daniel: I've always been the good son, the good student, living up to my parents' high expectations. Never the poet. Or the dreamer. The Universe: Every moment in our lives has brought us to this single moment. A million futures lie before us. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
983946	Sunbearer Trials, The Thomas, Aiden	Feiwel and Friends	2024	9781250822741	7-9	Teo, the seventeen-year-old trans son of the goddess of birds, isn't worried. As a Jade, it is unlikely he'll be chosen to compete in the Trials, and even if his best friend Niya competes, she's a born and bred Gold semidios with unparalleled abilities. But for the first time in over a century, Sol chooses not one, but two Jade competitors: Teo - and Xio, the thirteen-year-old child of the god of bad luck. With the odds stacked against them, Teo is determined to get himself and his friends through the trials unscathed.
1336141	Sunbird, The Haddad, Sara & Awoor, Baraa (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2026	9780702271076	5-6	It's 1948 and Nabila Yasmeen lives a happy life in her village in Palestine. She plays in the hills with her friend Khalil and climbs high in the olive trees to pick the sweetest fruit. But when bombs start falling, Nabila and her family are forced to leave. Where will they go?
54695	Sunday Chutney Blabey, Aaron	Penguin Books Australia	2008	9780670071791	3-4	Sunday Chutney's family is always moving so she has lived all over the world. That means she's always the new kid at school. Sometimes, Chutney gets lonely but she copes in a very modern way.
1070406	Sunday skating Rowe, Andrea & Sommerville, Hannah (ill)	Little Hare Books	2023	9781761211232	K-2	Clancy's friends skate through the quiet Sunday streets, while Clancy feels self-conscious, and embarrassed, that he's just a beginner. His board stays tucked under his arm; his feet stay firmly on the ground. But his friends aren't giving up on him and Clancy realises the only way forward is to step on his board and try... even if he might fall.
1423921	Sundays under the lemon tree Busuttil Nishimura, Julia & Yim, Myo (ill)	Scribble Press	2025	9781761381485	K-2	On Sundays, our family gets together to eat good things under the lemon tree in our backyard. A delicious story of family, food and tradition.

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751032	Sunflower Laguna, Ingrid	Text Publishing Co	2023	9781922268754	7-9	Jamila has moved to Australia from her home in Iraq and has adapted well to life there and has made good friends. When she learns that her best friend, Mina, from Iraq will be coming to Australia, Jamila is very excited to introduce Mina to her Australian friends. However, when Mina arrives she is not quite ready to jump into the life Jamila has created. Jamila feels pressure to find a way to manage old friends and new friends and understand the sadness which Mina has taken with her from Iraq.
4281	Sunk Biddulph, Rob	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2017	9780008207397	K-2	A pirate hat. A sunny day. For Penguin Blue a game to play. So climb aboard your ship and let's set sail!
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?
1376138	Sunny at the end of the world Bowe, Steph	Text Publishing Co	2025	9781922790767	9plus	In 2018, seventeen-year-old Sunny and Toby are on the run after zombies have destroyed most of the adults in their world. Cut to 2034 when Sunny is being held in an underground facility. What happened? Was it aliens, a conspiracy, a simulation, biological terrorism, a totalitarian takeover? And who can infiltrate the facility and release the surviving prisoners? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
785084	Sunny side up Holm, Jennifer L. & Holm, Matthew	Graphix	2022	9780545741668	7-9	When is a summer vacation not really a summer vacation? 10-year-old Sunny Lewin has been packed off to Florida to live with her grandfather for the summer. At first she thought Florida might be fun - it is the home of Disney World, after all. But the place where Gramps lives is no amusement park. In fact, it's an aged care home full of old people. Luckily, Sunny isn't the only kid around. She meets Buzz, a boy who is completely obsessed with comic books, and soon they're having adventures of their own. But the question remains - why is Sunny down in Florida in the first place? The answer lies in a family secret that won't be secret to Sunny much longer.
21494	Sunny side up Roberts, Marion	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2008	9781741752366	5-6	Sunny Hathaway is eleven years old, an only child, an introvert, a dog lover and part-owner of Pizza-a-Go-Girl, home made pizza delivery service. And, one summer, everything and everyone in her life changes including one step-dad, two siblings, one best friend, one sworn enemy and one long lost grandmother.

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903244	Sunny the shark Lai, Remy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781761065460	K-2	I'm Sunny the Shark and I love cruising the ocean with my pilot fish friends looking for food. Sometimes things in the water are not what they look like. Now a plastic ring is wrapped around my fin and its tricky to hunt.
1264381	Sunrise on the reaping Collins, Suzanne	Scholastic US	2025	9781761641176	9plus	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. 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.
12222	Sunshine Ormerod, Jan	Puffin USA	1983	9780140503623	K-2	A little girl wakes up as sunlight floods her room and she goes about her morning routine. She watches as her parents do the same. A book without text that tells the story through pictures.
977698	Sunshine on Vinegar Street Comer, Karen	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180132	5-6	Freya has moved with her mother from a regional area to the inner city of Melbourne. She has left behind her two best friends, her basketball team and the world she loves the most. She is stuck and needs to develop resilience for a whole lot of issues that come her way: school, kids, netball, eleventh floor apartment and just being the new girl on the block. What is the connection between Freya and the illuminated skipping girl on the side of her building? Can Freya figure out how to belong on Vinegar Street?

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846071	Super cute: The adventure school Bird, Pip	HarperCollins Children's Books	2021	9780755501304	3-4	Join the super cutes for fun times at Camp Cute Adventure School. The friends are learning how to look after the natural world, from keeping the hug whales happy to caring for the cuddly merkitties But there is one animal who just wants to cause trouble. That is Clive the spoilt chihuahua. The friends have so much to discover looking after each other and accepting their differences.
1286372	Super epic dragon quest: The deadly fang Wallace, Adam & Hart, James (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761521515	3-4	Arlo is a brave, hard-working farm boy who dreams of doing more than brushing the unibrows 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!
1337992	Super epic dragon quest: The slimy eyeball Wallace, Adam & Hart, James (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761524141	3-4	Arlo and Julia are deep in the heart of the Icky-Wicky Ooey-Gooey Forest, searching for Super Epic Dragon's next treasure. Unfortunately, so are vengeful Giggle Goblins, a disgustingly stinky swamp, and a deadly (but adorable) two-headed hydra. Is restoring the glory of Ticklebrook really worth all this trouble?
1107	Super Fly: Super Fly vs Furious Flea Doodler, Todd H	Bloomsbury	2016	9781619633841	3-4	It's not easy to be thwarted by Super Fly twice, but Crazy Cockroach isn't giving up on his plans to take over the world. And his latest plan is truly evil: to turn Super Fly's loyal sidekick, Fantastic Flea, against him! It's always been Super Fly and Fantastic Flea versus the baddies, but what will happen when it's Super Fly versus Furious Flea? Is this the end for our dynamic duo and the human world as we know it? Stay tuned!
660720	Super geeks: Planet pancake Hart, James	Penguin Books Australia	2021	9781760895143	3-4	Zeek and Arnie are best friends who set off on a quest to find treasure. Once they have found the treasure they plan to use it to fund Zeek's ultimate quest - world domination.

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5406	Super life of Ben Braver, The Emerson, Marcus	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760631680	3-4	From the author of Diary of a 6th Grade Ninja comes this new funny, action series of books about Ben Braver. Ben is selected to go to a school with super powers, even though he doesn't seem to have a super power and is just an ordinary kid. After arriving at the new school he discovers the bully from his old school is also there, which isn't a good thing. Soon after a strange sickness spreads through the school causing the students to act like zombies and eat worms. It's up to Ben and his friends Noah and Penny to solve the mystery. This book is hilarious and if you like superhero fiction you will love this book.
660054	Super Nova Saclier, Krys & Timmis, Rebecca (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2019	9781925804300	K-2	Nova's brother thinks she gets away with too much, until he finds out what she's really planning. And it's out of this world. Will he keep her secret? Super Nova tells the story of the most powerful force in the universe -- a little sister.
695248	Super sidekicks 1: No adults allowed Aung Than, Gavin	Penguin	2019	9780143795865	5-6	Superheros have it easy. They leave all the messy work to their sidekicks like me while they take all the credit. I'm Junior Justice but you can call me JJ and it's time we made our own team.
695265	Super sidekicks 2: Ocean's revenge Aung Than, Gavin	Penguin	2019	9780143795889	5-6	Super-Duper alert! An unidentified object is heading straight for the city, moving fast. Something fishy is going on. The world's superheroes are missing and humankind is under threat from an ancient underwater menace. Can the Super Sidekicks save the planet before it's too late?
1208957	Super snake Dreise, Gregg	Magabala Books	2024	9781922142955	K-2	Dhurraluwi guuma-li - come together! Wantima - Rise up! Woorri - Share! 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.
1101133	Super speedy sloth, The Young, Rebecca & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781760978488	K-2	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. A joyful and inspiring zero to hero story.

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689556	Super sporty girls Penguin Random House Australia	Puffin Australia	2020	9781760896058	3-4	Many Australian Sportswomen are kicking goals and breaking records. Be inspired by these fierce athletes who are the champions of having fun. Sport (noun): an activity for pleasure and exercise. Maybe Australia's top sportswomen can help me discover my passion and inspire me to be the best I can be. What sport will you try?
815214	Super-secret diary of Holly Hopkinson, The Brooks, Charlie P & Riddell, Katy (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2021	9780008328115	5-6	These are the memoirs of ME, Holly Hopkinson, aged almost ten, except without any of the rubbish adults usually put in, thank you very much. My dad just lost his job, which means me and the rest of my family have to leave London and move to the middle of nowhere, which is a TOTAL DISASTER! But then for my birthday, my eccentric aunt gave me a magic pocket watch, which I can use to hypnotise and CONTROL people. This new power is REALLY FUN and has led to the MOST unexpected things -- including a visit to the QUEEN.
6088	SuperCat vs the chip thief Willis, Jeanne	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2014	9780007518630	5-6	Tiger is an ordinary, tubby, tabby cat who likes to sleep. Tiger's owner, James, is disappointed because he wanted a fun pet, like a wolf. One day, Tiger licks a toxic sock and is transformed into SuperCat. With his brand new powers and his best friend James, SuperCat must try to save the world, and all the chips, from the dastardly Count Backwards.
27549	Superhero street Earle, Phil & Ogilvie, Sara (ill)	Orion	2016	9781444013887	5-6	Michael Mouse lives in a very chaotic household, with younger brothers, a set of twins and a set of triplets. His father is a magician, struggling to keep the household afloat. Mouse sees himself as an aspiring super hero but, when his father suddenly leaves home, Mouse must do more to help around the house. Michael Mouse begins to think he'll never get his chance to be a superhero.
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!

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587856	Superman: Dawnbreaker De La Pena, Matt	Penguin Books Australia	2019	9780141386867	7-9	Clark Kent has always been faster, stronger, better than everyone around him. But he wasn't raised to show off, and drawing attention to himself could be dangerous. Plus, it's not like he's earned his powers . . . yet. Lately it's difficult to hold back and keep his heroics in the shadows. When Clark follows the sound of a girl crying, he discovers a dark secret lurking in Smallville. Teaming up with his best friend, Lana Lang, he throws himself into the pursuit of the truth. What evil lies below the surface of his small town? And what will it cost Clark to step into the light to become the future Man of Steel?
14535	Supernaturalist, The Colfer, Eoin	Penguin	2004	9780141380414	9plus	Cosmo is a fourteen year old boy of the third millennium living in an institute for parentally challenged boys. There are only three ways out and Cosmo is running out of time. But, rescue by a motley crew of kids presents new dangers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
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..
31066	Surf ache: how do you choose between the things you love Bobsien, Gerry	Walker Books	2009	9781921150920	9plus	That blonde boy can really surf. Ellie's move ends her relationship with Jamie and leads to a complete change in interests. She is redefining herself as a surfer with a new love interest. Her prowess as a beginner could be due to her dancing or the good genes she has inherited from her mum. Ella learns to cope with being the new kid, with the ex and the potential boyfriend meeting up, and with the adults in her life. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
392	Surf's up Chase, Diana	Fremantle Press	1999	9781863682503	7-9	Brad teaches disabled Matt how to surf and finds himself in a life-threatening situation.
11663	Surf: extreme sports Chapman, Garry	Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780732964610	5-6	One of a series of books about extreme sports. All you've ever wanted to know about the sport of surfing with a glossary of terms and surf jargon, and extreme facts throughout the book.
67367	Surface tension McKinlay, Meg	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2011	9781921720284	5-6	When Cassie and Liam start swimming at the lake, neither of them realises the dark secrets that lie beneath. As summer heats up, the water level gets lower and lower, and a shocking truth is slowly uncovered.

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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.
3544	Surfer boy Bo Morrissey, Di "Gigi" & Sydenham, Julie (ill)	Harbour Publishing House	2016	9781922134417	K-2	Bo discovers a magical place beneath the waves. During his adventures, he sees wonderfully strange creatures and their beautiful homes. He also learns that parts of our underwater world are disappearing and it is up to all of us to look after our oceans.
393	Surfing Mr. Petrovic Bowles, Colin	Penguin	1997	9780140386417	7-9	While this story appears to be about the activities of a rebellious boy, there are underlying themes of anger and sadness over the break-up of a family.
12903	Suri's wall Estela, Lucy & Ottley, Matt (ill)	Puffin Australia	2015	9780670077755	3-4	Suri lives with other children behind a wall. She is much taller than the others and they are frightened of her. But, one day, Suri has grown tall enough to see over the wall and she begins to describe to the children the beautiful things that she sees.
644938	Surprising power of a good dumpling, The Chin, Wai	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760631581	7-9	Anna Chiu has her hands pretty full looking after her brother and sister and helping out at her dad's restaurant, all while her mum stays in bed. Dad's new delivery boy, Rory, is a welcome distraction and even though she knows that things aren't right at home, she's starting to feel like she could just be a normal teen. But when Mum finally gets out of bed, things go from bad to worse. And as Mum's condition worsens, Anna and her family question everything they understand about themselves and each other. A nourishing tale about the crevices of culture, mental wellness and family.

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20348	Surrealism for kids Queensland Art Gallery	Queensland Art Gallery	2011	9781921503344	5-6	The surrealists were a clever and cheeky bunch of artists and poets, who loved breaking the rules of art and finding new ways to look at the world. They enjoyed inventing and playing games with word and pictures. You can find out about the main surrealists and have fun at home playing some of their most surreal games and activities.
569189	Survival game, The Singer, Nicky	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9781444944525	7-9	Mhairi is walking to Scotland. She has to get there, has to find safety in her grandmother's house. But all she has is a gun with no bullets and her precious identity papers. In this dystopian new world, the journey from the African continent to the top of the UK is fraught with danger. When Mhairi comes across a lone, mute boy she finds kindness within her to help him to safety as well, even though this could jeopardise everything she is working towards.
	Survival guide series Ivanoff, George				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.
1476005	Survival in space: The Apollo 13 mission Long, David & Tambellini, Stefano (ill)	Barrington Stoke	2021	9781781129388	5-6	A fact-filled and captivating retelling of one of history's most famous space missions, publishing to coincide with the 50th anniversary of Apollo 13's fateful launch.
15347	Survival: life in earth's toughest habitats Taylor, Barbara & Few, Roger (cons)	Dorling Kindersley	2002	9780751339222	5-6	Presented in a magazine style, this book provides excellent information about, and photographs of, animals who survive in various difficult habitats around the world.
855851	Surviving the wild: Rainbow the koala Lai, Remy	MacMillan	2022	9781250785442	3-4	Rainbow the koala learns all he can from his mum and must go into the bush to learn his own lessons. The bush is full of dangers and challenges for a young koala, but as a huge fire approaches, all the animals must do what they can to survive.
855854	Surviving the wild: Star the elephant Lai, Remy	MacMillan	2022	9781250784995	3-4	Star the elephant and her herd are having a hard time finding food to eat on their small island. When Star is separated from her aunt and mum, she must remember the good advice given to her and hope she can stay safe and find her herd.
9539	Susan laughs Willis, Jeanne & Ross, Tony (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780099407560	3-4	Susan laughs, she sings, she rides, she swings. Susan gets angry, she gets sad, she is good and she is bad. Susan is just like any other child, but then again, are all children the same.

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6592	Susie K diaries, The: Happy camper Flint, Shamini & Heinrich, Sally (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760528287	3-4	Susie K's mum thinks she will be 'Queen of the jungle' at the school camping trip, the only obstacle is that Susie hates the outdoors. Not able to get out of the trip Susie straps her goldfish to her backpack and they begin Operation: Happy camper.
6577	Susie K diaries, The: Show stopper Flint, Shamini & Heinrich, Sally (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760523701	3-4	Susie's mum is delighted to hear there'll be a talent quest at school ... except Susie has no skills she could perform on a stage. But even though Susie would much rather stay home doing crossword puzzles, she uses all her problem-solving skills to become a show stopper!
5422	Susie K files: Game changer Flint, Shamini & Heinrich, Sally (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760296698	3-4	Suzie K Files the Game Changer continues Suzie's challenge of keeping her mother happy. This time her mother wants her to be a champion at the school sports day. Suzie is more of a bookish type, preferring her studies of science. Using problems solving steps Suzie sets to be as useful as possible to her team.
5421	Susie K files: Life of the party Flint, Shamini & Heinrich, Sally (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760296681	3-4	Susie's mother had come from Sri Lanka and didn't have many of the opportunities Susie has in Australia. She really wants her daughter to be one of the crowd and that includes being invited to class parties. Susie isn't worried, she is happy with the fish, George, and her science work. However she also wants to please her mother so...being a problem solver she sets out to work out how to get an invitation to the most popular girl in school's birthday party!
1334235	Susurrus, The Young-Evans, Genevieve & James, Cate (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781760657611	K-2	Frankie doesnt know what a susurrus is. She knows it not its not a platypus, an octopus, or even a kind of saurus. So Frankie searches for the susurrus, while her friend Andy has suggestions as to what a susurrus might be. Everyone has a go at guessing what a susurrus is. But no one has ever seen one. What is a susurrus? Frankie now knows. Do you?

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568091	Swallow's dance Orr, Wendy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760297879	7-9	The noise throws us from our beds. It's too huge to be heard; it bombards us. It's the sound of the end of the world. Leira is about to start her initiation as a priestess when her world is turned upside down. A violent earthquake leaves her home - and her family - in pieces. And the goddess hasn't finished with the island yet. With her family, Leira flees across the sea to Crete, expecting sanctuary. But a volcanic eruption throws the entire world into darkness. After the resulting tsunami, society descends into chaos; the status and privilege of being noble-born reduced to nothing. With her injured mother and elderly nurse, Leira has only the strength and resourcefulness within herself to find safety.
125516	Swallowing the sun Trueman, Terry	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2003	9780340866412	9plus	Jose's life is turned upside down when a hurricane hits his tiny village in Honduras, causing mudslides which bury the town. He works against all odds to provide hope and leadership, and to help his family and neighbours survive. Some harrowing scenes. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
394	Swallows and Amazons Ransome, Arthur	Red Fox	2001	9780099427339	5-6	This series is for sailing and boating fans who love adventures on the water.
49867	Swan kingdom, The Marriott, Zoe	Walker Books	2007	9780744529272	5-6	Alexandra is a princess, albeit by her own description, a very plain looking one. She lives happily with the Queen and her three talented brothers but less happily with her father, the King. After her mother is killed by a terrible beast, Alexandra is banished to stay with her aunt and her brothers are exiled. Alexandra must find the inner strength to oppose her step-mother, restore her brothers and, thereby, heal the land.
13524	Swan lake Spudvilas, Anne	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781743318454	7-9	The iconic ballet Swan Lake, the tragic love story of a princess transformed into a swan by an evil sorcerer, has been revered for more than a century. In this atmospheric adaptation, Anne Spudvilas reimagines the classic tale of passion, betrayal and heartbreak in the dramatic riverscape of the Murray-Darling.
4288	Swan song Thiele, Colin	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2002	9780734403254	5-6	Mitch Bird, the son of a wildlife ranger, rescues and raises two pelican chicks and hatches a black swan from its abandoned nest. It is a struggle for Mitch to reproduce the natural environment for two pelicans and a black swan.

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1424038	Swan's daughter, The Chokshi, Roshani	Hodder & Stoughton	2026	9781399717571	9plus	Prince Arris knows that marriage means murder. Thanks to a poorly worded wish to a sea witch, all one needs to rule the Isle of Malys is the heart and hand of the kingdom's heir. Historically, this has been construed quite literally. Thus, Arris expects that the day after his marriage and murder he will wake up as a sentient tree alongside the rest of his predecessors. His only chance at a long life is finding true and lasting love. When Arris's parents announce a tournament of brides to compete for his hand and heart, a slew of eligible, lovely and (possibly murderous) bachelorettes make their way to Rathe Castle. Amidst glittering balls in ozorald caves, strolls through menageries of daydream trees and pearl crocodiles, tea time on glass boats and kisses that leave his head spinning, Arris cannot tell who is here out of love for him...or lust for power. Until he meets Demelza. As a veritas swan, Demelza's song wrings out the truth. Forced into hiding, Demelza strikes a deal. Arris will provide her with safekeeping in exchange for her truth-telling song to sort through his potential brides. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
19173	Swap Light, Steve	Walker Books	2016	9781406367768	K-2	A broken-down ship, a loose button and an idea.
40660	Swap, The Ormerod, Jan & Joyner, Andrew	Little Hare Books	2013	9781921541414	K-2	Mama Crocodile is taking the kids shopping and, as usual, she is gushing over the baby. Older sister, Caroline, is not happy. She thinks her baby brother dribbles and smells. She couldn't even think about being more jealous, if she tried. While waiting for her mother to come back from the hat shop, the very jealous Caroline decides to swap her baby brother at the Baby Shop nearby.
7742	Swarm Westerfeld, Scott & Lanagan, Margo & Biancotti, Deborah	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781925267242	9plus	Two strangers with new powers take to the dance floor at the Zeroes' underground nightclub. The Zeroes pursue them, only to discover that they're fleeing an even more sinister power-wielder, Swarm. If they are to stay safe, the Zeroes must learn all they can about this dangerous new player. But, each of the Zeroes has their own issues to deal with. It's up to Flicker to pick up the reins and lead the Zeroes into a terrifying showdown. Sequel to Zeroes. Mature themes. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 or above.

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395	Swashbuckler Moloney, James	University of Queensland Press	1995	9780702228254	5-6	Peter's saviour from the school bullies is an unlikely hero dressed in a cape who speaks in old-fashioned English. An exciting, heart-warming story about bringing the truth out in people. A realistic stories with non-stop action.
6388	Sweet Adversity Gwyther, Sheryl	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2018	9781460755105	5-6	There's never a good time to be orphaned - or abandoned ... especially when you are twelve years old, and it's the Great Depression. In 1928, Shakespearean actors, the McAllisters, are forced to leave their daughter Adversity at the Emu Swamp Children's Home. They fully intend to return, but things don't go according to plan. Then, to make matters worse, Scrimshaw, a villainous theatrical agent, hears the talented Addie sing. He plots to use her in his next money-making venture, but when he turns up at Emu Swamp to collect his prize, Scrimshaw finds she's run away. Together with Macbeth, her Shakespeare-quoting cockatiel, Addie is about to embark on the adventure of a lifetime.
1292781	Sweet heartbreak Moody, Alexandra	Electric Monkey (London)	2026	9780008830113	9plus	'Popular. Powerful. Filthy Rich. Noah Hastings is everything I'm not. Our worlds never should have collided, but when my long-lost father reappears my life is flipped upside down. It turns out, he's ridiculously wealthy, and without warning he plucks me from my simple life and throws me into a world of excess. He's sending me to the most elite boarding school in the country, where money and status mean everything. He gives me only one rule while I'm there - stay away from Noah Hastings. It should be a simple request. Noah is the king of Weybridge Academy, the heir to an empire and a serial heartbreaker. I'm just the new girl who grew up waiting tables. I don't fit into Noah's world, and he could never be a part of mine. There's more to this boy than I expected, though, and he seems just as drawn to me as I am to him. But it's not only our differences that stand between us - it's the secrets we keep. This title is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
6062	Sweet tea Ridden, Brian	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2002	9780734403681	9plus	Issues of racism, love and family grief will appeal to more mature readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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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?
9573	Sweetest fig, The Van Allsburg, Chris	Houghton Mifflin	1993	9780395673461	3-4	Monsieur Bibot, a very fussy French dentist, scoffs when he is told that the figs given as a form of payment by an impoverished patient are magic. He learns otherwise after eating one.
396	Sweetie May Shanahan, Lisa & MIllard, Kerry (ill)	ABC Books	2007	9780733320699	3-4	Pirates and an unexpected treasure, in a story about the adventures and arguments aboard the 'Thick and thin'.
9357	Sweetie May overboard Shanahan, Lisa & Millard, Kerry (ill)	ABC Books	2001	9780733308741	3-4	The humorous story that defies stereotyping in which baby, Sweetie May, turns two gangs of swashbuckling pirates into besotted surrogate fathers.
1209764	Sweetness between us, The Winifred Searle, Sarah	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761181245	9plus	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). 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? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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855834	Swift and Hawk: Cyberspies Macx, Logan	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2022	9781406394931	7-9	When their families mysteriously disappear, Swift and Hawk, teen experts in AI and robotics, are recruited into the top-secret Mobius Programme. Plunged into a life-and-death rescue mission, Swift and Hawk race from London to an isolated, sinister island in the North Atlantic, straight into the hands of a deadly enemy...
1069718	Swifts, The Lincoln, Beth & Powell, Claire (ill)	Puffin UK	2024	9780241536452	5-6	Shenanigan Swift doesn't believe in destiny. Her relatives may think her name means she's fated to be a troublemaker, but Shenanigan knows she can be whatever she wants - pirate, explorer, or even detective. Which is lucky, really, because when one of the Family tries to murder Arch-aunt Schadenfreude, someone has to work out whodunnit.
6867	Swim in the sea, A Whiting, Sue & Thomas, Meredith (ill)	Walker Books	2013	9781921150494	K-2	Bruno has never been to the beach before. And he can't wait. He is going for a swim in the big blue sea.
15224	Swimmers Ballance, Alison	Pearson Education Australia	2002	9780733937682	3-4	A look at animals that swim. The book includes simple factual information, beautifully presented photographs and illustrations, a glossary and an index.
9460	Swimming Bizley, Kirk	Heinemann	2000	9781575729633	3-4	Colourful photographs and drawings introduce the social and competitive side of the sport of swimming. There are tips on what to wear, equipment needed, safety issues and rules, plus good warm-up activities.
4516	Swimming on the lawn Hamid, Yasmin	Fremantle Press	2017	9781925164855	5-6	Farida lives with her family in Khartoum, Sudan. For Farida the 1960s are a time of fun and adventure, from riding the train to a remote village by the remains of Nubian pyramids to seeing the twirling dancers of the Mawlid festival. But as columns of black smoke rise on the horizon, can Farida's happiness last?
1215821	Swing Meeker, Audrey	Feiwel and Friends	2024	9781250864048	5-6	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.

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32174	Swirl by swirl: spirals in nature Sidman, Joyce & Krommes, Beth (ill)	Houghton Mifflin	2011	9780547315836	K-2	Spiral shapes are all around us in nature. See what makes the tiny snail shell so beautiful and why that shape occurs in rushing rivers, in a flower bud, and even inside your ear. Celebrate the beauty and usefulness of this fascinating spiral shape.
69527	Swiss family Robinson, The Wyss, Johann	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2009	9780141325309	7-9	Following a wild and raging storm, the Swiss family Robinson is stranded at sea. The thundering waves have swept them off to a tropical island, where a new life, with many dangers and delights, awaits them.
660433	Switchback Stone, Danika	St Martin's	2019	9781250221650	7-9	A two-day hiking trip through the Canadian Rockies sounds like hell to best friends Ashton and Vale for two very different reasons. Ashton, the class clown, would rather be gaming in his basement and eating junk food than hiking. Vale, a straight-A student who hikes in her own time, shudders at the thought of spending two days stuck with classmates who have relentlessly bullied her for the past few years. But when the two are separated from their classmates and an unexpected snowstorm hits, Ash and Vale find themselves with dwindling supplies and fighting for survival against bears, wolves, and the elements.
397	Switchers Thompson, Kate	Apple	1999	9780786813964	5-6	An Irish girl and her strange companion save the world from freak weather by using their ability to switch into animal forms.
398	Sword and the circle, The Sutcliff, Rosemary	Puffin UK	1994	9780140371499	7-9	The beautifully written retelling of the legend of King Arthur and his knights of the round table.
	Sword girl series Watts, Frances & Rogers, Gregory (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.
7251	Sword in the stone, The White, T H	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1999	9780006753995	7-9	A mythical story of Arthur and his quest led by Merlin, the sorcerer.

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720985	Sword of kings Cornwell, Bernard	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2019	9780008183929	7-9	An oath, the protagonist that pushes Uhtred of Bebbanburg from his Northumbrian home into the battle between two brothers. When King Edward dies he splits his kingdom between his two heirs. In a land fraught with battles between Saxons, Danes, and now two kings, the kingdom cannot be born without bloodshed and death of one heir.
86343	Sydney of the Antarctic Tulloch, Coral	ABC Books	2007	9780733321597	3-4	Sydney Walton Mouse dreams of a life of adventure. Most of all, he wants to go to Antarctica where it is wild and white and wonderful. When Sydney's dream comes true, it's not quite how he expected.
399	Sydney through time Heimann, Rolf	Roland Harvey Books	1999	9780949714671	7-9	A puzzling, historical account of Sydney's history to the year 2000.
56645	Sylvester and Arnold Bedford, David & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Little Hare Books	2013	9781921714542	K-2	Two tough crocs, look tough, dress tough and act tough. They are about to get a shoc from a much nastier, bigger croc, called Big Betty.
754	Sylvia Sharp, Christine	University of Queensland Press	2015	9780702253140	K-2	Sylvia snail is in love with Simon and his luscious lettuce, choice cucumbers and buttery beans. But, being so small, Sylvia wonders how she can get Simon to notice her.
4339	Sylvie Sattler, Jennifer	Random House Children's Books	2009	9780375857089	K-2	Sylvie is a flamingo who discovers that she is pink, like the other flamingoes, because she eats pink shrimps. Sylvie decides that you are what you eat so she keeps changing her diet, and ends up with some very interesting new looks.
16753	Sylvie and the songman Binding, Tim & Barrett, Angela (ill)	David Fickling Books	2008	9780385611213	7-9	Sylvie's beloved dog, Mr Jackson, has lost his bark. The birds have stopped singing. In the growing silence, her dad, her dear music-making dad, has disappeared. Sylvie and her best friend, George, are drawn into the nightmare world of the songman. Only they can save the earth from its terrible, voiceless fate.
751223	Symphony for the City of the Dead Anderson, M T	Penguin USA	2017	9780763691004	9plus	This is the thrilling true story of the life of Russian composer Dimitri Shostakovitch and the millions of Russians who lived during a time of great upheaval, horror and hardship at the hands of two of history's cruellest dictators; Stalin and Hitler. At a time of great despair, Shostakovitch' seventh symphony would become a symbol of great hope, and the story of how it comes to be shared with the world is nearly too incredible to be believed. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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660726	Tabitha and the raincloud Sillett, Devon & Johns, Melissa (ill)	EK Books	2020	9781925820133	K-2	When Tabitha wakes up and finds a raincloud next to her, she knows that it is going to be one of those yucky days. Tabitha's day goes from bad to worse as her terrible mood affects everything. Tabitha soon realises that she has the power to shift her mood and the raincloud does not have to ruin her day.
45552	Tail of two diggers, A Gillam, John & Fletcher, Yvonne & Durell, Paul (ill)	Returned Services League (RSL)	2016	9780646952260	5-6	Digger, a mischievous pup, ran away from home seeking adventure. He became the soldiers' mascot and, during World War I, Digger's adventures were not quite what he expected. He was wounded and befriended by Sergeant James Martin. When he returned home, Digger hated loud noise and certain smells, which reminded him of war. For his bravery and long service, Digger was presented with a silver engraved collar. Based on a true story.
30015	Taj and the great camel trek Hawke, Rosanne	University of Queensland Press	2011	9780702238772	5-6	Taj and his camel are on the adventure of a lifetime. They join explorer Ernest Giles to cross the Australian desert, where they encounter wild dogs, poisonous snakes, Aborigines and a constant shortage of water. Taj also learns the hard reality of travelling with animals.
903363	Take a bow, Noah Mitchell Madden, Tobias	Penguin	2022	9780143777397	9plus	Noah is in love with his online best friend. Which is a huge problem, for the following reasons- 1. His crush has no idea. 2. Noah only knows him as his gaming avatar. 3. There's zero chance they'll ever meet in real life. So, when Noah sees an opportunity to secretly meet his crush, he takes it. Even though he'll have to join the cast of a local production of Chicago with his self-obsessed mother. Even though he'll need to lie to his best (and only) friend. And even though he'll have to sing and dance in front of actual people. Because love is worth the risk. And, really, what could possibly go wrong? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
871680	Take a breath Rim, Sujean	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781761066597	3-4	Every morning, the birds are flapping with excitement for their first flight of the day...except for Bob. Bob doesn't get the whole flying thing; when the other baby birds go up, up, up, he goes down, down, down. Bob can't help worrying - what if he never learns how to fly? His friend Crow tells him, 'All you need to do is breathe, Bob.' Of course, Bob breathes all the time, but there's breathing and then there's B-R-E-A-T-H-I-N-G. And it might just be the thing to calm Bob's ruffled feathers.

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1337907	Take a chance on me Eulberg, Elizabeth	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781546129271	9plus	Evie is heartbroken and betrayed when a video of her confronting her cheating ex boyfriend goes viral, so what's a girl to do? Flee to London for the summer, of course! Evie loves everything about London, the double decker buses, afternoon tea, history around every corner. Everything, that is, but having to stay with the person who's hurt her most of all, her father. Desperate for a distraction from their contentious relationship, Evie spends her days wandering the historic streets where, as though fate is intervening, she keeps meeting a charming and beautiful British busker named Aiden. Evie doesn't want to open herself up again, but Aiden is funny, kind and he never treats Evie like she's too much. He may just be worth taking a chance on, if Evie can keep her past from getting in the way of her future. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
17281	Take it easy, Danny Allen Cummings, Phil	Pan MacMillan	2008	9780330423731	5-6	When the family farm is repossessed by the bank, Danny has no alternative but to accept his parents' decision to move to the city and start a new life. But life in the city frightens Danny and he has difficulty adjusting and making friends. A runaway dog helps Danny to adjust.
1163079	Take me to your leader Agnew, Leonie & Beavis, Paul (ill)	Puffin NZ	2024	9781776958160	5-6	Eleven-year-old Lucas has got a new worry to add to his long, long list. His rural school is on the Ministry of Education's list for closure. What's his mum going to do if he and his sister have to start travelling to a school an hour or two away? She can't drive them; she certainly can't afford boarding school fees and already works long hours in a poultry processing plant to keep the family going. If the school closure goes through, they might have to move to the city. And there's no way Lucas will ever leave his dad's grave behind. He and his friends come up with a mad idea to revive their town and save their school - they stage an alien encounter. Before they know it, tourists are flocking in to check out the crop circles and it looks like the plan might be working. But there's also the vehicle with tinted windows that seems to be following them around. Why would it be interested in a group of country schoolkids? Before Lucas knows it, he's lost control of his plot, and the chain of unpredictable (and often hilarious) events that follow are quickly turning to chaos!

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4310	Take my word for it Marsden, John	Pan MacMillan	1993	9780732907655	9plus	In a Year 9 boarding school dormitory, introspective Laura pours out her observations of friends, family, her frustrations and successes, her thoughts and feelings in her writing. She also befriends Marina who readers met in 'So much to tell you'. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
4032	Take Ted instead Webb, Cassandra & Francey, Amanda (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2016	9781925059533	K-2	It's bedtime for one tired little boy. But why should he go to bed when everyone else in the house is still awake? He has a plan to keep himself wide awake...
653180	Take the shot White, Susan	Affirm Press	2019	9781925712957	7-9	Bug has a secret. Actually, he has lots of secrets. Number one: He has formed a basketball team at his new school based on a giant lie. Number two: his parents do not know he is playing basketball again. Number three: his new team mates have no idea he isn't allowed to play and they definitely do not know why. Bug will do anything to keep his secrets, keep his new team and keep his life from falling apart. No one can know the biggest secret of all.....
16516	Takeshita demons Burne, Cristy & Siku (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2010	9781847801159	3-4	Japanese born Mika is feisty and funny, and torn between the old ways taught by her beloved, deceased grandmother and fitting into twenty-first century London. When a replacement teacher turns out to be a demon bent on her demise, Mika tackles the problem head on.
846125	Taking down Evelyn Tait Nwosu, Poppy	Wakefield Press	2020	9781743056974	9plus	The door creaks open and standing in the entrance is my absolute worst nightmare. Perfect hair, perfect teeth, perfect brain. Perfect sneer. Evelyn Tait. Taking Down Evelyn Tait is a story about family, friends and embracing who you are. Even if that person is kind of weird. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
871657	Taking of Jake Livingstone, The Douglas, Ryan	Andersen Press Ltd	2022	9781839132506	9plus	Sixteen-year-old Jake Livingston sees dead people. Jake can't decide what's worse: being a medium, forced to watch the dead play out their last living moments on a loop, or being at the mercy of racist teachers as one of the few Black students at St Clair Prep. Both are a living nightmare. And now life as a medium is getting worse, as a powerful, vengeful ghost targets Jake, High school has become a different kind of survival game - one Jake is not sure he can win. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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1209948	Tala learns to Siva Netane, Kealani & Ho, Dung (ill)	Orchard Books	2024	9781338859317	K-2	Tala adores watching Aunty Sina's taualuga, a traditional Samoan dance. Aunty Sina's hands and feet roll and glide seemingly effortlessly. When Tala decides to learn how to siva, she discovers that achieving Aunty 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?
35552	Tale of Angelino Brown, The Almond, David & T.Smith, Alex (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781406358070	3-4	Bert and Betty Brown have got themselves a little angel. Bert found him in his top pocket when he was driving his bus. Bert and Betty's friends think he's lovely. So do Nancy and Jack and Alice from Class 5K. What a wonder! But Acting Head Teacher Mrs Mole is not so sure. Nor is Professor Smellie. Or the mysterious bloke in black who claims to be a School Inspector. Then there's Basher Malone - big, lumbering Basher Malone. He REALLY doesn't like Angelino. And it looks like he's out to get him...
13117	Tale of Despereaux, The DiCamillo, Kate & Basil Ering, Timothy (ill)	Walker Books	2004	9780744598698	5-6	Despereaux is a very small mouse who longs to be near the beautiful Princess Pea. Mouse law forbids any contact between mice and humans. When Despereaux lands in the castle dungeon, he must show enormous courage and ingenuity to escape.
3968	Tale of rescue, The Rosen, Michael J. & Fellows, Stan (ill)	Candlewick Press	2015	9780763671679	5-6	When a blizzard traps a family outside in a whiteout, a cattle dog devises a stunning rescue in a moving, suspenseful, and gorgeously illustrated story.
774450	Tale of the whale, The Swann, Karen & Padmacandra (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2021	9780702263262	3-4	"Where land becomes sky and the sky becomes sea, I first saw the whale and the whale first saw me" So begins a lyrical journey that brings wonder, discovery and friendship, but also an uncomfortable realisation: plastic pollution and carelessness are destroying the ocean and the creatures who call it home. Can we work together to change the future of the sea?
8272	Tale of two beasts, A Roberton, Fiona	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2015	9781444916720	K-2	A little girl rescues a strange beast in the woods and carries him safely home. But, the beast is not happy and escapes.

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19473	Tales from a tall forest Bentley, Jonathan & Micallef, Shaun	Hardie Grant Egmont	2017	9781760129590	3-4	When an innocent princess wanders into the forest, she finds herself trapped between a wolf with a ravenous appetite and a sweet little house with a secret. Meanwhile, a desperate fisherman enters into a very bad bargain with a power-hungry monkey. And meanwhile still, a tiny tricksy tailor promises a promise that not even the most magic of beanstalks can help him escape.
24017	Tales from around the world Percy, Graham	Pavilion	2012	9781843652076	K-2	Tales from around the world retells best loved children's tales including The Amazing Tea-Kettle, Why the Owl has such Big Eyes, Three Balls of Wool & the Tiger, the Old Man and the Jackel.
	Tales from Mossy Bottom Farm series Howard, Martin & Janes, Andy (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.
113080	Tales from outer suburbia Tan, Shaun	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2008	9781741149173	9plus	A beautifully illustrated and innovative book, full of fanciful whimsy that takes us to a place where we might think about ourselves and our society. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
400	Tales from Shakespeare Lamb, Charles & Mary	Penguin	1994	9780140366778	5-6	Prose adaptations of twenty of Shakespeare's works written especially for children.
6124	Tales from the inner city Tan, Shaun	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760523534	7-9	World-renowned artist Shaun Tan applies his unique imagination to a reflection on the nature of humans and animals, and our urban coexistence. From crocodile to frog, tiger to bee, this is a dark and surreal exploration of the perennial love and destruction we feel and inflict - of how animals can save us, and how our lives are forever entwined, for better or for worse.
9234	Tales from the perilous realm Tolkien, J R R	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2002	9780007149124	7-9	Four classic tales from the author of 'The Lord of the Rings'.
12469	Tales from the waterhole Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2004	9780744565935	K-2	The waterhole in summer is the perfect place to hang out with your friends and family, playing football, doing springboard stunts, having a party. In five tales, mess about with Morris, his best friend, Billy, and a crowd of colourful animal characters.

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574727	Tales of a Korean grandmother Carpenter, Frances	Tuttle Publishing	2019	9780804849203	5-6	Just as the children of the Kim family are treated to traditional folk tales from their beloved grandmother, the reader is invited into the life of this noble family from an older time. As big and small events happen in the life of the Kim family, grandmother has a different story to share from thousand of years of Korean history and tradition to entertain and to explain everything from why cats and dogs are not friends and to how the Korean people came to be.
686523	Tales of all kinds: The world of Ursula Dubosarsky Dubosarsky, Ursula	The School Magazine	2020	9780731387618	5-6	Have you ever had a chaotic birthday party? Have you ever eaten your Teddy Bear? Do you ever wish you had the power to bring an object to life, or to speak to birds? Have you ever done odd jobs around the house to earn pocket money? Do you wish you could speak a secret language? Then this is the magazine for you! Flip open the pages and enjoy your reading adventure! An amazing publication written by Ursula Dubosarsky, the 2020-2021 Australian Children's Laureate, produced by The School Magazine team of the NSW Department of Education 2020.
9286	Tales of ancient Egypt Green, Roger Lancelyn	Puffin UK	1995	9780140367164	7-9	These stories, legends from ancient Egypt, are of gods, magic and adventure, including the great myths of Amen-Ra of Isis.
18560	Tales of Deltora Rodda, Emily & McBride, Marc (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2005	9781865048079	5-6	Questions answered about where the Shadow Lord came from and who were the Masked Ones. The truth about the battles and bloodlines that forged the Deltora adventures are revealed.
31983	Tales of Jahani, The: Daughter of nomads Hawke, Rosanne & Cornish, D M (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702253935	7-9	Fourteen year old Jahani lives a peaceful life in her village in Pakistan. But, havoc is brewing in the Mughal Empire, with tyrants and war lords burning villages in their quest to rule. After an assassin strikes in a bazaar, Jahani discovers her life is not as it seems. With her mysterious protector, Azhar, she flees over treacherous terrain towards the fabled Qurraqoram Mountains. Surrounded by deceit and danger, Jahani does not know who to trust or what their destination will reveal. The story concludes in book 2, The Leopard Princess.

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4580	Tales of Jahani, The: The leopard princess Hawke, Rosanne & Cornish, D M (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702254222	7-9	First Moon of Autumn, 1662. After reuniting with the nomads, fourteen year old Jahani is finally home. With her red hair dyed black, she can travel through the Qurraqoram Mountains without fear of being captured. But, the tyrants and war lords who pursue Jahani will not rest in their battle for power. Before long, the nomads are attacked. To fulfil her true destiny, Jahani must try to discover a pathway to peace in the northern kingdoms. Sequel to Daughter of nomads and the conclusion to The Tales of Jahani.
3704	Tales of Mrs Mancini, The Prior, Natalie Jane & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	ABC Books	2016	9780733335655	3-4	Mrs Mancini, together with her human friend Filippina, runs a cake shop full of delectable treats. Alongside her flair for flan, Mrs Mancini also has a special ability to bring children together.
15403	Tales of the Trojan war Khanduri, Kamini (reteller) & Anderson, Jeff (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2002	9780746052013	5-6	The history of the Trojan war, a well-told story of the folly of gods and men. The Greeks attack Troy to force the Trojan prince, Paris, to return their queen, Helen, the most beautiful woman in the world.
18471	Talisman: the tears of Isis Jones, Allan Frewin	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2005	9780340882245	7-9	Olly and Josh are travelling in Egypt with Olly's father, Professor Christie, in search of the precious talismans of the moon. Danger, however, lurks in the shadows. Josh and Olly must outwit whoever is trying to get there first.
16414	Talk under water Lomer, Kathryn	University of Queensland Press	2015	9780702253690	7-9	Will and Summer meet online and strike up a friendship based on a coincidence. Both are missing a parent and need a friend. Summer lives in Will's old hometown, a small community on Tasmania's coast. But, Summer isn't telling the whole truth about herself. She figures it doesn't matter, if they never see each other. But, when Will returns and they meet, Summer can no longer hide her secret.
40580	Talkative tortoise, The Fusek Peters, Andrew & Cooke, Charlotte (ill)	Child's Play International Ltd	2012	9781846434181	K-2	Talkative Tortoise loves talking about his smooth and shiny shell and showing off to his best friend, the geese. But when the time comes for the to migrate, he is worried about being left behind.
401	Talking in whispers Watson, James	Penguin	1998	9780141300795	9plus	Set in Chile, this political thriller takes the reader on a physical and emotional journey into a military coup. A powerful and disturbing novel about one boy's attempt to reveal the abuse of power and torture used by the state. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
7157	Tall man and the twelve babies, The Niland Champion, T & Niland, K & Niland, D (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9781742371153	K-2	In a big, big city, in a tiny, tiny apartment, lived a tall, tall man and twelve babies.

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1075644	Tamarra: A Story of Termites on Gurindji Country Wadrill, Violet & Ngarnjal, Topsy Dodd & Leaman, Leah & Edwards, Cecelia & Algy, Cassandra et al.	Hardie Grant Egmont	2023	9781741178302	5-6	Tamarra: A Story of Termites on Gurindji Country is a fascinating, illustrated science book that takes kids inside the life of termites through storytelling from the Gurindji People. Did you know there are four types of termite poo? Or that a warm paste made from termite mound is used to strengthen a Gurindji baby's body and spirit? Or that spinifex (which termites eat) is one of the strongest plants in the world? Created as a collaboration between over 30 First Nations and non-Indigenous contributors, the story and artworks explore how termites and their mounds connect different parts of Country, from tiny Gurindji babies and their loving grandmothers, to spiky spinifex plants growing in the hot sun.
723937	Tamworth Pig stories Kemp, Gene	Faber & Faber	2020	9780571356645	5-6	Tamworth Pig is wise and bold and smart. He is the respected pig of the farm and the small English town where he lives. His very good friends, Thomas and Blossom, help Tamworth with his various projects like persuading people to stop eating meat and saving the trees. In turn, Tamworth is always there for Blossom and Thomas, especially Thomas when his mischievous ways get him in more trouble than he can manage.
402	Tangara Chauncy, Nan	Puffin Australia	1987	9780140321852	5-6	When Lexie was eight, she discovered an old shell necklace that had belonged to her great-great-aunt. Through the necklace, she meets Merrina, who takes her to a gully that holds a mystery. A combination of fantasy and Tasmanian history.
886464	Tangki tjuta - Donkeys Tjanpi Desert Weavers	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781761180149	3-4	Fresh, funny and highly original, Tangki Tjuta - Donkeys is an endearing dual language story about how donkeys came to be a rich part of life for one Aboriginal community. Told in Pitjantjatjara and English. Donkeys are malpa wiru, valuable friends and helpers in the families and desert community of Pukatja (Ernabella) in the APY Lands of northern South Australia. People set off on their donkeys for picnics and longer journeys, always returning home safely.
18205	Tanglewood Wild, Margaret & Goodman, Vivienne (ill)	Omnibus Books	2012	9781862915701	K-2	A lonely tree, Tanglewood, lives on an island far away, visited only by the wind. One day, a bird shelters from the storm among its branches and a precious bond is formed. But, Seagull belongs to the sky and, too soon, must leave.

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18641	Tanglewreck Winterson, Jeanette	Bloomsbury	2006	9780747583554	7-9	Clever, eleven year old heroine, Silver, is on a modern day quest to get time right. She must escape the villainous Abel Darkwater and find the timekeeper to save the people of London from the disasters caused by time tornadoes and time traps.
16071	Tank boys Dando-Collins, Stephen	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2014	9780857981301	7-9	As many others had done, Australian 16 year-olds Frankie and Taz lied about their ages to enlist for WWI, one envisaging the adventure of a lifetime, the other to assuage guilt about staying at home when his brothers have died in the war. On the German side, Richard, also 16, finds himself assigned in one of the first German tanks. The three are destined to meet in the same shelled out crater during history's first tank battle.
87422	Tansy Magill Martin, Carol Ann & Watson, Judy (ill)	Puffin Australia	2012	9780143306399	3-4	One summer morning, Tansy Magill with the wild red hair visits her secret garden. There, she gets a big surprise and, now, she has a mystery to solve.
10418	Tao Newman, John	Walker Books	2011	9781406332605	3-4	Ever since Jo took his dad away, Tao feels like he's in the middle of a tug-of-war between his parents. But, he can't help hoping that they will get back together someday. It's Tao's birthday and he's turning ten. When the phone rings, Tao thinks it's just a wrong number from someone called Mimi. But, Tao's life is about to change, forever.
11376	Tape Camden, Steven	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2014	9780007523511	7-9	In 1993, Ryan records a diary on an old tape. He talks about his mother's death, about his dreams, about his love for a girl at school who doesn't even know he exists. In 2013, Ameliah moves in with her grandmother after her parents die. There, she finds a tape in the spare room, with a boy's voice on it - a voice she can't quite hear, but which seems to be speaking to her.
403	Tapestry Pallotta-Chiarolli, Maria	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1999	9780091838720	9plus	This biography traces five generations of an Australian Italian family. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
43471	Tarin of the Mammoths: Clan of wolves Sandhu, Jo	Penguin Books Australia	2017	9780143309383	5-6	Tarin's quest to save Mammoth Clan seems increasingly out of reach. Badly injured while fleeing the savage Boar Clan, Tarin and the twins face certain death as the harsh Winter descends. But an unexpected refuge not only saves their lives but offers new friends, and Tarin finally realises his greatest wish. When Spring comes, will Tarin have the strength to leave and continue his dangerous journey?

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4934	Tarin of the mammoths: The exile Sandhu, Jo	Penguin Books Australia	2017	9780143309376	5-6	Tarin longs to be a hunter, but his twisted leg means he is feared and bullied. After a disastrous mishap, Tarin is forced to leave his family and travel alone across wild, unknown land to save the Mammoth Clan. Battling the hostile and savage Boar Clan, a deadly illness, and treacherous terrain with twins Kaija and Luuka and their wolf cubs, Tarin realises that if they are to survive he must conquer his greatest fear- his inner self- and embrace the magic that is hiding within him.
404	Taronga Kelleher, Victor	Penguin	1988	9780140326314	9plus	Ben comes upon Taronga Zoo which seems unaffected by a nuclear holocaust, or is it? Ben and his Aboriginal friend, Ellie, are aware that decisions they make may have huge implications for the future. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1209864	Taronga big book of animals Taronga Conservation Society Australia	Penguin	2024	9781761347467	5-6	Think you know animals? Bet you didn't know... - The most poisonous animal in the world is a frog? - Bilbies can turn over 20 tonnes of soil a year? - Tigers have spikes on their tongues? - Walruses can sing? - Echidna poo is glittery? Explore these and hundreds more funny, surprising, and completely unexpected facts about creatures from all corners of the globe. This book is packed with charming, vibrant illustrations of over 140 creatures and their habitats, guaranteed to capture your imagination.
1209870	Taronga presents: Baby boom Darell, Kristin & Wood, Laura (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2024	9781761347481	3-4	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?
1209868	Taronga presents: Night owls Darell, Kristin & Wood, Laura (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2024	9781761347498	3-4	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! https://online.education.nsw.gov.au/prc/system/getImage.html?contentId=77006

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1209869	Taronga presents: Party animals Darell, Kristin & Wood, Laura (ill)	Penguin Random House Australia	2024	9781761347443	3-4	Ollie is celebrating his birthday at Taronga Western Plains Zoo and Sophia has a secret surprise for him. He will love it but secrets, especially exciting ones, are so hard to keep! Join the best friends as they have lots of animal adventures before it's party time. It will be wild!
1209867	Taronga presents: Poo at the zoo Darell, Kristin & Wood, Laura (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2024	9781761347436	3-4	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 and work their way up! LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Kristin Darell read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/3-4-book-list#poo-at-the-zoo-kristin-darell
4341	Tarzan of the apes Burroughs, Edgar Rice	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2008	9780141036533	7-9	Abandoned to his fate when his English parents die in the African jungle, a baby boy is rescued and reared by a loving ape, foster mother. Tarzan grows into a mighty warrior, becoming leader of his tribe of apes, until he encounters humans for the first time.
	Tashi 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.
871677	Tasmanian devil Saxby, Claire & Hamilton, Max (ill)	Walker Books	2022	9781760652418	K-2	A whiskered snout appears in the mouth of a wombat burrow. This is the Tasmanian Devil, join her as we watch her 2 imps grow.
18626	Tasmanian devil: life cycles of Australian animals Pyers, Greg	Echidna Books	2005	9781740708883	3-4	Interesting information on the Tasmanian devil is presented with photos, maps, fact boxes and pictorial timelines.

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111111	Taste of cockroach, A Baillie, Allan	Penguin	2005	9780143003373	9plus	Well-written, easily read short stories for young adults using simple, effective language to tackle mature themes like war and relationships including racial prejudice. Contains language that may offend some readers. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
16832	Tatiara Oliver, Jo	New Frontier Publishing	2010	9781921042225	3-4	In a sheltered bay, a girl and a seal become friends and, in time, healing comes to each of them.
21415	Tattoo Barnes, Jennifer Lynn	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2007	9781741662214	7-9	Bailey Morgan and her friends, Delia, Annabelle and Zo, apply strange, temporary tattoos picked up from a small booth at the mall. The tattoos will, supposedly, last for three days and the girls are sure they will absolutely kill at the school dance. Unfortunately, killing is just what someone has in mind. Along with the tattoo, each girl receives a gift, a supernatural power to help in the fight for their lives.
15110	Tawny scrawny lion Jackson, Kathryn & Tenggren, Gustaf (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2004	9780375828386	K-2	A hungry lion is a threat to the animals in the jungle until a visit to rabbit's house for supper changes everything.
1388462	Tawny trouble Fitzpatrick, Deb	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760995294	3-4	Tess and her family are driving through the Australian bush when they accidentally hit a tawny frogmouth. The owl is alive but needs their help. In helping the owl, Tess goes on journey that leads her to unexpected places.
1019854	Taxi, go! Toht, Patricia & Karipidou, Maria	Walker Books	2024	9781406385687	K-2	This taxi has lots of work to do. Such a busy day ahead. Join in on its busy day. Here we go. Cabs are resting in a line. Wake up, Taxi. Rise and shine! Fill the tank. Check the tyres. Roof light on-now for hire!
660481	Taylor Turbochaser, The Baddiel, David & Lenton, Steven (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2019	9780008334178	5-6	Amy loves cars, and has always dreamed of being a race car driver. She's always wanted to learn how to drive...and now, she finally has her chance...in the Taylor Turbochaser!
663584	TC and the curse of the exploding doll Hartley, Dave & Baldwin, Peter	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781742991887	3-4	What comes up, must come down... and when TC and Lockie launch a doll into the sky, things start to spiral downwards. Fast. There's a bunyip in the waterhole, and chaos everywhere!

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9698	Tea and sugar Christmas Jolly, Jane & Ingpen, Robert (ill)	National Library of Australia	2014	9780642278630	K-2	The Tea and Sugar train came once a week on a Thursday. But, the special Christmas train only came once a year. Today was Sunday. Four more days without sugar. Four more days until the Christmas train. Please, please be on time. Please don't be late. Join Kathleen in the outback as she eagerly waited for the Christmas Tea and Sugar train.
405	Tea for three Fatchen, Max & Thiele, Colin	Moondrake	1994	9781863912433	7-9	A compilation of the two authors' favourite poems are illustrated in this Australian poetry book.
9513	Teacher alligator Charles, Faustin & Wojtowycz, David (ill)	Bloomsbury	2001	9780747547600	3-4	A variety of animals with a very positive attitude to attending school are featured in this book of poetry that explores school life in verse. There are a whole host of animal characters from Mr Dragon, the Headmaster, to Miss Poodle, the French teacher.
624	Teaching the teacher van Loon, Joan & Stewart, Chantal (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2008	9780702236532	3-4	Ms Cherry learns what it feels like to stare down the school bully, to be brave during a trip to the nurse's office and to get down from the monkey bars with the help of her students. It has certainly been a tough day for the teacher and, perhaps, she has learnt something from the students as a result.
3027	Teacup Young, Rebecca & Ottley, Matt (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781743623848	5-6	Once there was a boy who had to leave home and find another one. Among his possessions was a teacup, holding earth from where he used to play.
	Team Hero series Blade, Adam				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.
871542	Team trouble! Woo, Eddie & Hartley, Dave & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2022	9781760983000	5-6	A cryptic message, a coded menu, ciphers, skateboard spills.... Eddie Woo and his best friends Rusty and DT are on a mission to save a friend's home, thwart the plans of evil smugglers and come first in the Triple Threat Quest.
1066731	Tearaway coach! McMullin, Neridah & McLean, Andrew	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760653170	3-4	When Fenton and father catch the coach to Geelong, they have no idea that the driver of the team of powerful horses is the famous Edward DeVine, 'Cabbage Tree Ned', or of the incredible adventure that lies ahead. A breathless story of bushrangers, danger, daring and escape as Fen finds himself holding the reins of the tearaway coach.

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406	Tearaways Klein, Robin	Penguin	1992	9780670832125	7-9	Ten stories of different people who might be best avoided! Conniving characters that come in all shapes, sizes and disguises.
1484163	Tearing myself together Whateley, Anna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2026	9781760526764	7-9	Hilzy's life is forever coming undone - and so is her body. Friendship is just one more thing she can't count on...until she has to. It's Year Twelve exam time, and Hilzy has a lot on her plate. She's just lost her job, she and her sister Max are struggling to make ends meet, and her childhood best friend Imogen recently dobbed them in to child services. The friendship is over. There's a new spark of joy when Hilzy grows closer to Dawn, the hippy girl who's had a crush on her for ages. But when Hilzy ends up in hospital with a busted knee, it's only Imogen who understands what it's really like living with an invisible disability. Things are falling apart, but maybe it's not all on Hilzy to put them back together again.
35349	Tears in the jungle Clarke, Daniel & Clarke, William	CTQ Management Consulting	2011	9780646558158	5-6	Two brothers, aged ten and twelve, travel to the jungles of Borneo to experience the critically endangered orangutan in the wild. Their story is inspiring.
9049	Tears of a friend Kenrick, Joanna	Evans Bros	2008	9780237535254	7-9	Cassie and Claire are best friends and do everything together. But, Claire always likes things her way. Cassie's fed up and now they've fallen out. They must find a way to mend the rift.
9295	Technology in the time of ancient Egypt Crosher, Judith	Raintree	1998	9780817248758	7-9	Explores the use of technology in ancient Egypt including technology used in architecture, crafts, hobbies, transportation and ancient inventions.
9230	Technology in the time of ancient Rome Snedden, Robert	Raintree	1998	9780817248765	5-6	A look at the innovative tools and methods used by early Romans focusing on weaving, metalwork, food production, transportation, and building plus activities where students can try using the same techniques as the ancients.
40975	Teddy took the train Greenberg, Nicki	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760112134	K-2	When Mum and Dot go on an outing, Dot brings Teddy along for the ride. But, in the rush to get off the train, Dot loses Teddy. The kindly stationmaster assures Dot that the train didn't take teddy but, rather, Teddy took the train to go on a big adventure. Although she isn't sure, Dot gets involved in imagining Teddy's adventures.
9344	Tee Dee and the collectors or how it all began Caswell, Brian	University of Queensland Press	1998	9780702229886	7-9	Tee Dee is alone, stranded on a backward planet called Earth but help is at hand. The Zone Commandos may be primitive but they make a great team. Tee Dee could do with some friends.

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35562	Teenage guide to friends, The Morgan, Nicola	Walker Books	2017	9781406369779	7-9	Friendships and peer groups can cause problems and upsets in your teenage years. People can be confusing- until you understand how different personality traits, stresses and emotions affect their behaviours. Yours too! This book is for anyone who wants to know how friendships work and what to do when they don't. You'll find positive advice on how to make and keep friends, as well as positive strategies to help you through the tough times and make you feel more confident.
41508	Teens Mack, Louise	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2016	9781460750797	7-9	Lennie is leaving the security of life at home to attend a day school in Sydney. She is full of excitement but life outside her secure house with her younger sisters throws up all sorts of challenges, She finds a best friend in Mabel Jones, a fellow pupil and begins to develop her talents as a writer. A charming tale of life as a teenage girl in Sydney in the late 1800's.
700423	Tell 'em Germein, Katrina & Sullivan, Rosemary & the children of Manyallaluk School & Briggs, Karen (ill)	Working Title Press	2020	9781921504921	5-6	Tell 'em how us kids like to play. We got bikes and give each other rides. Tell 'em about the dancing and singing, And all the stories the old people know.
7314	Tell me about your day today Fox, Mem & Stringer, Lauren (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2012	9781742835785	K-2	Time to curl up, snuggle in and discover the who, the what, the why, and the way four friends had a wonderful day.
15368	Tell me why Templeton, Robyn & Jackson, Sarah	Magabala Books	2004	9781875641963	3-4	When Sarah was seven years old, she asked her grandmother a very important question. This is the story of that question and the answer.
682606	Tell, The Chatterton, Martin	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2020	9781760895945	7-9	Rey Tanic is not like other 14 year olds. His dad is a mafia boss. His dad also in jail. When Rey's life explodes, every decision he makes will shape the rest of his life. How far does the apple really fall from the tree?
9053	Telling lies Glensor, Tricia	HarperCollins NZ	2012	9781869509347	5-6	Against the background of paranoia, fear and betrayal that is German-occupied France in 1942, a defiant French family decides to help Paul, a downed New Zealand airman. If they are to hide him, smuggle him to safety and survive, they must weave a web of lies.

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977754	Temora and the wordsnatcher Gordon, Kate	Wombat Books	2023	9781761110122	5-6	Temora Murphy doesn't fit in with other girls or with her mother, until a birthday wish brings escape through magical books that appear at the bottom of her garden. On her twelfth birthday she makes another wish that transports her to an another world. Inhabitants of this world have long been waiting for her and they appreciate her arrival. When other apprentices catch a magical disease it seems a monster thought long dead could be responsible. Temora realises she must face the darkness to save everyone.
12376	Tempestuous voyage of Hopewell Shakespeare, The Masson, Sophie	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2003	9780340865811	9plus	Hopewell Shakespeare craves adventure and he joins the crew of a notorious buccaneer hunting for the Lost Island of the Lord of Alchemists where dreams come true. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
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 Sinistrum, 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.
12138	Ten apples up on top Seuss, Dr	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1984	9780001713239	K-2	A dog, lion and tiger show off how many apples they can balance on their heads while doing all sorts of silly things. The rhyming, rhythmic, repetitious text helps with early reading and counting.
903361	Ten blocks to the big wok Hu, Ying-Hwa	University of Queensland Press	2023	9780702266072	K-2	Mia and Uncle Eddie walk ten blocks to their favourite restaurant. Mia counts all the fascinating things that she sees on her walk one giant panda two lion statues three toy turtles. But how many dumplings will she get for grandma?
25868	Ten blue wrens and what a lot of wattle Honey, Elizabeth	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742377872	K-2	Count all the familiar Australian things. Count the busy wrens on their fine stick legs, the bowerbird's treasures, his bottle tops and pegs. One little nipper and twelve kelpie legs as well as pies, potoroos and blue wrens.
846172	Ten delicious teachers Montgomery, Ross & Wharburton, Sarah (ill)	Walker Books	2021	9781406389821	K-2	When ten teachers miss the last bus home, they decide to walk through the Dark Forest. As they go along, it seems they are disappearing one by one. It seems they are not alone in the woods.

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12188	Ten in the bed Dale, Penny	Walker Books	1998	9780744513400	K-2	Have you ever wondered who the ten in the bed were and what happened to them after they rolled out? This tale, about a small child and an assortment of animated, soft toys, will help you to find out.
682659	Ten little figs Williams, Rhian & Eckstrom, Nathaniel (ill)	Walker Books	2020	9781921977312	K-2	Count down as ten little figs disappear from the tree thanks to some very hungry Australian Animals. Who will get the last one?
774428	Ten little yoga frogs Robinson, Hilary & Stanley, Mandy (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2021	9781922326126	K-2	Yoga frogs love to have fun trying all the different yoga poses from the Tree pose to the Up-the-Wall pose! Can you count the different yoga frogs and try each yoga pose as you read along?
12399	Ten out of bed Dale, Penny	Walker Books	1996	9780744543834	K-2	A counting book about a little boy and his toys that play games until they all fall asleep.
23234	Ten pound pom Wilkinson, Carole & Anelli, Liz (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781925381214	5-6	I don't want to come to Australia. I have just started grammar school. My best friend Sally goes there too. But it looks like there could be another war and Dad has convinced Mum to go. Because we're migrants, the voyage is costing Mum and Dad only 10 pounds each! My brother and I are travelling for free. It's a long way to Australia. What if we never come back to England?
12121	Ten red apples Hutchins, Pat	Bodley Head	2001	9780370326931	K-2	Beginning with a horse, one by one, several farm animals consume the ten apples from a tree. A story that nearly ends when a sole apple remains for the farmer but none for his wife, who hopes to bake a pie.
4763	Ten scared fish Moriarty, Ros & Balarinji (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781742379128	K-2	A counting book. Follow the river to the sea and meet and count the animals. Find out what ten little fish meet.
6488	Ten terrible dinosaurs Stickland, Paul	MacMillan	2018	9781509835522	K-2	Ten terrible dinosaurs standing in a line, soon began to mess about until there were...nine!
15613	Ten things I hate about me Abdel-Fattah, Randa	Pan MacMillan	2006	9780330422741	7-9	Jamie hates lot of things about her life, her dark hair, her dad's Charter of Curfew Rights and her real name. Jamie has hidden her Lebanese background from everyone at school and it's only with her email friend, John, that she can really be herself. But, things are getting complicated. The most popular boy in school is interested in her, she keeps thinking about Timothy, the school loner, and the school formal is coming up.
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.

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1426141	Ten-word tiny tales of love Coelho, Joseph (ed.)	Walker Books	2023	9781529517323	3-4	The author has written tales of love using just ten words -- cherished moments between siblings, worlds where nature blooms and heals, touching tales of beloved pets, and more. Each ten-word tale has been paired with beautiful illustrations. Together the words and pictures set up a space for creativity as young readers imagine how the story might unravel -- and are inspired to pen a ten-word tiny tale of their own.
9350	Tennis Stich, Francesca (ed)	Dorling Kindersley	2000	9780754327844	5-6	Meet Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, a professional tennis player who won the French Open when she was only seventeen years old. This comprehensive guide introduces young players to all the basic skills, essential techniques and rules of tennis.
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?
18488	Tennis star Caisley, Raewyn	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734407757	5-6	Thirteen year old Nathan loves playing tennis. When he is recruited to portray his hero, champion tennis player Richard Krafter, in advertisements, Nathan's ego is enhanced but with negative effects on family relationships and his friendships.
68569	Tensy Farlow and the home for mislaid children Storer, Jen	Penguin Books Australia	2009	9780670073399	5-6	Tensy Farlow was dumped, hunted and betrayed, leaving her in mortal danger, without a guardian angel. She is thrown into a gloomy orphanage, which is exactly what the dark world needs.

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1885	Teresa, a new Australian Abela, Deborah	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742990941	5-6	During the war, Teresa and her family survived the bombing of their home and went hungry during the long siege of their island. But, life in peace time is still hard. Her parents want a better life and apply to migrate to Australia. But, after the long voyage to Sydney, there are more testing times ahead for Teresa as she tries to learn Australian ways, avoid the bullies and do well at school. She is not about to let anything stop her from making her family and her nanna, back in Malta, proud of her.
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.
17760	Terrible plop, The Dubosarsky, Ursula & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	Puffin Australia	2009	9780670071418	K-2	Everyone is afraid of the Terrible Plop. They have to run, they cannot stop. Join in as someone reads this wonderful picture book to you and find out about the bear and the littlest rabbit who turn back to discover the secret of the Terrible Plop.
10553	Terrible suitcase, The Allen, Emma & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Omnibus Books	2012	9781862919402	K-2	It's the first day of school and all the children have special backpacks, except for me. My mum has given me a terrible suitcase. Well, first I got mad then I used my imagination.
2298	Terrible thing that happened to Barnaby Brocket, The Boyne, John & Jeffers, Oliver (ill)	Doubleday	2012	9780857531476	5-6	The Brockets are normal and respectable, and they hate anyone who is different. When Barnaby is born, he's certainly not ordinary. He defies the laws of gravity and floats. Barnaby is desperate to please his parents but he just can't keep both feet on the ground. The Brockets decide Barnaby must go. Betrayed and alone, Barnaby floats into the path of a special hot air balloon and begins a magical journey with extraordinary new friends.
5230	Terrible Troy Fatchen, Max	ABC Books	2000	9780733307744	3-4	Frolicking in mud and puddles and looking most dishevelled, Terrible Troy causes his mother great despair.
	Terry Deary's pirate tales series Deary, Terry & Flook, Helen (ill)				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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751054	Terry Denton's really truly amazing guide to everything Denton, Terry	Penguin	2020	9781760898922	5-6	Join Professor Denton as he takes you on a wild adventure exploring our amazing universe and history, the ins and outs of biology and your human body, the fascinating world of geography, geology and the weather! Get ready to laugh and be amazed!
12354	Tessa Lawson, Sue	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734406095	5-6	Tessa wants a puppy to keep her company and protect her from her neighbour. Tessa leaves brochures lying around the house for her mother to notices but she's not sure it works. Perhaps her Mum has other ideas.
8656	Tessa snaps snakes Lester, Alison	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	1993	9780340605431	K-2	Seven children each behave in a unique way. They have seven different secrets and fears. Different things make them laugh and each child has a special way to earn pocket money and to send messages. Each child gets to be a star.
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.
42557	Thaddeus Bix and the Pirates of Pepperjack Mansfield, Kylie	Meraki Books	2016	9780994520906	5-6	When Thaddeus Bix is kidnapped by a gang of pirates and thrown inside a magical sea chest, he thinks things have gone pretty bad. Little does he know they are just about to get worse. A swashbuckling adventure on the high seas awaits, with Thaddeus and his new friends Molly and Juniper as they attempt to outwit and escape a crew of stinking pirates, wizards, witches, giant talking spiders and worse.
3436	Thank you dish, The Balla, Trace	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760292355	K-2	It's dinnertime at Grace's place. 'Thanks to the rain, the soil and the sunshine,' says Mama. 'Thank you alpaca,' says Grace. Mama is confused, why does Grace thank alpaca for her dinner. Grace smiles and explains.
9559	Thank you for my yukky present Hooper, Meredith	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2003	9780733614071	3-4	Charlie is very excited about a present from his Grandma. He is very disappointed when it appears to be just a boring handknitted jumper. But then the jumper takes him on an adventure.

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1006401	That bird has arms Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Hukku, Niharika (ill) & Ronokoy, Ghosh (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2023	9781761210310	3-4	Roy is an ordinary bird in every way. He is not the biggest, or the smallest. His squawk is not the loudest or the quietest. He even follows the same football team as everyone else. He was very normal except for one thing - he has ARMS. Absolutely nobody knows - and Roy would like to keep it that way...
997	That boy, Jack Brian, Janeen	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9781922179005	5-6	Jack and Gilbert made a pact when they were younger - to work together in the mines, just like their fathers and other immigrants. Jack is turning twelve, and the thought of working underground fills him with panic. When Gilbert leaves school to earn a wage, Jack wants to keep his word - but that means facing his fear. All the while his heart is telling him to follow another path. That boy, Jack must find the courage to choose.
951	That car Kennedy, Cate & Zapel, Carla (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781743310953	K-2	We found the old car in the shed when we moved to the farm. We couldn't wait to play in it, it could take us anywhere.
846277	That cat Harvey, Jacqueline & Scott, Kate Isobel (ill)	Puffin Australia	2022	9781761040702	K-2	Nothing is quite like a cat. There are brat cats and fat cats, rat cats and mat cats . . . but if there's one cat everyone knows, it's THAT CAT.
33078	That cat can't stay Krasnesky, Thad & Parkins, David (ill)	Flashlight Press	2010	9780979974656	K-2	Dad is no match for this clever Mum, a cat lover, who manages to get not one, not two, not three, but four cats into the household. One by one, she brings them home and uses guile to convince Dad to keep them, but only just for a little while.
17663	That Christmas feeling Wilkinson, Lili & Francey, Amanda (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760294960	K-2	This year, Dottie, Jem and Shortbread are staying with their grandparents, and Dottie is worried. Will Santa be able to find them? Does Grandpa know how to make Christmas pudding? Will Mum and Dad make it back in time? Can Dottie find that special, tingly Christmas feeling?
4391	That dolphin thing Bone, Ian	Penguin	2001	9780141311265	9plus	Mac's mother is dying of cancer. Mac attempts to make friends and settle into school life. His promise to swim with his mother and the dolphins becomes an insurmountable nightmare. Help comes from an unexpected source. Some coarse language. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
12474	That pesky rat Child, Lauren	Orchard Books	2003	9781841212760	3-4	The brown street rat lives in a trash can in Grubby Alley, longing to be someone's pet, someone with an interest in cheese. He knows plenty of animals who are pets. When Mr. Fortesque mistakes him for a cat, life changes.

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35546	That stubborn seed of hope Falkner, Brian	University of Queensland Press	2017	9780702259692	7-9	A collection of ten gripping short stories about fear and hope. A boy helps his sister by disguising her birthmark on her first day of school. A seventeen-year-old awakens to find himself trapped in an elderly body. A teenage girl discovers her boyfriend has a life-threatening virus the day after they share their first kiss. A high school student tries to communicate to his hospitalised brother who is in a vegetative state. Brian Falkner serves up bite-sized tales of fear - fear of rejection, fear of dying, fear of disease, fear of the unknown, fear of exclusion, fear of being caught and fear of embarrassment - showing how that stubborn seed of hope hungers our darkest moments.
688313	That time I got kidnapped Mitchell, Tom	HarperCollins US	2020	9780008292263	5-6	Fourteen-year-old Jacob has won a once-in-a-lifetime chance to appear in a Hollywood movie. But when he misses his flight in Chicago and catches the Greyhound to L.A. he meets Jennifer and the real trouble starts. Jennifer in on the run, carrying a mysterious package, and Jacob soon finds himself her unlikely partner in crime on a wild road trip across the USA. Miles of open road lie ahead of them, but the police, a furious grandmother and a sinister figure known only as 'the Cowboy' are just a few steps behind...
28912	That's (not) mine Kang, Anna & Weyant, Christopher (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2016	9781444918335	K-2	Two fuzzy creatures both want to sit in the same comfy chair. The trouble is, they can't agree who it belongs to and they get madder and madder.
46399	That's mine Van Zeveren, Michel	Gecko Press	2013	9781877579288	K-2	Deep in the jungle, a little frog finds an egg and declares 'That's mine'. However, there are those within the jungle who would dispute his claim, and each one seems bigger, stronger and more of a bully than the last.
80249	That's not a daffodil Honey, Elizabeth	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742372488	K-2	When Tom's neighbour gives him a brown bulb, Tom can't believe it will flower. He doesn't think it's a daffodil so the old gardener invites him to plant the bulb and see what happens.

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1019861	That's not my name Lally, Megan	Sourcebooks Inc	2024	9781728270111	9plus	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.... 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. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
18542	That's the trick Bell, Krista & Dunk, Sarah (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2006	9780734408945	5-6	This little book will delight word buffs. It contains examples of homonyms with cartoon drawings to illustrate the words.
	The Apothecary trilogy series Meloy, Maile				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.
	The baby-sitters club (graphic novels) series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The bad guys series 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.

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	The Bartimaeus trilogy series Stroud, Jonathan				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.
3980	The bear who stared Beedie, Duncan	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2015	9781760405182	K-2	There once was a bear who like to stare. Bear doesn't mean to be rude, just curious but nobody likes to be stared at and it soon gets Bear into trouble. Luckily there's a googly-eyed frog who soon sets Bear straight.
1423977	The big bad wolf murder Bell, P. C.	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2025	9781836040743	5-6	Alarick is the biggest and baddest wolf of the Tooth & Claw games -- a fierce sport where teams of runners must escape vicious wolves. But when Alarick drops dead in the middle of the championship final, rival Ruby is horrified.. because she gets the blame. Determined to find the real murderer and clear her name. Ruby and her wolf-cub friend Fillan go on the run. But with a crooked cop, a killer wolf and a gangland granny on their tails, they're going to need all of Ruby's prize-winning speed and cunning to save themselves and hunt down the truth.
	The Caddy kids series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The children of the lamp series Kerr, P B				7-9	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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	The Chronicles of Prydain series Alexander, Lloyd				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.
	The circle opens series Pierce, Tamora				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The debt series Gwynne, Phillip				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.
	The Dragons series Thompson, Colin				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The Edge chronicles series Stewart, Paul & Riddell, Chris (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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1544204	The Epically Awesome Odyssey, as told by Nanny Piggins R A Spratt	Penguin Books Australia	2026	9781761622472	5-6	Finally, Nanny Piggins sets the record straight and reveals what really happened 3,000 years ago on the most epically awesome journey of all time - The Odyssey! Spoiler alert - Homer totally left out the fact that Odysseus was a staggeringly beautiful woman and a pig. Travel with Odysseus and her crew as they face man-munching monsters, Greek Gods with rage issues, Sirens brandishing cake batter to tempt sailors to their doom and a forbidden sausage sizzle on the Island of Helios.
	The Fixers series Williams, Sean & O'Connor, Nial (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.
	The food group series Various				3-4	Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books and up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the online booklists for the PRC ID of the individual books in this series.
	The Gallagher girls series Carter, Ally				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.
	The Gateway series Jones, Cerberus				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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	The Gerander trilogy series Watts, Frances				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The Guild trilogy series Mowll, Joshua				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.
	The Hidden series Tanner, Lian				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The Hitler trilogy series French, Jackie				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.
	The Hitler trilogy series French, Jackie				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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	The Hoozles series Little, Jessie & Dann, Penny (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.
	The Immortals quartet series Pierce, Tamora				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The impossible quest series Forsyth, Kate				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The incorrigible children of Ashton Place series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The Indian in the cupboard series Banks, Lynne Reid				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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660196	The internet is like a puddle Innes, Shona & Agocs, Irisz (ill)	Little Hare Books	2019	9781760504878	3-4	The Internet is like a puddle, its great fun to splash around in but what lurks just below the surface? This book explains in simple terms some of the things to watch for on the internet and how to keep yourself safe.
	The invisible tree series Lowe, Kirrily & Smith, Henry (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.
	The kaboom 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.
	The Kane Chronicles series Riordan, Rick				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.
	The Keepers trilogy series Tanner, Lian				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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	The land of stories series Colfer, Chris & Dorman, Brandon (ill)				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.
5984	The last peach Gordon, Gus	Penguin Random House Australia	2018	9780670078912	K-2	One fine summer's day two bugs discover the most beautiful peach of the season and are faced with a dilemma...Who should eat it?
	The last thirteen series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The last wild trilogy series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The Leviathan trilogy series Westerfeld, Scott & Thompson, Keith (ill)				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
871659	The magic faraway tree: A new adventure Wilson, Jacqueline & Beech, Mark (ill)	Hachette Australia	2023	9781444963380	3-4	A enchanted forest, an invitation from a fairy, a talking rabbit and the Magic Faraway Tree that reveals a new land with a new adventure every day. Riding wild unicorns, battling dragons and attending a magnificent royal ball, this will be one holiday that Birdy, Mia and Milo will never forget.

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1424048	The magic paintbrush Zhang, Kat with Darnell, Eric	Random House Children's Books	2024	9780593179963	5-6	Amy has always loved art, but lately her drawings have been less than impressive. There's no passion, no personality, no...magic. Until Amy visits her Lao Lao, her grandmother, and finds an ancient paintbrush that brings anything Amy creates to life! Now her creation Luna has taken over her bedroom and is running through the streets of Flushing, Queens. What awaits: an international adventure filled with an ancient Chinese legend, a greedy adversary and ghastly beasts!
	The Mapmaker Chronicles series Various				7-9	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.
37496	The mermaid of Warsaw and other tales from Poland Monte, Richard & Hess, Paul (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2011	9781847801647	5-6	Enchanting, wicked and often very funny, these eight folk tales from Poland have a timeless, universal appeal.
	The Midnight Children series Halim, Tunku & Chitale, Parag (ill)				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.
1386432	The Mizzy mysteries: A skeleton in the closet Hatcher-Smith, Claire & Apollonova, Yarslava & Magoogan, Lester	Farshore	2025	9780008645571	5-6	Twelve-year-old Mizzy dreams of being a detective and she won't let anything stand in her way -- not her reputation for tall tales, or her embarrassing fear of escalators, and definitely not her Down syndrome. Dumped for the summer with cousins who've outgrown her, Mizzy feels even more sidelined than usual. But when she discovers Great Aunt Jane's diaries in a locked wardrobe in their spare room, and realises her aunt didn't die in her sleep but under suspicious circumstances, everything changes. What's more... someone in the family appears to have been involved. Under the guise of a family-tree project for school, and armed with a brand new set of Pipsqueak markers, Mizzy grabs the chance to prove herself to her cousins -- and the world.

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	The Montmaray Journals series Cooper, Michelle				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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	The Mysterious Benedict Society series Stewart, Trenton Lee				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The Naughtiest reindeer 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.
	The Peski kids 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.

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5927	The rainbow Moriarty, Ros & Balarinji (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760297794	K-2	The land bakes RED. The sun sets ORANGE. The dawn glows GOLD. The flowers burst YELLOW. A joyous serenade to colours that show country before a storm, illustrated by Balarinji, Australia's leading Indigenous design studio, with a translation of the text into the Aboriginal Yanyuwa language.
	The Royal Academy of Sport for Girls series Sieveking, Laura				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The secret histories series French, Jackie				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The Selwood Boys series Wilson, Tony & Jacobsen, Mike (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.
	The Seven signs series Adams, Michael				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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	The silver brumby series Mitchell, Elyne				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The smallest bilby series Hilton, Nette & Whatley, Bruce (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.
	The Spiderwick chronicles series Black, Holly & Di Terlizzi, Tony (ill)				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The Swashbuckler series Gardiner, Kelly				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The Thickety series Various				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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1534214	The Thing About Christmas Dabrowski, Jo & Stewart, Briony	Little Book Press	2025	9781923141407	K-2	A warm and joyful picture book that reminds us of what really matters during the holiday season. Brimming with festive spirit, it celebrates love, togetherness and the magic of making the season your own no matter how big or small.
	The thing series Falkner, Brian				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The three doors trilogy series Rodda, Emily				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The Tinklers three series Badger, M C				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.
	The treehouse series Various				3-4	Join Andy and Terry's incredible, ever-expanding treehouse series! Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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	The Tribe series Various				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The very bear series Bland, Nick				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.
	The very bear series Bland, Nick				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.
	The Warlock's child series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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	The wild magic trilogy Kiernan, Celine				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The Wombles series Beresford, Elisabeth & Price, Nick (ill)				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.
833219	Theft of sunlight, The Khanani, Intisar	Hot Key Books	2021	9781471410376	7-9	When her best friend's sister is snatched, Rae is determined to find answers. She travels to the royal court and unexpectedly begins serving the new princess. This alliance draws her deep into a dangerous quest for answers about the Snatchers. As each strand of the web is unravelled, Rae slips further into danger.
3756	Their great gift Coy, John & Huie, Wing Young (photo)	Lerner Publishing Group	2016	9781467780544	5-6	Through the eyes of children from many different backgrounds, find out what it would be like to emigrate to the United Sates of America.
1697	Thelma the unicorn Blabey, Aaron	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781743625804	K-2	Thelma the pony wants to be a famous unicorn. When her dream comes true, with the help of a carrot, pink paint and glitter, Thelma soon learns to love herself just as she is.
17137	Theodora's gift Dubosarsky, Ursula	Penguin	2005	9780670041169	9plus	When Theodora is fourteen, her father has a mysterious vision and leaves his family to live with his first wife. Theodora's grandfather is a Holocaust survivor. Complex themes, past and present tensions tell the story of a family falling apart. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
	Theodore Boone series Grisham, 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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643470	Theodore the unsure Smith, Pip & Wyle, Beau (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760661861	K-2	King Theodore is the ruler of the whole animal kingdom. When his mane keeps growing and growing and growing, he must decide whether to cut it or keep it. But Theodore is always so unsure! What will he do?
1302	Theodork Green, Jessica	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781741693256	7-9	It is Theodore's first year at high school. After a successful primary school career, he now finds himself considered a dork, amongst other things. Through some spectacularly unfortunate experiences, Theodore learns a lot about friendship and himself.
5491	Theophilus Grey and the demon thief Jinks, Catherine	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760113605	5-6	Theophilus Grey heads a team of linkboys who guide Londoners by torch light, through dank eighteenth century alleys. They gather useful information for the master who runs a spy network. When thieves start dropping without a scratch and a wave of crime sweeps the area, Philo wonders if the events are connected. He will need to use all his cunning to uncover the truth behind the demon thief, in time to save his friends.
1801	Theophilus Grey and the traitor's mask Jinks, Catherine	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760113612	5-6	In eighteenth-century London, twelve year old Philo Grey is a linkboy. He collects information to sell. One of his best customers pays good money for intelligence about the Jacobites, who are plotting to overthrow King George. But, spying on the Jacobites is a dangerous business, especially when Philo becomes the target of a rival gang of linkboys. And, Philo's old master has never forgiven him for leaving and will stop at nothing for revenge. Luckily, Philo has friends as well as enemies. He must rely on them as well as his instincts to escape harm.
707941	Theory of hummingbirds, The Kadarusman, Michelle	University of Queensland Press	2020	9780702262920	3-4	Alba has been best friends with Levi forever, but maybe he has gone too far when he thinks that there is a wormhole in their school library. Then there's Cleo, that is what Alba calls her left foot, which was twisted in the wrong direction since birth. Alba is set on running in the cross-country race, but can she do it and what if Levi doesn't believe she can do it?
2836	There is a tribe of kids Smith, Lane	Pan MacMillan	2016	9781509812882	K-2	When a young boy embarks on a journey alone, he joins a colony of penguins, wriggles with an army of caterpillars, marches with a troop of monkeys and lots, lots more. But, he never feels that he belongs and needs to find his own tribe.
751150	There is no magic in this book Macwhirter, Michelle & Beer, Sophie	Walker Books	2020	9781921977299	K-2	There is absolutely no magic in this book. No dragons or unicorns or mermaids. Look very closely. Do you see the magic? Perhaps you'll be the first!

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24449	There may be a castle Torday, Piers	Quercus Children's Books	2016	9781848668621	5-6	On Christmas Eve, eleven year old Mouse, his mother and two sisters are travelling to his grandparents. It's snowing, visibility is bad, and the car crashes off the road. Mouse is thrown from the car and, when he wakes, he's not in his world any more. So begins a quest to find a castle in a world of monsters, minstrels, dangerous knights and mysterious wizards. There's terrifying danger but also more excitement than Mouse has ever known. But, as the cold grows, Mouse's quest becomes more important than ever.
19527	There was an old bloke who swallowed a bunny Crumble, P & Shea, Louis (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2013	9781742831602	K-2	We all know what happened to the old woman who swallowed a fly but now this bloke has entered the land of stories and nursery rhymes. He has started eating everything on the farm - starting with a bunny! What will happen to him? Read along to discover what happens to the old bloke who swallowed a bunny!
15406	There was an old lady who swallowed a fly Simms, Taback	Penguin USA	1997	9780670869398	K-2	Lively, colourful, busy mixed media and collage illustrations include visual jokes, comments by characters and passers-by and an increasingly enlarged old lady.
660805	There was an old lady who swallowed a fossil Crumble, P & Shea, Louis (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781760157685	K-2	There was an old lady who swallowed a fossil. I don't know why she swallowed a fossil... That's colossal! The old lady has made an amazing discovery! Now she's on the hunt for more prehistoric snacks and not even the biggest dinosaur can stomp out her giant appetite. Surely she'll explode!
147232	There was an old lady who swallowed a mozzie Crumble, P & Shea, Louis (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760669966	K-2	"I don't know why she swallowed the mozzie ... she's gotta be Aussie!" Aussie animals beware! There's an old lady in the bush with an unstoppable appetite! You won't believe what she can swallow.
47770	There was an old sailor Saxby, Claire & Allen, Cassandra (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2010	9781921150715	K-2	Have some fun by joining in to read aloud this nautical take on the rhyme, There was an old lady who swallowed a fly.
587752	There's a baddie running through this book Unwin, Shelly & To, Vivienne (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760630614	K-2	Kids, watch out! A baddie is on the loose and only you can catch him. But this baddie is very sneaky. He's going to have you looking for him everywhere, up and down, and around and around, until the very last page!
37379	There's a big green frog in the toilet Do, Anh & McKenzie, Heath (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781743812495	K-2	Mum! There's a big green frog in the toilet and it's looking up at me. There's a big green frog in the toilet and I'm busting for a wee!
41503	There's a bug on my arm that won't let go Mackintosh, David	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2017	9780008135089	K-2	There's a bug on my arm that won't let go. I don't want it anywhere near me. So why won't it just buzz off?!

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21229	There's a dragon in your book Fletcher, Tom & Abbott, Greg (ill)	Penguin	2018	9780141376127	K-2	There's a little dragon in your book! She's oh-so cute, BUT watch out for her fiery sneezes!
846188	There's a ghost in this house Jeffers, Oliver	Penguin	2021	9780593466186	3-4	A young girl lives in a haunted house, but she has never seen a ghost. Are they white with holes for eyes? Are they hard to see? Step inside and help the girl as she searches under the stairs, behind the sofa, and in the attic for the ghost.
83244	There's a goat in my coat Milne, Rosemary & McLean, Andrew (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9781741758917	K-2	Read aloud and act out the playful, lively rhymes in this collection.
	There's a hippopotamus series Edwards, Hazel & Niland, Deborah (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.
31236	There's a hole in my bucket Cooper, Jenny (ill) & Twins, The Topp (sing)	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781775430469	K-2	When Henry the goat discovers a hole in his bucket, Liza the duck offers a series of solutions to fix it. Sing and act out this well-known song.
1423927	There's a prawn in Parliament House: The kids' guide to Australia Crabb, Annabel	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781760637750	5-6	A funny and informative account of how Australia's democracy works. Every three years, Australians come together on a Saturday to elect a government. We do this because having a government is the best way for large groups of people to live in peace and enjoy things like roads and airports and hospitals and delicious food without having to personally arrange all the boring stuff. But how do we elect a government? How does the government make decisions? And what is so special about our system of democracy?
12244	There's a sea in my bedroom Wild, Margaret & Tanner, Jane (ill)	Penguin	1989	9780140540642	K-2	A little boy is frightened of the sea but, when he finds a conch shell, he can hear the sea trapped inside. He coaxes the sea out of its hiding place.
916672	There's a shark in my school Boyce, Sharon J & Houghton, Suzanne (ill)	Larrikin House	2021	9781922503626	K-2	Seymour, my pet shark is bored at home in my pool. He wants to come to school with me, I think that's a brilliant idea. But not everyone does...
751173	There's a snake on my cake! Baker, Julia & Finn, Ann-Marie (ill)	Wombat Books	2020	9781925563948	K-2	Jessie loved all her friends birthday parties. They celebrated with rollerblading, soccer and unicorns. But Jessie has something else in mind for her party. Will her friends like the slithering friend she wants to bring or will it be too scary?

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4703	There's a wallaby at the bottom of my garden French, Jackie & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Koala Books	1997	9780864611116	3-4	See how a native animal can live beside humans, being appreciated as a wild creature not a pet, and still provide pleasure. Fred, the black-tailed wallaby, likes eating apricots and mandarins but is careless with his tail.
9582	There's a wardrobe in my monster Geoghegan, Adrienne & Johnson, Adrian (ill)	Bloomsbury Australia	1999	9780747540199	3-4	A modern fable about the responsibilities of pet ownership. Martha is on a quest for a more interesting pet than her ""sleepy cat, bored goldfish and dopey dog"".
4403	There's an echidna at the bottom of my garden French, Jackie & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Koala Books	1999	9780864611123	3-4	The author's own observations of the echidna that lives in the bush near her home. George, the echidna, likes ants and termites but he doesn't like the smell of gum boots.
24189	There's going to be a baby Burningham, John & Oxenbury, Helen (ill)	Walker Books	2010	9780744549966	K-2	As the arrival of a new sibling draws nearer, the child in the story imagines all kinds of colourful futures for the brother or sister he is waiting to meet. The questions that stream through his mind show the expectation plus a little bit of uncertainty that a new arrival creates.
983448	There's no such book Dettmann, Jessica & Minton & Jake A (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2022	9781760509743	K-2	t's the night before the Book Week parade and Ellie needs a costume. She and Mum raid their home but all Mum's suggestions fall flat. Ellie heads to bed with only Mum's promise that she'll find something... somehow.
669557	There's no such thing McKinnon, Heidi	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760877279	K-2	Bear can't sleep. Noises are keeping him awake. Maybe they are coming from a hungry giant, a blood-sucking spider or a fire-breathing dragon.
652806	There's only one dad like you Racklyeft, Jess	Affirm Press	2018	9781925870534	K-2	There's only one dad like you, Dad. My hero, friend and guide. You teach me about this great big world and how to enjoy the ride. Wise dads, caring dads, daring dads, creative dads - each dad brings their own sense of fun.
833000	There's only one Grandma like you Racklyeft, Jess	Affirm Press	2021	9781922400680	K-2	Grandma, granny, nana, yiayia, oma - whatever you call yours, everyone's grandma is precious. Maybe she gives you big hugs. Maybe she lives a really long way away. Wherever she is and however you love her, your grandma is special because she is yours.
652805	There's only one mum like you Racklyeft, Jess	Affirm Press	2018	9781925712902	K-2	I love your quiet stories, songs sung loud in the rain. No one can hug like you, Mum or makes me feel the same. Brave mums, playful mums, cuddly mums, quiet mums - every mum is special in her own way.

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751037	There's something weird about Lena Cohen, Sigi & Foley, James (ill)	Walker Books	2020	9781760651503	3-4	There was a new girl called Lena, Who laughed like a wicked hyena. She was really extreme, Had a terrible scream. She really couldn't get any meaner!
15107	Thesaurus Rex Steinberg, Laya & Harter, Debbie (ill)	Barefoot books	2003	9781841487878	K-2	Thesaurus Rex starts his day stretching, reaching, extending and bending. Lots of energetic words describe his busy day where he's always on the move and, often, in trouble.
1206459	These infinite threads Mafi, Tahereh	Electric Monkey (London)	2023	9780008529529	9plus	With the heat of a kiss, the walls between Alizeh, the long-lost heir to an ancient Jinn kingdom, and Kamran, the crown prince of the Ardunian empire, have crumbled. And so have both of their lives. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1019698	These little feet Rawsthorne, Hayley & Stewart, Briony	Albert Street Books	2023	9781761069017	K-2	These little feet, so tiny and new. The places they'll go, the dances they'll do. The mountains they'll climb, the dreams they'll pursue. These little feet, so tiny and new. A joyous celebration of love, hope and dreams for the future.
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.
120061	They called me the Wildman Hollingworth, Robert	Murdoch Books Australia	2008	9781741960679	7-9	In 1880, Henricke Nelsen, a Swedish migrant, was put on trial and gaoled for vagrancy after hiding for fourteen years in the mountain ranges of Victoria. While in gaol, Nelson wrote his diary describing his life in Sweden, his migration to Australia and the personalities he met along the way. This is a captivating reconstruction of Nelsen's solitary life as told in his prison diary.

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770858	They called us enemy Takei, George & Eisinger, Justin & Scott, Steven (ill)	Penguin	2019	9781603094504	7-9	In 1942, at the order of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, every person of Japanese descent on the west coast was rounded up and shipped to one of ten ""relocation centers,"" hundreds or thousands of miles from home, where they would be held for years under armed guard. They Called Us Enemy is George Takei's firsthand account of those years behind barbed wire, the joys and terrors of growing up under legalized racism, his mother's hard choices, his father's faith in democracy, and the way those experiences planted the seeds for his astonishing future. What does it mean to be American? Who gets to decide? When the world is against you, what can one person do?
15203	They came on Viking ships French, Jackie	HarperCollins Australia	2005	9780207200113	9plus	Hekja's simple but happy life changes dramatically when her village is raided by Vikings and she is captured. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
751109	They threw us away Kraus, Daniel & Cai, Rovina (ill)	Henry Holt & Co	2020	9781250224408	5-6	When Buddy wakes up in the middle of a garbage dump, he is aware he is a teddy bear that was waiting patiently for a child to love him but something has gone terribly wrong. After finding other discarded teddies, he takes lead of the troop who are determined to get back to the store. This perilous and unforgiving journey will present them with unsurmountable challenges which may claim a few of them before the end.
24609	They told me I had to write this Miller, Kim	Ford Street Publishing	2009	9781876462840	7-9	Blamed for the death of his mother, carrying a terrible secret from Grade 5 and in trouble with the police, Clem is now in a school for toxic teenagers. Encouraged to write Clem goes deep into the trauma that has defined his life. Issues of bullying, child abuse, family dysfunction, drugs, grief. Street language used in context.
10100	Thief lord, The Funke, Cornelia	Chicken House	2006	9781905294213	7-9	Two orphaned children head for Venice, the place of their mother's wondrous stories. They team up with a gang of homeless children and end up on a quest for a magical roundabout.
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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15233	Thieves & rascals Ballance, Alison	Pearson Education Australia	2002	9780733937705	3-4	A look at animals that have adopted practices that make them appear to be thieves and rascals. The book includes simple factual information, beautifully presented photographs and illustrations, a glossary and an index.
29843	Thimble Young, Rebecca & Suwannakit	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781743811627	K-2	When her grandmother's time comes, Mabel finds something left behind. A beautiful story about how a tiny thimble and an unfinished blanket can help mend a heart.
9366	Thing Klein, Robin & Lester, Alison (ill)	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1994	9780340608524	3-4	When Emily Forbes finds a rock in a nearby park, she has no idea it is a prehistoric creature's egg. She calls it Thing. When it hatches, Emily and her mother find themselves with a playful, apple-green, prehistoric, vegetarian TV addict.
3829	Thing about jellyfish, The Benjamin, Ali	Little, Brown & Co	2015	9780316380867	7-9	After her best friend, Franny, dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause of the tragedy must have been a rare jellyfish sting. Franny was a strong swimmer and there must be a reason. Retreating into a silent world of grief and imagination, Suzy crafts a plan to prove her theory, even if it means traveling the globe alone. Suzy's achingly heartfelt journey explores life, death, the astonishing wonder of the universe, and the potential for love and hope right next door.

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660543	Thing about Oliver, The Kelly, Deborah	Wombat Books	2019	9781925563818	5-6	Sometimes I feel just like the glass in my fish tank-people look right through me. Twelve-year-old Tilly dreams of becoming a marine scientist, but she doesn't even own a swimsuit. She lives in a drought-stricken town with her mum and younger brother Oliver, who is autistic. Oliver's meltdowns are making life unbearable. He needs so many different kinds of therapy that there's never any time-or money-left over for swimming lessons. Tilly knows Oliver's needs have to come first, but it's hard feeling invisible all the time. When Mum announces they are moving to the Queensland coast, Tilly is excited at the thought of finally learning to swim-even snorkel! But she is also worried. The thing about Oliver is, he can't cope with even the tiniest of changes to his routine. It isn't long before the cracks begin to show. Could so many changes all at once threaten to shatter the whole family? Note: This title is currently under re-review for inclusion on the 2027 book list.
774447	Thing that goes ping, The Carthew, Mark & McG, Shane (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2021	9781925804669	K-2	In the faraway town of Figgy-tra-ling, you may hear the faint ring of a thing that goes ping! Join in the quest for the thing that goes ping- and meet some fun animals along the way.
35659	Things I didn't say, The Fornasier, Kylie	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9780143573630	9plus	After losing her best friend, Piper Rhodes changes schools, determined that she and her final year will be different. Then, she meets West, the school captain and star soccer player. Despite Piper's fear of losing everything again, they fall in love, without Piper ever speaking one word to him. She suffers from anxiety, specifically Selective Mutism, an inability to speak to anyone outside her immediate family. A terrible accident forces Piper to confront some big decisions. A mature read, usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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5447	Things that I love about trees, The Butterworth, Chris & Voake, Charlotte (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781406349405	K-2	Look up, any time of the year, and you will see changes in the trees, which is just one of the wonderful things to love about them. Come and discover some more!
3370	Things we promise, The Burke, J.C.	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760290405	9plus	It's the early 1990s and all Gemma can think about is looking perfect for her first school formal. Gemma's brother Billy - New York's up and coming hair and make-up artist - has made her the ultimate promise: he's returning home especially to 'create magic' on her and two friends for their end-of-year formal. Gemma's best friend, Andrea, is convinced it'll be their moment to shine; Gemma hopes it's the night Ralph will finally notice her.But when Billy arrives home from New York, Gemma's life becomes complicated. Her family's been keeping secrets; friendships are forged and broken; and suddenly the length of her formal dress is the least of her worries. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
982996	Third daughter, The Tooley, Adrienne	Hachette Australia	2023	9781399713948	7-9	For centuries, the citizens of Velle have waited for their New Maiden to return. The prophecy states she will appear as the third daughter of a third daughter. When the fabled child is finally born to Velle's reigning queen all rejoice except for Elodie, the queen's eldest child, who has lost her claim to the crown. The only way for Elodie to protect Velle is to retake the throne. To do so, she must debilitate the Third Daughter - her youngest sister, Brianne. Desperate, Elodie purchases a sleeping potion from Sabine, who sells sadness. But the apothecary mistakenly sends the princess away with a vial of tears instead of a harmless sleeping brew. Sabine's sadness is dangerously powerful, and Brianne slips into a slumber from which she will not wake. With the fates of their families and country hanging in the balance, Sabine and Elodie hurry to revive the Third Daughter while a slow-burning attraction between the two girls erupts in full force.

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	Third Pig Detective Agency, The series Burke, Bob				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.
15324	Third prince, The Flynn, Rachel	Penguin	2004	9780143301189	5-6	When Princess Glori wishes for a charming prince and he doesn't turn up, she gets impatient and wishes again and again. Surprising things may happen.
27161	Thirst Wilcock, Lizzie	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781742839660	7-9	Fourteen year old Karanda Hooke doesn't need anybody or anything. On her way to her sixth foster home, a crash leaves her stranded in the outback, with only a backpack, a bottle of water and a stained picture of the mother she hasn't seen in years. This is her chance to escape her old life. There's only one thing in her way. Eight year old Solomon, a fellow foster child, who was also in the car.
8157	Thirst for home, A: A story of water across the world Ieronimo, Christine & Velasquez, Eric (ill)	Bloomsbury	2014	9780802723079	3-4	Alemitu lives with her mother in a poor village in Ethiopia, where she must walk miles for water. Life is difficult, hunger roars in her belly and Alemitu dreams of knowing more about the world. When her mother has no choice but to leave her at an orphanage, Alemitu's life changes dramatically when she is adopted by an American family. Although her life improves, she never forgets her homeland and the mother.
9903	Thirteen McLay, John (ed)	Orchard Books	2005	9781843628354	7-9	Thirteen short stories about being thirteen years old written by thirteen different authors. Includes spoilt birthday parties, peer pressure, embarrassing parents, finding your identity and being true to yourself.

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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.
409	This book is haunted McRobbie, David	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1996	9781863307567	9plus	Stories of ghostly fiction. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1096788	This book thinks ya deadly! Tutt, Corey & Hunt, Molly (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2023	9781741178159	7-9	Written by Corey Tutt, author of The First Scientists, this book features the profiles of 80 Blakfellas who are doing deadly things across sport, art, activism and science, through to politics, education and literature. It showcases the careers and Corey's personal stories of First Nations People who have done great things in their respective fields, including Professor Marcia Langton, Miranda Tapsell, Tony Armstrong, Dr Anita Heiss, Danzal Baker (Baker Boy), Adam Goodes and Blak Douglas.
993817	This camp is doomed: A Dennith Grange misadventure Zobel, Anna	Penguin	2023	9781761047565	7-9	A run-down camp in the woods with no phone reception and 10 students with untested powers- what could possibly go wrong? Something is definitely not right at Camp Buttress and who is the ghost that keeps appearing and what is he trying to tell them? Fionn, Celine and their friends together with their teachers try to solve the mystery- and survive.

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1289197	This dream will devour us Clancey, Emma	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181221	7-9	Nora is the opposite of lucky. She's still wrangling her dead dad's debts when a mysterious illness lands her brother in hospital. But her fortunes take an unexpected turn when she wins the lottery to attend the Lamour family's exclusive magical Dream Gala. If Nora can win over the Lamour heirs, she'll get a coveted spot in their magical training program - and the money she needs to save her brother. There's just one problem: Nora never bought a lottery ticket. Determined to discover who wants her at the Gala - and why - Nora plunges headfirst into magical high society. Caught up in a decadent world of brutal billionaires and cutthroat celebrities, Nora is soon in over her head. When her search for answers uncovers a sinister conspiracy, will Nora stay silent or risk the wrath of a family powerful enough to get away with murder? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1409590	This fatal kiss Jasinska, Alicia	Walker Books	2025	9781760659158	7-9	Cursed to haunt the river running through the magical spa town where she drowned, water nymph Gisela dreams of returning to the living world and the family she left behind. All it takes to regain her humanity is a kiss from a mortal ... if only others didn't see her as monster. Kazik, the brooding, interfering, spirit-hunting grandson of a local witch is determined to rid the world of unholy creatures like Gisela, but his plans go awry. Gisela strikes up a deal: she won't tell the other spirits that he's losing his magic, if he agrees to play matchmaker. But trouble arises when both she and Kazik set their sights on the same, devilishly handsome, young man ...
42170	This girl that girl Lance, Charlotte	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760291709	3-4	This girl is kinda neat and tidy and likes to do things like this. She likes things to be organised. Right next door lives that girl who likes to do things like that. She's not so tidy. and likes things to be a little unexpected. Although they are neighbours, the girls are miles apart. But, one day, with a little help from their dads, the girls make a surprising discovery.

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1395162	This is an elf Stanton, Matt & Stanton, Beck	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9780733344169	K-2	For the Grown-Ups: You know how you're right all the time? All. The. Time. Well, it's Christmas! Time to give the kids a turn. Which is why almost everything you read in this book will be wrong. You'll say it once and they'll check it twice. It won't be a silent night ... And the kids will love it!
4994	This is Banjo Paterson McCartney, Tania & Booth, Christina (ill)	National Library of Australia	2017	9780642278982	K-2	Andrew Barton 'Banjo' Paterson loved to write poetry. He loved hunting and fishing and horses too, especially a horse named 'Banjo'. Join Banjo, his family, dog and neighbourhood friends, as they recount the life of Banjo Paterson with an afternoon of backyard playtime that truly typifies childhood.
25840	This is Captain Cook McCartney, Tania & Booth, Christina (ill)	National Library of Australia	2015	9780642278692	K-2	Join Miss Batts and her class as they tell the story of Captain Cook, in a humorous and whimsical school play. The class acts out the story of Cook as a boy watching ships on the horizon, sailing to Canada, to Tahiti and on to New South Wales, as the first European to cross the Antarctic Circle. Spot the escaping chicken in each of the scenes.
679616	This is how we change the ending Wakefield, Vikki	Text Publishing Co	2019	9781922268136	9plus	Sixteen-year-old Nate McKee is doing his best to be invisible. He's worried about a lot of things: how his dad treats Nance and his twin half-brothers; the hydro crop in his bedroom; his reckless friend, Merrick. Nate hangs out at the local youth centre and fills his notebooks with things he can't say. But when some of his pages are stolen, and his words are graffitied at the centre, Nate realises he has allies. He might be able to make a difference, change his life, and claim his future. Or can he? This is How We Change the Ending is raw and real, funny and heartbreaking - a story about what it takes to fight back when you're not a hero. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1107464	This is my book Harris, Tim & McKinnon, Heidi (ill)	Puffin Australia	2024	9780143777489	K-2	This is MY Book declare the left AND the right page of this hilarious story of what REALLY happens inside a book.
4266	This is my book Inkpen, Mick	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2009	9780340989623	K-2	Every Tuesday, Snapdragon, the dragon whizzes in and does nasty things to the words in Bookmouse's book. He bites off letters, changes letters and sounds, and even sucks the dots of all the i letters. Luckily, the Bookmouse has a cunning plan but it means he'll have to face the ghosts of the Woollywolves.

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855836	This is my dad Powell, Dimity & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2022	9781922539076	K-2	Leo lives with his monster-battling, world creating, children's author mother, and has never known a father figure. So when his teacher announces Tell Us About Your Dad Day, Leo's tummy flip-flops; he worries that he won't have anything to present to his class. Then he remembers that he already knows someone cool, courageous and clever -- someone who's not his dad, but is his everything.
3971	This is my song Yaxley, Richard	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781760276140	9plus	Teenage musician Rafael is sent to a Nazi concentration camp in World War II, where he pushes music to the side in his effort to just survive. 30 years later in Canada, he has a small family, where his daughter Annie struggles to find her place in the countryside. Another 30 years later, in Australia, Joe is uncertain about himself, his future and whether music fits in with him. Includes mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
803488	This is not a book! Byrnes, Kellie & Aska (ill)	EK Books	2021	9781925820508	3-4	This is not a book. There is no action, no main character, no plot... or is there. The main character explores story elements as they try to convince the reader that they are real and this is NOT a book.
9306	This is not my hat Klassen, Jon	Candlewick Press	2012	9780763655990	K-2	When a tiny fish shoots into view wearing a round, blue topper, which happens to fit him perfectly, trouble could be following close behind. So, it's a good thing that the enormous fish won't wake up. And, even if he does, it's not like he'll ever know what happened.
98466	This is our house Rosen, Michael & Graham, Bob (ill)	Walker Books	2007	9781406305647	K-2	George says the cardboard house is his and his alone. It isn't for girls, small people, twins, people with glasses or people who like tunnels. But, when George leaves the cardboard house for a little while, he comes back to find that there are some people inside who don't think it is suitable for a certain person either.
410	This is still rainbow snake country Berndt, Catherine & Meeks, Arone Raymond (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1988	9780725310660	5-6	Aboriginal Dreaming stories.
13926	This is the bear Hayes, Sarah & Craig, Helen (ill)	Walker Books	2003	9780744594812	K-2	A teddy bear is accidentally disposed of in a garbage bin. Through simple, rhyming text, we follow his trip to the dump.
15407	This is the bear and the picnic lunch Hayes, Sarah & Craig, Helen (ill)	Walker Books	2003	9780744598117	K-2	Lovely, rhythmic, picture book of picnic preparations. The bear doesn't notice all the food disappearing from his picnic basket. The bear may have trouble having a picnic if there is no food left.

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15372	This is the bear and the scary night Hayes, Sarah & Craig, Helen (ill)	Walker Books	1994	9780744531473	K-2	The boy and his bear go everywhere together. One day, the boy leaves his friend behind in the park and night falls. Bear's scary night adventure begins.
85889	This is the mountain Moss, Miriam & Kennaway, Adrienne (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2011	9781845079840	3-4	Discover Mt Kilimanjaro in East Africa and the significance it has for the wildlife that lives within its shadow, on its slopes and high on its peak.
28329	This is the mud Apel, Kathryn & Crossett, Warren (ill)	Lothian Books	2009	9780734411020	K-2	There is muck, mess and mayhem when a cow gets stuck in the mud.
52510	This is the reef Moss, Miriam & Kennaway, Adrienne (ill)	Walker Books	2008	9781845076597	3-4	The Great Barrier Reef's environs and inhabitants, and the delicate relationship between the two, are explored in this unusual ecosystem. A prose poem with vibrant illustrations provides a glimpse into an unseen, underwater world.
59724	This is the way Fuge, Charles	Gullane Children's Books Ltd	2008	9781862336629	K-2	Join a little boy on an imaginative journey with some friendly animals.
1968	This little piggy went dancing Wild, Margaret & Niland, Deborah (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743315118	K-2	Five little piggies explore the world. They splash and swim, ride and slide, then hop, skip, hula and go wee wee wee all the way home.
625618	This monstrous thing Lee, Mackenzi	HarperCollins US	2015	9780062382788	7-9	In 1818 Geneva, men built with clockwork parts live hidden away from society, cared for only by illegal mechanics called Shadow Boys. Two years ago, Shadow Boy Alasdair Finch's life shattered to bits. His brother, Oliver - dead. His sweetheart, Mary - gone. His chance to break free of Geneva -lost. Heart-broken and desperate, Alasdair does the unthinkable: He brings Oliver back from the dead. But putting back together a broken life is more difficult than mending bones and adding clockwork pieces. Oliver returns more monster than man, and Alasdair's horror further damages the already troubled relationship. Then comes the publication of Frankenstein and the city intensifies its search for Shadow Boys, aiming to discover the real life doctor and his monster. Alasdair finds refuge with his idol, the brilliant Dr. Geisler, who may offer him a way to escape the dangerous present and his guilt-ridden past, but at a horrible price only Oliver can pay...
6351	This moose belongs to me Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2012	9780007263875	3-4	When a moose came to Wilfred, he just knew it was meant to be his, so he named him Marcel and made him his pet. Marcel was very obedient and followed some rules better than others, but when someone else claims the moose as theirs, Wilfred is very surprised.

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1038	This morning I met a whale Morpurgo, Michael & Birmingham, Christian (ill)	Walker Books	2008	9781406306460	5-6	Michael loves an early morning walk along the Thames River to see the water birds. One day, he is surprised to spot a whale in the river. He thinks he must be dreaming when he can hear the whale's thoughts. The whale has come on a long and difficult journey to pass on a very special message to a child. Michael has to try to help deliver the message.
5425	This mortal coil Suvada, Emily	Puffin Australia	2017	9780141379272	9plus	When a lone soldier, Cole, arrives with news of Lachlan Agatta's death, all hope seems lost for Catarina. Her father was the world's leading geneticist, and humanity's best hope of beating a devastating virus. Then, hidden beneath Cole's genehacked enhancements she finds a message of hope: Lachlan created a vaccine. Only she can find and decrypt it, if she can unravel the clues he left for her. The closer she gets, the more she finds herself at risk from Cartaxus, a shadowy organisation with a stranglehold on the world's genetic tech. But it's too late to turn back. There are three billion lives at stake, two people who can save them, and one final secret that Cat must unlock. A secret that will change everything. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
750938	This one is ours O'Donnell, Kate	University of Queensland Press	2020	9780702260285	7-9	Sixteen-year-old Sofie is a dreamer, an artist and a romantic. So when she goes on exchange to Paris, she is expecting magnificent adventures of the heart and mind. Yet France isn't what she imagined. Her host sister, Delphine and fellow artist Olivier show her a different side of Paris and Sofie starts to question her ideas of art, beauty and meaning. What can one girl do? Will Sofie be able to find the courage to fight for change?
862082	This Poison Heart Bayron, Kalynn	Bloomsbury	2021	9781547603909	7-9	When Briseis's aunt dies and wills her a dilapidated estate in rural New York, Bri and her parents decide to leave Brooklyn behind for the summer. Hopefully there, surrounded by plants and flowers, Bri will finally learn to control her gift. But their new home is sinister in ways they could never have imagined - it comes with a specific set of instructions, an old-school apothecary, and a walled garden filled with the deadliest botanicals in the world that can only be entered by those who share Bri's unique family lineage.

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1423987	This raging sea De, Elizabeth	Walker Books	2025	9781529532814	9plus	Historic Loch Creek is a witchy New England tourist trap-but it's just a trap for Briar, who's convinced she'll die there among the waves that devoured her twin brother thirteen years ago. But when her best friend who she's loved since childhood, Finn, vanishes from the seaside carnival, there's only one person who can help Briar find him: Morgan, the standoffish goth girl everyone calls the town witch. But as Briar uncovers secrets as deep and dark as the water that haunts her, it quickly becomes clear that Finn has gone much further than an out-of-state college. He's lost in time, and neither of them is safe. This title includes mature themes and is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1394223	This season's draft Gent, Jason	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181696	9plus	Summer. Winter. Autumn. Spring. As the year unfolds, AFL footy season starts and the dreams of six teenagers play out on and off the field. Elias. Team player. Running keeps him calm. Zac and Fletcher. Best mates. Top 5 Draft picks? Mason. Perfect practice with Dad makes perfect play. Dane. Great footballer. Terrible boyfriend. Beth. It's always been 'Dane and Beth'. What does 'just Beth' look like? Plans unravel and life bounces in unexpected directions. A brilliant YA novel about coming of age, and the love of the game with all its triumph, heartbreak and hope. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Jason Gent read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/9plus-book-list#this-season-s-draft-jason-gent

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813721	This small blue dot Sworder, Zeno	Thames and Hudson (Australia) Pty Ltd	2020	9781760761110	3-4	Our small blue dot would be a flickering dot in the night sky to a far away observer, but it is full of delicious treats, amazing creatures, and our own collection of endless stories.
1019628	This spells trouble Collins, Paul & McMullen, Sean	Ford Street Publishing	2023	9781922696311	5-6	Winston is fourteen and apprenticed to the wizard Faramond. Winston's problem (well, one of them) is that he is much brighter than his master, bringing him to the attention of the evil High Sorceress, Yolantha. She needs Winston to help her secure the Imperium Key and access to a world of magical slaves. He wants to stop her and free the magical creatures already in his world. Can Winston and his companions thwart Yolantha's evil plans?
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?
2063	This way up Dunstan, Kylie	Windy Hollow Books	2013	9781922081223	3-4	Grace and her parents are returning home, to a home she only just remembers, of a swing in her backyard, the warm hugs of grandparents and friends playing in her backyard. Will it all be waiting for her at home.
869572	This winter Oseman, Alice	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2020	9780008412937	9plus	The festive season isn't always happy for Tori Spring and her brother Charlie. And this year's going to be harder than most. "I used to think that difficult was better than boring, but I know better now - I'm not going to think about the past few months, about Charlie and me, and all of the sad. I'm going to block it all out Just for today."Happy Christmas, " I say." Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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956693	This woven kingdom Mafi, Tahereh	Electric Monkey (London)	2022	9780755500093	9plus	To all the world, Alizeh is a disposable servant, not the long-lost heir to an ancient Jinn kingdom forced to hide in plain sight. The crown prince, Kamran, has heard the prophecies foretelling the death of his king. But he could never have imagined that the servant girl with the strange eyes, the girl he cant put out of his mind, would one day soon uproot his kingdom -- and the world. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
1066671	Those girls Rushby, Pamela	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2024	9781760657840	9plus	The world is at war. Sixteen-year-old Hilly is desperate to do something useful to the war effort, to help the boys on the front lines. So when she sees the poster recruiting for the Australian Women's Land Army, she jumps at the chance to make a difference. Traveling to farms across Queensland, Hilly encounters backbreaking work, adversity and romance, and may find she's capable of more than she thought possible. She is one of those girls with grit. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
569197	Thousand perfect notes, A: when passion turns to obsession Drews, C G	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9781408349908	9plus	Beck, short for Beethoven, is the son of world famous ex-pianist Ida Magdalena Keverich. A stroke has left her without the ability to play, and so she places all her hopes, expectations, and efforts into turning her son into a musical prodigy. To Beck this has meant a life of emotional and physical neglect. He has no fitting clothes and struggles to find food to feed his younger sister. Beck's mother, the maestro, has a violent temper and Beck often comes to school with bruises and other signs of injury. In meeting August, a girl from his school, who is in many ways his exact opposite, Beck learns that life and music do not have to entail the suffering he is used to. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
14997	Threadbear Inkpen, Mick	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	1992	9780340573501	K-2	Ben's Threadbear is a little bear whose squeaker has never squeaked. Threadbear sets off on a big adventure and when he returns, Ben's mum washes him with surprising results.
4845	Three D'Ath, Justin	Ford Street Publishing	2016	9781925272277	7-9	Sixteen year old Sunday Balewo is next in line for the presidency of Zantuga. When his father and mother are killed in an explosion, Sunday finds himself on the run from the unlikeliest of assassins, a baboon with a bomb.

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660590	Three King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760664053	K-2	One, two, three. Every day is a skip and a hop for the happy, little, three-legged dog - Three. He loves to walk around the city and go on adventures far and wide, exploring the things around him and meeting new friends along the way.
587893	Three billy goats Gruff, The Bland, Nick	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781743815885	K-2	Trip, Trap, Trip, Trap, Trip, Trap! Three billy goats named Gruff want to cross a bridge to get to where the sweetest grass grows. But under the bridge lives a great ugly troll! Will he gobble them up?
98586	Three cheers for inventors Williams, Marcia	Walker Books	2006	9781406301717	5-6	Find out about some great inventors from hundreds of years ago through to the present time. Follow their successes and difficulties and decide who is your favourite inventor. Includes a wide range of inventions from steam engines to mobile phones.
5087	Three cheers for women! Williams, Marcia	Walker Books	2017	9781406374865	3-4	Featuring biographies from Cleopatra to Malala, read about amazing women who have made history. Using comic-style illustrations this is great book to dip into or read from cover to cover. Famous women scientists, leaders, warriors and writers. Women around the world deserve Three Cheers!
798307	Three Dark Crowns Blake Kendare	VIZ Media	2016	9780062385437	7-9	In every generation on the island of Fennbirn, a set of triplets is born: three queens, all equal heirs to the crown and each possessor of a coveted magic. Mirabella is a fierce elemental, able to spark hungry flames or vicious storms at the snap of her fingers. Katharine is a poisoner, one who can ingest the deadliest poisons without so much as a stomachache. Arsinoe, a naturalist, is said to have the ability to bloom the reddest rose and control the fiercest of lions. But becoming the Queen Crowned isn't solely a matter of royal birth. Each sister has to fight for it. And it's not just a game of win or lose - it's life or death. The night the sisters turn sixteen, the battle begins.
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.

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4607	Three emus, The Lawson, Sue & Hopwood-Wade, Patricia (ill)	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2017	9781760401092	K-2	The emu sisters are happy to live among the mulgas and spinifex of the outback. But when Flick loses her precious shell, they must embark on a journey that sees them travel across the vast Australian landscape. Will they ever rescue Flick's shell from the Swedish traveller's backpack?
4466	Three Indian goddesses Gavin, Jamila	Walker Books	2011	9781406330953	5-6	Enter the magical and exotic world of Indian legends in these three modern stories, inspired by Hindu tales. There are temples, festivals, dancing, curses and battles, as well as three Indian goddesses, Kali, Lakshmi & Durga.
15759	Three Indian princesses Gavin, Jamila	Walker Books	2011	9781406330960	5-6	Discover the enchanting lives of three Indian princesses, Savitri, Damayanti and Sita, in these retellings of three Hindu tales. Enter the world of palaces, beautiful jewels, romance, jealousy, secrets and demons.
37064	Three loves of Persimmon, The Golds, Cassandra	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780143205012	5-6	In the 1920s, Persimmon lives a solitary life, pouring her passion into the florist shop she owns in an underground railway station. Her only companion is Rose, a talking cabbage. Intriguing young men come and go but Persimmon has yet to find the love of her life. Beneath the shop lives an enquiring mouse, Epiphany. When Persimmon and Epiphany meet, life will never be the same again.
8701	Three summers Clarke, Judith	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742378275	9plus	Follow the lives of two school friends who choose to follow different paths through life. The story begins in rural Australia in 1959 and moves into the past and the future. Ruth's undeclared love for an elusive and mysterious boy shapes her entire lifetime. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
803477	Three things I know are true Culley, Betty	Harper	2021	9780062908032	9plus	Liv's older brother needs round-the-clock care after accidentally shooting himself. Liv knows Jonah is still inside his broken body, but she might just be the only person to see that. Jonah's injury changed a lot for their family. Everyone had to change bedrooms. Liv and Jonah's mum is suing Jonah's best friend Clay's parents. And Live hasn't spoken to Clay since the accident, even though he just lives across the street. Liv won't give up, though - not on Jonah, and not on Clay. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
411	Three way street Nicholls, Bron	Penguin	1984	9780140317763	5-6	A realistic novel told by twelve year old Aggie who lives in Melbourne with her mother, siblings and new dog, Bruce.

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15408	Three wishes Ellis, Deborah	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2005	9781741146325	9plus	A disturbing but insightful collection of views from Israeli and Palestinian children, young adults who are surrounded by war. With honesty, they describe their life, families and feelings about the conflict and violence, and their hopes for the future. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
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587824	Through the dark: A darkest minds collection Bracken, Alexandra	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2018	9781460756447	9plus	A collection of three hauntingly beautiful novellas. In the most harrowing of times, it takes a ferocious strength not only to survive but to stand up for those who cannot fight their own battles. The characters in these stories face impossible missions, and the hardest of all may be protecting the last flicker of hope in a seemingly endless night. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1495586	Through the darkening sea Saxby, Claire & Cheong, Peter (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2026	9781460766743	5-6	Out in the open ocean where currents sway wild as wind, where sharks and sea lions widely roam, a whale falls. The ocean comes alive in this incredible tale about the cycle of life. Watch the colours of marine creatures change as a whale falls towards the darkness of deep waters. Discover the extraordinary animals that live beyond the light.
47257	Through the gate Fawcett, Sally	Exisle Publishing	2017	9781925335415	K-2	Moving to a new house can be hard and difficult. A young girl thinks that that things will never be as good as they were before. But each time she passes 'through the gate' things seem to improve just a little bit more each time...
4436	Through the looking glass Carroll, Lewis & Tenniel, John (ill)	Puffin UK	2010	9780141330075	5-6	One moment, Alice is wondering what life is like on the other side of the mirror, the next she finds herself through the looking glass and in a topsy-turvy land. Alice meets a host of bizarre characters, none of whom are quite what they seem.
12021	Through the magic mirror Browne, Anthony	Walker Books	2000	9780744567724	K-2	Toby can hardly believe his eyes when he walks through a magic mirror.

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6786	Through the smoke Cummings, Phil & McLean, Andrew (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760274702	3-4	The fire awoke like a dragon. Its flames licked the sky, and smoke veiled the sun. With a hungry crackle and an angry hiss, the cruel beast circled, trapping them. Until, through the smoke, knights appeared. Through the Smoke tells the story of three kids, their imagination and a frightening fire in the Australian bush.
12355	Through the tiger's eye O'Connor, Kerrie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2003	9781865085388	7-9	Lucy, her little brother and their puppy follow a golden-eyed Tiger into a secret tunnel to a country where strange, bizarre and violent things happen. They try to help the enslaved children of the evil military junta without falling victim to it too.
47819	Thumbelina Anderson, Hans Christian & Ehrlich, A (retell) & Jeffers, S (ill)	Dutton Children's Books	2005	9780525475088	3-4	Born in a flower, tiny Thumbelina braves the enormous, dangerous world until, through her kindness and courage, she is delivered to a kingdom of people just her size.
9602	Thunder egg thief, The Cason, Sue & Foye, Lloyd (ill)	Koala Books	2002	9780864614230	3-4	Emily, the athlete, and book-loving Nick have an amazing outback adventure. Perhaps they have heare a real perilosaurus and found a perilosaurus egg. It might be possible.
5550	Thunder horse Bunting, Eve & Nolan, Dennis (ill)	Roaring Book Press	2017	9781626724433	3-4	A young girl is given a tiny magical horse by her aunt. It is a very special horse because as it grows it develops wings. As much as the girl loves the horse she knows that one day she will have to let Pegasus go.
47234	Thunderbolt pony, The Gregg, Stacy	Harcourt Children's Books	2017	9780008257019	5-6	Twelve year old Evie has a lot to deal with. First came her dad's cancer followed by the OCD that dominates her life. Now a devastating earthquake has shaken apart her world. When the evacuation starts and Evie realises she must leave her pony Gus behind, she refuses to join the others and sets out with her best friend Gus, dog Jock and cat Moxy to reach the rescue ship. But the earthquakes are not over and time is running out.
412	Thunderfish Higgins, Simon	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1999	9780091839536	7-9	A combat submarine is the secret weapon used by the heir to a shipping empire to rescue refugees in the Coral Sea when they are attacked by pirates.

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1209765	Thunderhead Beer, Sophie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180958	7-9	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. 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. 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.
10338	Thunderstorm dancing Germein, Katrina & Watson, Judy (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781743314593	K-2	Twirl and hum, bang and drum. A wild thunderstorm is on its way.
413	Thunderwith Hathorn, Libby	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1998	9780733610592	7-9	Lara is devastated over the loss of her mother and escapes to the hills to meet her only friend, a wild dog, called Thunderwith.
9540	Thursday club, The: Animal poems Snell, Gordon & Flintoft, Anthony (ill)	Orion	2002	9781858818313	3-4	Every Thursday a group of animals meet in the forest to take turns telling rhyming stories. Their light-hearted verses are featured with illustrations of all the animals.
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1282822	Thylacine and the time machine, The Treml, Renee	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181184	5-6	Buckle up! The time machine awaits! Join twelve-year-old Violet, her dog Tassie and her new friend Thyla - the ghost of the last Tasmanian Tiger - on a wild ride to learn all about the legendary, elusive and extinct thylacine. Could there still be hope for one of Australia's most missed (and misunderstood) native animals?

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8533	Tibby's leaf Dubosarsky, Ursula & Bray, Peter (ill)	National Museum of Australia Press	2008	9781876944681	3-4	In Australia, during the First World War, Tibby feels like everything is going wrong. Her big brother Clarence is all grown up and doesn't want to play with her any more. Clarence says there aren't any pixies, except in books, but Tibby knows she saw something in the bush, peering out from behind a leaf.
37898	Tick tock tick tock what's up croc Toft, Kim Michelle	Silkim Books	2011	9780975839065	3-4	A day in the life of a remarkable reptile that has been around since the days of the dinosaurs.
15409	Tick-tock Dunbar, James	Franklin Watts	2004	9780749656881	K-2	What is it we cannot see, hear, touch or smell, yet it is here now? It was at the very beginning of the world when it was first created and it will continue till the world ends and maybe beyond. Yes, this is a book all about time and how we measure it.
18323	Tiddalick, the frog who caused a flood Roennfeldt, Robert	Puffin Australia	2005	9780140503494	K-2	A well-loved classic tale of Tiddalick, the frog, who drank up all the rivers and lakes. All the other animals resolve to get the water back from him.
12123	Tidy Titch Hutchins, Pat	Red Fox	2000	9780099413349	K-2	Mum complains that Peter and Mary's bedrooms are a mess. Titch's room is very tidy so she suggests that he helps his brother and sister to clean their rooms. Titch is a great help keeping all the junk that Peter and Mary decide to throw away.
12443	Tiff and the trout Metzenthen, David	Penguin	2004	9780141306575	5-6	Tiff Porter lives in a tiny, mountain town. She loves trout fishing and her best friend, Cass. As winter approaches and the seasons change, so life will change for Tiff. A challenging read involving a family break-up with some strong language.
768333	Tiger daughter Lim, Rebecca	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760877644	7-9	Wen Zhou is told she's lucky. Lucky to be living in Australia. Wen doesn't feel lucky when her dad doesn't let her go to birthday parties and controls everything she and her mum do. Her salvation is her close friend Henry. However when tragedy strikes Henry's family, how will Wen find a way to support him, whilst still achieving her own dreams.
660565	Tiger heart Chrimes, Penny	Hachette Children's Books	2020	9781510107045	7-9	A Magical story about a brave young chimney sweep and a majestic tiger. A story about a mesmerising ruby and a magical land across an ocean. A story about discovering your destiny and what it means to be free.
414	Tiger in the bush Chauncy, Nan	Pan MacMillan	2001	9780330362566	5-6	This is an adventure story about the Tasmanian tiger and a family living deep in the heart of the Tasmanian wilderness.

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2580	Tiger stone Mansell, Deryn	Black Dog Books	2014	9781742032399	7-9	In Java in the fourteenth century, the villagers are fearful of Mbah Merapi, the rumbling volcano that overshadows their lives. Kancil, the lowliest kitchen servant, knows the real danger is human but she is fatherless and mute. She will lose everything if her identity is revealed. But, Kancil must warn the villagers of the danger they are facing.
7900	Tiger tale, A Webb, Holly & Rayner, Catherine (ill)	Scholastic UK	2014	9781407138633	3-4	Kate's grandfather has died and she's missing him desperately. Her Mum wants Kate to talk about it but it only makes Kate angry. Granddad has gone and he's never coming back. At least Kate has her toy tiger, Amos, to keep her company. He was a present from Granddad and holding him close makes Granddad seem less far away. But, Amos is full of surprises.
4448	Tiger trouble Clark, Sherryl	Puffin Australia	2000	9780141306322	3-4	Eric is mortified by his mother's misadventures with a ladder in the supermarket and her clumsiness during line dancing lessons. When Mum is hypnotised by a circus performer, things get much worse.
803571	Tiger warrior: Attack of the dragon king Chan, M & Brown, Alan (ill)	Orchard Books	2021	9781408363089	3-4	Jack is just an ordinary school by who loves playing video games. Then his grandfather passes on a jade coin. It is the beginning of new friendships, links to all those stories his eye had been telling him and amazing adventures with magical powers. Is he ready to save the world?
29821	Tiger's roar Rance, Alex & McG, Shane (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760523916	K-2	Tiger was the champion of all the jungle. He was strong and bold and proud, and he sat at the top of the very tallest tree. But one day, Tiger fell all the way down to the mud at the bottom of the tree, and bumped his head on a a rock. What will it take for Tiger to be able to climb back to the top of the tree?
415	Tiger, The Masson, Sophie	HarperCollins Australia	1998	9780207196355	7-9	Java is the setting for this story about an Indonesian family and an old mystery surrounding Nick's grandmother.
41773	Tiger-skin rug, The Rose, Gerald	Bloomsbury	2011	9781408813034	3-4	A tired, old tiger dreams of a life of comfort and companionship. In desperation, he takes the place of the rug under the table where the rajah and his family share their meals. The tiger loves his new surroundings until, one night, burglars break into the palace and he has to decide whether to stay in disguise as a rug or save the rajah from a horrible beating.
3406	Tigerboy, The Hughes, Ted	Faber & Faber	1979	9780571320622	7-9	A very ordinary boy. Nobody noticed him, he was just like everyone else. But Fred knew he was different. He just didn't know quite how different. And when he did.... Well, what then?

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120135	Tigerfin and the ferry children Bartlett, Maureen & Bailey, Shona (ill)	Maureen Bartlett www.maureenbartlett.com	2009	9780980466836	3-4	Children on board Captain Harry's dolphin cruiser eagerly watch for bottlenose dolphins swimming alongside the ferry, shooting out of the water and making dolphin circles. Tigerfin just can't do the circles despite practising over and over. But, Tigerfin discovers that he has another talent that the children will want to see.
2361	Tigers on the beach Macleod, Doug	Puffin Australia	2014	9780143568520	7-9	Adam is assistant manager at his parents holiday park, where, after the death of his grandfather, his grandmother has started scaring off the visitors and his parents have started fighting. Once he stops getting into embarrassing situations involving public nudity and work out what's so funny about two tigers on a beach, then maybe he can hope to figure out Samantha.
1209831	Tigg and the Bandicoot Bushranger French, Jackie	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9781460763506	5-6	Tigg is orphaned, twelve-years-old, and the youngest bushranger on the Ballarat goldfields in 1859. When a robbery goes awry Tigg must go on the run, disguised as one of the thousands of Chinese men and boys who brave perilous conditions on the road from Robe in South Australia to the goldfields in Victoria. The danger does not abate. In fact, it multiplies. Who has offered an large reward for Tigg's capture? Should Henry Lau be considered a friend or an enemy? Can Tigg solve the mystery necessary to guarantee safety?
4442	Tikki Tikki Tembo Mosel, Arlene	Henry Holt & Co	1989	9780805011661	3-4	A retelling of the Chinese folk tale about a boy who falls down a well and nearly drowns because his brother struggles with his tongue-twister name. It has become a children's classic.
895451	Tilda Whiting, Sue	Walker Books	2022	9781760654634	5-6	Tilda has been left by her papa in an orphanage in Adelaide. He promises he will come back to get her after he serves his country in the Boer War. A promise is a promise and keeps the hope alive in Tilda while she waits for his return. But as she waits, she notices that something isn't quite right at the orphanage. Sister Agatha is determined to get Tilda to admit that she is an orphan, and that her papa isn't coming back for her. Tilda holds on to her hope and with her best friend, Annie, tries to get to the bottom of this mystery before it's too late.
660374	Tilly Godwin, Jane & Walker, Anna (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760663728	K-2	Tilly's found the perfect hiding place to keep her special treasures. No one knows about it, not even her big brothers and sister, who know everything. But one day, something happens that Tilly could never have imagined..

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1325353	Tilly in a tangle Lamond, Margrete & Lee, Monty (ill)	Dirt Lane Press	2024	9781923044289	K-2	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..
1450	Tilly's at home holiday Hibbs, Gillian	Child's Play International Ltd	2014	9781846435966	K-2	Tilly's friends are all going to exciting places for their holidays, but she is staying at home. Mum says they'll have a great time together, but Tilly thinks it's impossible to have any holiday fun at home.
4858	Tilly's treasure Walker, Sue & Stewart, Chantal (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2008	9780143303398	3-4	Hula hoops have replaced skipping ropes, mood rings were in last week. There's always a new trend at Tilly's school and her version is never quite good enough. Tilly wonders how she will keep up with these ever-changing trends.
130806	Tim & Tig Kelleher, Victor & Watson, Judy (ill)	Puffin Australia	2007	9780143302759	3-4	The family's new pet kitten is not what it seems but they seem oblivious to Tig's size and other people's reactions as he grows and grows. The family just loves their gentle Tig.
1800	Tim and Ed Dubosarsky, Ursula & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	Viking Children's	2014	9780670074631	K-2	Here is Tim and here is Ed. Same ears, same eyes, same feet and same head. Twin koalas Tim and Ed love to be together all the time so what will happen when Ed goes away for the night.
2765	Time catcher Peters, Cheree	Ford Street Publishing	2016	9781925272215	7-9	In a post-apocalyptic world of rigid rules, Althea's luxurious life is turned upside-down when she is kidnapped by the dreaded Variants, genetically evolved mutants who can travel through space at will. Betrayed by those she trusts most, Althea is forced to question everything she thought she knew, including who she is and what she's capable of. Althea must separate deception from truth to claim her own power.
718071	Time for adventure, daddy Hackett, Dave	University of Queensland Press	2020	9780702262852	K-2	How can a little girl get her daddy ready to go on an adventure when he doesn't want to leave the house?
12203	Time for bed Fox, Mem & Dyer, Jane (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1993	9781862911949	K-2	The day is done, darkness is falling and little ones are getting sleepy. With rhythmic verse and gentle illustrations, this book is ideal for reading before bedtime.
27299	Time for bed, Daddy Hackett, Dave	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9780702253812	K-2	A little girl tries to put her Daddy to bed when he doesn't want to go.

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18737	Time for school, Daddy Hackett, Dave	University of Queensland Press	2018	9780702260049	K-2	'Wake up, Daddy, it's time for school!' I say. 'But I'm tired,' says Daddy. How can a little girl get her daddy ready for school when he has to wake up, find a sock and eat his breakfast?
	Time hunters series Blake, Chris				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.
1495035	Time lions and the chrono-loop Seneviratne, Martin & Sutherland, Krystal	Penguin	2025	9780143779377	5-6	Twins Pearl and Patrick are no ordinary twelve-year-olds. They're geniuses hiding in plain sight, who pull heists all over the world to further their scientific and historical research. Their criminal activity, including grand theft auto, B&E and even espionage, has made them a regular nuisance to both the CIA and MI6. But it's all been worth it. They've finally achieved their greatest triumph: time travel. Pearl's Chrono-Loop can take the twins anywhere! Their first stop: ancient Egypt, where they even get to see King Tut! But when they return home, they're arrested by TIME (The Interdimensional Misconduct Enquiry) a secret organisation charged with maintaining the timeline. Turns out Pearl and Patrick didn't invent time travel - that happened two hundred years ago! And what Pearl did in ancient Egypt - killing a mosquito - could have rewritten history as we know it if not for TIME agents stepping in. Punishment for disrupting the timeline is normally 100 years in the Eternal Abyss. But TIME, impressed by the pair, offer them a chance to become agents. Unfortunately, they fail their entrance exam, and instead are banned from ever attempting time travel again. Pearl is infuriated and when she's offered another chance at time travel from a rival organisation, she can't resist. Too late, she realises she's been tricked and unwittingly plays a hand in replacing the timeline they know with a nightmarish scenario. Now Pearl and Patrick must fix their mistake. But the only way to save the future is to go back to the past to enlist the true inventor of time travel for their help.

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885988	Time out! Woo, Eddie & Black, Jess, & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2022	9781760982997	5-6	Eddie Woo is a super sleuth with a mind for maths and a nose for adventure. Join Eddie and his BFFs, Rusty and DT, as they find clues, crack codes and race against time in a hunt for treasure that is both exciting and dangerous.
4457	Time stops for no mouse Hoeye, Michael	Penguin	2003	9780141315126	7-9	Hermux, a watchmaker and an unlikely hero, finds himself in a world of danger and intrigue.
12173	Time to get out of the bath, Shirley Burningham, John	Red Fox	1999	9780099200512	K-2	Her mother is calling her to get out of the bath but Shirley is far away in her dream world, full of knights in armour, castles and galloping horses.
1495573	Time to go to the park Bowd, Emma & Rudge, Leila (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2026	9781460767245	K-2	Tick-tock, tick-tock, breakfast is done. Time to go out. Let's have some fun! And what could be more fun than a day at the park? Playing with friends, exploring the outdoors and having adventures.
1063353	Time to rest Carty, Jack & Carty, Natasha	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761294631	K-2	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.
6516	Time travelling with a hamster Welford, Ross	HarperCollins Children's Books	2016	9780008156312	7-9	My dad died twice. Once when he was thirty nine and again, four years later, when he was twelve. The first time had nothing to do with me. The second time definitely did. When Al Chaudhury discovers his late dad's time machine, he finds that going back to the 1980s requires daring and imagination. It also requires lies, theft, burglary and setting his school on fire. All without losing his pet hamster, Alan Shearer.

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1075094	Time travelling with a tortoise Welford, Ross	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2024	9780008544775	7-9	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. Al Chaudhury travelled back in time to save his father's life. 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. 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. 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. It turns out time travel isn't as simple as Al thought.
992290	Timefire McKenzie, Nean	MidnightSun Publishing	2023	9781922858030	7-9	Rebecca Tobler 09/23 In the scorching summer of 2033, Gilbert Black is accused of being a firebug, just like his mother was thirteen years previously. That night a fire starts on his family's farm. A fire with a tunnel in the centre of it. And that's when things start to get really weird. Pulled repeatedly back and forth through time, Gil finds himself at all the big Australian bushfires from the last two centuries. He searches across the years, determined to unlock the secret to his family's legacy. Gil can't change the past, but can he learn from it in time to return home and save his family from the biggest inferno ever known.
1108	Timekeeper, The Rodda, Emily	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781862918382	5-6	Two worlds, the real world and the one across the Barrier, are in terrible danger. Only Patrick can save them from destruction. The sequel to Finders keepers.
903394	Timeless Canby, Kelly	Fremantle Press	2023	9781760992323	3-4	Emit is surrounded by busyness. Mum and Dad are too busy to play games and brother and sister are busy doing nothing at all (on their phones! He tries everything to get more time and even tries to buy it. That is, until he learns the secret of time.

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751001	Timeline Science & Technology: A visual history of our world Goes, Peter	Gecko Press	2020	9781776573004	5-6	A comprehensive journey through the inventions, discovered and technology which have shaped the world. When, where and why science and technology happens on a large scale.
	TimeRiders series Scarrow, Alex				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.
5029	Timing the machine Crew, Gary & O'Sullivan, Paul (ill)	Harbour Publishing House	2016	9781922134530	5-6	Is H.G. Wells' legendary Time Machine still travelling into the past, the future, or lost somewhere in the here or now. Take the journey with Enoch as he tries to find out.
	Timmy Failure series Various				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.
690797	Timmy the ticked-off pony and the poo of excitement Szubanski, Magda	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781743832165	3-4	Timmy is annoyed. He tries to deal with the reasons he's annoyed. He gets excited. And when he gets excited... he poos. This time, when he poos, he poos on someone. Yuck!
15410	Tin forest, The Ward, Helen & Anderson, Wayne (ill)	Koala Books	2003	9780864615497	K-2	In the middle of a dark, lonely wasteland filled with old scrap metal lives a forgotten man. He dreams of a lively forest, full of sunshine, plants, birds and animals but always wakes to gloom. One day, he comes up with an idea to change things.
14593	Tinder Gardner, Sally & Roberts, David (ill)	Orion	2014	9781780621494	9plus	Soldier Otto Hundebis defies Death but walks a dangerous path. A half beast half man gives him shoes and dice which lead him deep into a web of dark magic and mystery. He meets the beautiful Safire, pure of heart and spirit, the scheming Mistress Jabber and the terrifying Lady of the Nail. He learns the powers of the tinderbox and the wolves, whose master he becomes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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	Tindims series Gardner, Sally & Corry, Lydia (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.
579250	Ting Ting the ghosthunter Wang, Gabrielle	Penguin Random House Australia	2018	9780143787334	5-6	Ting Ting is a ghost-hunter in training. Her adoptive grandmother is Por, the famous ghost-hunter, and Ting Ting's teacher. When Por disappears, Ting Ting must bravely face a powerful spectral enemy. Will she be strong enough to save Por and the villagers?
	Tintin series Herge, Georges Remi				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.
1451242	Tiny Stitzel, Laura	Walker Books	2026	9781760658571	K-2	Tiny is the story of a little girl and her desire to be big! A colourful, joyful celebration of looking at things differently and finding perspective. I'm tiny. Too tiny. I'm really too small. The world is so big. The people so tall. There's nothing to do down here on my own, But wait for the day when I've finally grown. Come on a magical adventure when a little girl longing to be big shrinks instead, and discovers that the world for tiny creatures is perfect ... and perfectly wonderful.
1344997	Tiny gardeners, The Macleod, Kat	Thames & Hudson	2024	9781760763367	K-2	Explore the five senses with the Tiny Gardeners as they plant, grow and harvest their produce for the Summer Market. The fruit is ripening and the flowers are blooming, but it's a hot, humid day and the garden needs one last thing.
1476337	Tiny good things Tozer, Gabrielle & Beer, Sophie (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2026	9781460764978	K-2	Each day a glorious adventure awaits us all, if we know where to look.
846212	Tiny kitty, big city Miller, Tim	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780062414427	K-2	Tiny brave playful kitty goes on an adventure through the crowded noisy swinging city in a story about finding love and kindness in unexpected places.

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903248	Tiny light, A Lester, Alison	University of Queensland Press	2022	9780702265655	K-2	When you go to bed tonight, be sure to leave a tiny light, So Twinkles in the Milky Way can find you when they come to play. This book feels like a warm hug from a loved one at bedtime.
895531	Tiny possum and the migrating moths Murphy, Julie & Clifford, Ben (ill)	CSIRO	2021	9781486314621	3-4	A tale of survival - the tiny mountain pygmy possum hunts for food before having to hide away during winter when the snow comes. She hunts for bogong moths that will soon be migrating. She makes a home, collects seeds and settles down for the winter while people come to ski and slide above her hiding place. Who knew that she was there all along? Can these people help her too?
751111	Tiny pretty things Charaipotra, Sona & Clayton, Dhonielle	HarperCollins US	2020	9780062342409	9plus	Gigi, Bette, and June, three top students at an exclusive Manhattan ballet school, have seen their fair share of drama. Free-spirited new girl Gigi just wants to dance but the very act might kill her. Privileged New Yorker Bette's desire to escape the shadow of her ballet-star sister brings out a dangerous edge in her. And perfectionist June needs to land a lead role this year or her controlling mother will put an end to her dancing dreams forever. When every dancer is both friend and foe, the girls will sacrifice, manipulate, and backstab to be the best of the best. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
679830	Tiny Star, The Fox, Mem & Blackwood, Freya	Penguin	2019	9780670078127	K-2	When a tiny star falls to earth, it goes on a tremendous journey of life.
	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.
869789	Tiny Wonders Han, Sally Soweol	University of Queensland Press	2022	9780702263477	K-2	April thinks if her town was a colour, it would be grey. Everyone is too busy to stop and look around. How can she help them slow down? When she remembers the happiness that dandelions brought her grandmother, April comes up with a plan.

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87887	Tiny: a little dog on a big adventure Castles, Jennifer & Otton, Steve (photo)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2008	9781741755473	K-2	Steve and Tiny look after each other so when Steve needs to get away for a while, Tiny goes too. The trusty old van becomes their new home as they drive across Australia, through wide red deserts and past glittering oceans. But, Tiny has a job to do. Steve needs new friends, friends to get him out from behind his camera and make him smile again. If there's one thing Tiny is good at, it's making friends.
1424072	Tinysaurs, The Odgers, Sally & Thomas, Adele K	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761528576	3-4	The tinysaurs are the smallest dinosaurs in the land: living in tunnels, foraging for food and hiding out of the way of big stomping feet and swooshing tails. Until one day, they discover a hidden entrance to The Enchanted Valley! Could this magical new world of sparkling lakes, ancient forests and mysterious creatures become their new home?
719607	Tippy and Jellybean Cunningham, Sophie & Tortop, Anil (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760878474	K-2	Tippy and her baby Jellybean live in a beautiful eucalyptus forest. One day, they wake up and sniff the air. It's smokey, hot and windy. Kangaroos and wallabies are bounding. Lizards and snakes are slithering. Wombats are heading to their burrows. The cockatoos take off in an enormous flock. Tippy can't hop, run or fly. Instead, she shelters her baby in the only way she can.
15573	Titanic Claybourne, Anna & Daynes, Katie	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2006	9780746068311	5-6	The Titanic was one of the largest, most luxurious steamships ever built. Learn about its incredible story from a shipyard in Ireland to the icy Atlantic Ocean where the unsinkable ship met a tragic end on the way to America.
11743	Titanic unclassified Stewart, Alex	A & C Black	2012	9781408160527	5-6	Discover the secrets of the Titanic, the ship designed to be unsinkable. Yet, in 1912, on its very first voyage across the Atlantic Ocean, the Titanic did sink, taking the lives of more than fifteen hundred passengers and crew.
4689	Titanic: an Edwardian girl's diary 1912 White, Ellen Emerson	Scholastic UK	2008	9781407103785	5-6	Margaret Anne is plucked from the orphanage to be the companion of a woman who wishes to travel without her husband. She can't believe her luck when wealthy Mrs Carstairs takes her aboard the great ship, Titanic, bound for America, where she can be reunited with her brother. On the journey, she falls in love with a brave cabin boy. But, one freezing night in April 1912, she finds herself caught up in an unimaginable nightmare.
12265	Titch and Daisy Hutchins, Pat	Red Fox	2002	9780099718017	K-2	Titch feels reluctant to attend a party with children he doesn't know but his mother assures him that his friend, Daisy, will be there. When he doesn't see Daisy at the party, Titch withdraws and hides in all sorts of places.

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7053	Tiwi girl College, Tiwi & Jarrakarlinga, Alalinguwi	Indigenous Literacy Foundation	2007	9780994465405	7-9	Mia is an ordinary Tiwi girl living at Purnalli outstation with her family - her little tribe. When she tries to fit in with the wrong kids at school, she ends up suspended. Mia's nanna helps her see how to choose what's best for her future. What will the future bring for Mia?
416	Tjarany / Roughtail Greene, Gracie (storyteller)	Magabala Books	1996	9781875641307	5-6	The Dreaming stories are told in this book in Kukatja and English, including a Kukatja word list and English translations.
903339	Tjitji lullaby Ross, Michael & Fielding, Zaachariaha & Kennedy, Lisa (ill)	ABC Books	2022	9780733342783	K-2	Tjitji means child. A lullaby is a soft song. This book includes animals of the Australian bush to relax you.
660780	To all the boys I've loved before Han, Jenny	Scholastic Australia	2014	9781442426702	7-9	Sixteen-year-old Lara Jean Song keeps her love letters in a hatbox her mother gave her. They aren't love letters that anyone else wrote for her; these are ones she's written. One for every boy she's ever loved -- five in total. When she writes, she pours out her heart and soul and says all the things she would never say in real life, because her letters are for her eyes only. Until the day her secret letters are mailed, and suddenly, Lara Jean's love life goes from imaginary to out of control.
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. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Anton Clifford-Motopi read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#to-and-fro-anton-clifford-motopi
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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6396	To brave the seas McRobbie, David	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743313077	7-9	Adam hears the tales of bravery even before the war broke out. As many did in that time he wanted to be a part of the war, not for the glory but as part of the Merchant Navy. The sea is his home and thus contains the highs and lows of any home. We follow Adam through real storms at sea along with political ones not of his making. Tempered by the sea he learns the value of trust and the friends that trust is found in and through.
23646	To dance: A ballerina's graphic novel Cherson Siegel, Siena & Siegel, Mark (ill)	Aladdin Publishing	2006	9781416926870	5-6	Siena was six when her dreams of dance kept skipping and leaping, circling and spinning, from airy runs along a beach near her home in Puerto Rico, to dance class in Boston, and her debut performance with the New York City Ballet. Twirl along with Siena as she shares her story, in words and pictures.
18445	To everything there is a season Daly, Jude	Frances Lincoln	2006	9781845073442	3-4	Beautifully-illustrated book based on an Old Testament Bible passage. Set in rural South Africa, it shows the cycle of life in a simple, sensitive and enriched way.
30246	To hope and back Kacer, Kathy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781743310632	7-9	As Lisa and Sol board the luxury ship MS St Louis in Hamburg Germany, they know they are heading for a safer place; a place where Jews don't have to wear a star or sit on a yellow bench. The passengers are optimistic for their fresh start in Cuba, but Hitler's propaganda has reached the country before them. The mood of the passengers darkens as their fate becomes less certain.
119818	To kill a mockingbird Lee, Harper	Hachette Children's Books	1988	9780446310789	9plus	In the 1930s in Alabama, a black man is charged with the rape of a white girl. The explosion of racial hatred that follows is viewed through the young eyes of Scout and Jem Finch, whose father, Atticus, defends the man. The conscience of a town, steeped in prejudice, violence and hypocrisy, is pricked by Atticus' stamina as he struggles for justice. Some adult themes; usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
60823	To kill a queen: an Elizabethan girl's diary 1583-1586 Wilding, Valerie	Scholastic UK	2008	9781407108124	5-6	In the 1580s, Queen Elizabeth's enemies plot against her, planning to kill her and place Mary, Queen of Scots, on the throne. Kitty Lumdsden's father, Sir Nicholas, is abroad, working on secret projects for the Queen and her brother is mixing with suspicious characters. As Mary's supporters come closer and become more powerful by the minute, Kitty fears that they'll all be thrown into the Tower.

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4942	To see the world Forrestal, Elaine	National Library of Australia	2014	9780642278494	7-9	All his life, Jose has seen the tall ships sailing into Port Louis on the island of Mauritius, where he was born. As he watches them leave again, disappearing below the horizon, he dreams of one day sailing away with them - to see the world. He thinks about all the adventures he would have, the ships he would capture and the buried treasure he would find on faraway islands. But, when the Uranie arrives in 1817, Jose's life changes in ways that he had never imagined. Pirates, cannibals, storms and shipwrecks become harsh realities and Jose is forced to muster all his courage and intelligence to survive the dangers of shipboard life.
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.
130803	To the boy in Berlin Honey, Elizabeth & Brandt, Heike	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2007	9781741750041	9plus	Henni and Leo unravel a mystery around the holiday house Henni so enjoyed staying in at Cauldron Bay. Henni finds herself in great danger as she tries to discover what happened to the Schmidt family. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
682644	To the bridge Fenton, Corinne & McLean, Andrew	Black Dog Books	2020	9781925126822	3-4	On 3rd February 1932 when Lennie Gwyther and his pony Ginger Mick were nine years old, they left Leongatha in Victoria to ride six hundred miles to Sydney to see the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. This is the true story of their remarkable journey.
5882	To the goldfields Tonkin, Rachel	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1999	9781864484113	5-6	This book depicts many aspects of life in the Victorian goldfields of 1850.
18557	To the light Flynn, Pat & Stewart, Chantal (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2005	9780702234927	5-6	Jamie loves surfing which can affect your friendships and your popularity. Jamie tells us about the day to day school and family life of a Year 8 surfer whose eyes are focussed on winning the surfing competition.
4808	To the lighthouse Burne, Cristy	Fremantle Press	2017	9781925164619	3-4	Isaac arrives on Rottnest Island hoping for an awesome holiday adventure, but his mum would rather he stayed inside, where it's safe. Then Isaac meets Emmy. She's allowed to do whatever she wants - and she wants to have fun! With Emmy daring him on, Isaac's life gets more and more exciting. But when things go horribly wrong on their secret midnight adventure, they both wonder whether this time they've gone too far

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15389	To the moon and back Sullivan, Bryan & French, Jackie & Gordon, Gus (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2004	9780207200090	5-6	The story of space travel, especially the staff at Honeysuckle Creek Tracking Station in Australia who relayed, to the world, the television pictures of Neil Armstrong's first step on the moon. The real story behind the movie 'The Dish'.
7943	To the top end: our trip across Australia Harvey, Roland	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2009	9781741758849	3-4	Henry, Penny, Frankie, Mum and Dad embark on an exciting adventure from Tassie to the very tip of the Top End. Travel with them on the ferry across Bass Strait to the mainland, through Kelly country, along the Murray, into the Flinders Ranges, underground at Coober Pedy, overhead at the Olgas, overland to the Great Sandy Desert, with the fishes at the Great Barrier Reef, deep into the Daintree, and kayaking at Kakadu.
18378	To the top: The story of Everest Venables, Stephen	Walker Books	2004	9781844287253	7-9	Contains historical and informative stories of various expeditions to Mount Everest. Many colour prints are incorporated into this rewarding and fascinating book.
	Toad series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
6496	Toast tree, The Martin, Corina & Martins, Fern (ill)	Magabala Books	2015	9781922142689	K-2	A very special tree, with bright green leaves and an orange trunk, is hidden in the sand dunes, bordering a dusty, pearling town. Every day, Ella and Mia's grandpa comes home from work with a treat from the tree. It's the best-tasting toast in the world. Ella and Mia search high and low for the tree, laden with squares of golden-brown toast, but they can never find it.
56045	Tobias Blow Jane, Zacharey & Street, Rosalie (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2011	9780702238765	K-2	Take a stormy night, a glorious wind and a sack full of treasures. Mix them together, add a pinch of magic and the world is ready for Tobias Blow.
29063	Tobruk FitzSimons, Peter	HarperCollins Australia	2009	9780732289546	9plus	The inspiring story of the Australian soldiers who held Tobruk in the Second World War. Even tanks and bombers could not conquer the spirit of these diggers. An illustrated, accurate and human account of the war and the people involved. It gives a face and personality to both the famous and powerful, and the brave foot soldiers. Very strong language used in context. A mature read that is not for the faint-hearted. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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8951	Toby Wild, Margaret & Young, Noela (ill)	Ticknor & Fields	1994	9780395670248	3-4	Toby is an old dog and sick, too. He's going blind and deaf and sometimes he smells bad. The family is gentle and loving with him, except for Sara. When Toby finally dies, the children who love him express their love in different ways.
10901	Toby alone de Fombelle, Timothee & Ardizzone, S (trans) & Place, F (ill)	Walker Books	2008	9781406313154	9plus	Toby Lolness may be only one and a half millimetres tall but he is involved in a huge and harrowing fight for his life and the safety of his family. A thrilling tale of state control, betrayal, cruelty, heroism, friendship and survival in a violent, miniature world that is not for the faint-hearted. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
44451	Toby and the secrets of the tree de Fombelle, Timothee & Ardizzone, S (trans) & Place, F (ill)	Walker Books	2009	9781406310146	9plus	Toby's world is under greater threat than ever before. A giant crater has been dug right into the centre of the Tree, moss and lichen invade the branches, and one tyrant controls it all. Leo Blue, once Toby's best friend, now his worst enemy, is holding Elisha prisoner and mercilessly hunting the Grass People. But returning after several years among the Grass People, Toby will fight back. And this time, he's not alone. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
14023	Today we have no plans Godwin, Jane	Puffin Australia	2012	9780670075201	K-2	A busy week, a slower day brings time to dream and time to play. Come on a journey through a busy week in the life of a family, celebrating those precious days that have no plans.
15732	Toes Seidler, Tor	HarperTrophy	2006	9780060541019	3-4	A kitten called Toes leaves home, in this ugly duckling story, and falls in with a penniless but, of course, extremely talented musician. Toes helps the musician, so making a beautiful duet and building a true friendship.
660190	Toffle Towers: Fully booked Harris, Tim & Foley, James (ill)	Puffin Australia	2019	9780143795421	5-6	Toffle Towers hotel has been run by a Toffle for over one hundred years - and it's about to be inherited by the next generation. Chegwin Toffle is only ten years old. But he isn't going to let that stop him from turning this run-down hotel into a success. Chegwin is determined to transform Toffle Towers from a boring hotel for grown-ups into an incredibly exciting destination for children (and their families). But running a hotel isn't easy. Chegwin has a lot to learn, and his tendency to drift off into daydreams isn't helping. Chegwin has plenty of ideas. But can he turn his madcap daydreams into reality?
14766	Together Pignataro, Anna	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781741693393	K-2	Little Oli loves exploring new places and having adventures. He is also a little fearful if Mum is not by his side.

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37151	Toilet kid, The Flynn, Pat & Jellett, Tom (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2009	9780702237171	5-6	Matt, also known as The Tuckshop Kid, is back. He's lost weight, he's healthier and he has a fabulous girlfriend, Kayla. It all seems great but then there's Kayla's catty girlfriend, Tash, and his old, best friend who isn't his friend at all any more. Matt gets talked into doing something terrible, spying on Kayla, and she finds out. But, Kayla has a terrible secret and maybe Matt is the one who can help her.
1241325	Toilet time machine Serrels, Mark & Innes, Ruby (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2026	9781761357725	3-4	Max has big problems. The toilet is busted, his dad is now a toddler (who won't stop weeing everywhere) and his little brother has transformed into a 100-year-old man! Oh, not to mention that the broken toilet is actually a time machine. Can Max fix the toilet time machine before bot his dad and his little brother cease to exist?
825533	Tokyo ever after Jean, Emiko	MacMillan	2021	9781509899999	7-9	Izumi Tanaka has never really felt like she fit in--it isn't easy being Japanese American in her small, mostly white, northern California town. Raised by a single mother, it's always been Izumi--or Izzy, because "It's easier this way"--and her mom (and her trusty terrier sidekick, Tamagotchi) against the world. But then Izzy discovers a clue to her previously unknown father's identity...and he's none other than the Crown Prince of Japan. Which means outspoken, irreverent Izzy is literally a princess.
9222	Tolkien bestiary Day, David	Bounty	2001	9780753704592	7-9	An exciting resource for fans seeking the inspirational source of Tolkien's beasts, flora and fauna.
9447	Tolpuddle boy Brown, Alan	Hodder & Stoughton	2002	9780340852033	7-9	In 1834, six Dorset farm labourers were sentenced to seven years transportation to Australia. Their crime, setting up a friendly society to bargain for better wages to escape appalling poverty. The true story of the youngest Tolpuddle martyr, James Brine.
15162	Tom Appleby, convict boy French, Jackie	HarperCollins Australia	2004	9780207199424	7-9	Chimney sweep, Tom Appleby, eight, is convicted of stealing and deported to Botany Bay on The First Fleet. The country seems to have little to offer. Set between the harsh early Sydney life of 1788 and the 19th century impoverishment of 1868.
99765	Tom Crean's rabbit Hooper, Meredith & Kitchen, Bert (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2005	9781845073930	3-4	It's very cold in Antarctica and the ship Terra Nova is crowded with men and animals. Sailor,Tom MCrean, is looking for a quiet, cosy place for his pet rabbit. A true story based on the diaries of men who sailed on the ship.
923	Tom Gates: What monster? Pichon, Liz	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781760663537	3-4	This is a fully-illustrated story containing - MONSTERS - MYSTERY - A MUSIC FESTIVAL - MISSING stuff - ME and Marcus (Not necessarily in THAT order). AND a very strict supply teacher - but don't let that put you off!

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9341	Tom Jones saves the world Herrick, Steven	University of Queensland Press	2002	9780702233364	7-9	Dumb things become important when you're old, that's what Tom reckons. While living in a guarded, gated community, he meets Cleo, the snake charmer. They break out together to discover things such as a bull that hasn't yet become a hamburger.
67620	Tom the outback mailman Weidenbach, Kristin & Ide, Timothy (ill)	Lothian Books	2012	9780734412249	K-2	Everyone living in the Northern South Australian outback depends upon Big Tom Kruse to deliver their mail. Not only letters but furniture, tyres, petrol, he delivers it all. But what is Tom to do when he is waylaid by an unexpected flood. With everyone relying on him, how will he make it all the way up to Birdsville and back.
27695	Tom Tom Sullivan, Rosemary & Huxley, Dee (ill)	Working Title Press	2008	9781876288983	K-2	A contemporary story of a young boy living an idyllic life in the Northern Territory's Top End. It follows his day as he interacts with his extended family and attends the local preschool.
4462	Tom Topp and the great adventure swap Limbrick, Lisa & Trappel, Jemima (ill)	Wombat Books	2016	9781925139754	3-4	Tom Topp has great plans for the weekend. His three older brothers are all doing really cool things, ice-skating, water skiing and hiking. The problem is choosing which one of them to go with. Actually, that's not the problem. Tom has broken a leg so he can't go with any of his brothers. Instead, Tom gets to go shopping with his mother where the most embarrassing things start to happen. Worst of all, he's stuck in an old wheelchair that smells like rotten eggs.
	Tom Trueheart series Beck, Ian				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.
418	Tom's midnight garden Pearce, Philippa	Oxford University Press	1998	9780192717771	7-9	Tom finds a wonderful garden that only appears when the clock strikes thirteen.

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34683	Tom's Midnight Garden: Graphic novel Pearce, Philippa & Edith	Oxford University Press	2016	9780192747051	5-6	A graphic adaptation of Philippa Pearce's classic tale from 1958. When Tom's brother gets the measles Tom is sent away to his aunt's house for his own safety. But it is the start of the holidays and Tom could think of nothing worse. But he soon finds that the strange building and its weird occupants will begin him on the biggest and most bazaar adventure of his life. So good he might just decide never to come home. But where is Tom's midnight garden anyway? Is it the future? The past? A dream? A spellbinding fantasy, beautifully illustrated, balancing magic and science fiction in a timeless tale for readers of all ages.
1277974	Tomato sandwich Magerl, Caroline	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760658045	3-4	Ottily has decided that today will be magical. She pulls on her fairy dress, waves her wand and wishes for a fairy cake! But instead, Dad gives her tomato sandwich.
	Tommy Bell Bushranger Boy series Smith, Jane				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.
22210	Tomorrow Macleod, Mark & Schell, Kirrily (ill)	ABC Books	2008	9780733320743	K-2	Tomorrow is so full of wonderful things to see and do. Maybe it's better to start today.
38484	Tomorrow book, The French, Jackie & Degennaro, Sue (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2010	9780732289393	K-2	When the little prince's parents leave him in charge of the kingdom, he and his friends use the ideas found in the palace library books to transform the world into a better place.
5539	Tomorrow code, The Falkner, Brian	Walker Books	2008	9781921150340	7-9	Three young New Zealanders discover a series of coded transmissions from their own future selves - a set of lottery numbers, circuit diagrams for a transmitter and ominous warnings about a 'Chimera Project'. This project is a scientific experiment gone wrong that produces deadly organisms designed to detect and kill all human life.
774403	Tomorrow girl Conley, Vikki & Pratley, Penelope (ill)	EK Books	2021	9781925820362	K-2	Tomorrow is always going someplace.. fast! She doesn't seem to have time for anything, until she stumbles over Yesterday and bumps into Today. He shows her that there are other things around her in the world, if she would just slow down. Just a little.

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419	Tomorrow, when the war began Marsden, John	Pan MacMillan	1999	9780330274869	9plus	The first book in the Tomorrow series. A group of teenagers return from a camping trip to find their town invaded and their parents imprisoned. They must mature quickly, deal with teenage angst and become combative to ensure their own survival. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1271867	Tonight, I bleed Adams, Katharine J	Lothian Books	2025	9780734422729	9plus	Penny Albright has fought night after night to escape Malin's contract, but now her free will is at stake. As the Warden prepares to destroy magic at the Samhain ball, Penny's family is missing, her friends are captive, and only the chained Sorcerer on the library's ninth floor can help. One drop of blood could free him - or doom them all. Torn between her Resistance circle and the covens, Penny must risk love, loyalty, and her life in a rebellion where a single night could ignite a war or shatter her heart.
11699	Tony Hawk, professional skateboarder Hawk, Tony & Mortimer, Sean	HarperCollins US	2002	9780060096892	5-6	How Tony Hawk became a professional skateboarder, beginning as a child and following his career through the highs and lows. Some insensitive language used in character and context when speaking about himself, may offend some readers.
1271966	Tony the moany groany pony Avery, Sean E	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761520877	K-2	Tony is a moany groany pony. When the farmyard animals have a fabulous and fantastical parade, Tony is not impressed. Will he keep his opinions to himself.. or tell us how he really feels?
34465	Too cold for a tutu Goss, Mini	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781743313787	K-2	Barry and his sister Stella wake up to a chilly morning. They carefully get dressed and have an amazing time with their imaginations. An irresistible story about creative play and the joy of dressing up.
12136	Too loud Lily Laguna, Sofie & Argent, Kerry (ill)	Omnibus Books	2002	9781862914667	K-2	Lily, the young hippopotamus, is a little too lively for her family and friends. But then, a new teacher comes to school. The animals in this picture book behave and react just like people we have met.
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?
420	Too many Captain Cooks Tucker, Alan	Scholastic Australia	1994	9781862912106	5-6	A picture book that shows the history of early Aboriginal and European encounters along the Australian coastline.

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1471	Too many cheeky dogs Bell, Johanna & Beasley, Dion (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781743316221	K-2	'On Monday I went to my auntie's house and guess what I saw? ONE yellow cheeky dog sleeping on the floor.' So begins this cheeky story set in a remote Indigenous community, romping through numbers, colours and days of the week to the hilarious finale.
69147	Too many elephants in this house Dubosarsky, Ursula & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	Penguin	2012	9780670075461	K-2	Eric has a problem, there are too many elephants in his house. Eric actually doesn't think it is a problem at all but his mum insists that it is. So what is he to do. He loves every single one of them and doesn't want to lose them. So where can all the elephants go.
4148	Too many friends Apel, Kathryn	University of Queensland Press	2017	9780702259760	3-4	At school I have lots of friends. I have so many friends that sometimes I don't know who to play with. Tahnee wants everyone in her Year 2 class to get along and be happy. But what happens when all of Tahnee's friends want her attention at the same time? And how can Tahnee be friends with Lucy, when Lucy doesn't seem to want any friends?
15111	Too many monkeys Wild, Margaret & Rippin, Sally (ill)	Omnibus Books	2004	9781862915480	K-2	A family of monkeys live in a tree. As more and more family members come to stay, they must keep moving to larger and larger trees. Finally, they find the perfect solution.
12299	Too many pears French, Jackie	Koala Books	2003	9780864614605	K-2	Pamela, the cow, loves pears. She loves them so much that she will stop at nothing to get to them. Unfortunately, Pamela's pear obsession means there are no pears left for the people. They must stop her eating all the pears.
1286573	Too many tigers Reeve, Monica	Forty South Publishing	2024	9780975640654	3-4	Most people know of the Tasmanian Tiger. Do you know how they actually became extinct...and were there ever "too many tigers"? Journey through this pictorial timeline to find out what really happened and how we can use our past to better care for the unique species of today.
3073	Too many toys Shannon, David	Scholastic UK	2008	9780439490290	K-2	Spencer has too many toys. Eventually, they clutter his room and overflow into the rest of the house. When Dad steps on a stray Lego and Mum gets tangled in some train tracks, Spencer is told that some of his toys have to go. But, Spencer wants to keep them all because every toy is his favourite.

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19812	Too much trouble Avery, Tom	Frances Lincoln	2011	9781847802347	5-6	When African refugees, Emmanuel and Prince, are sent to live with their uncle, he finds them too much to handle and throws the brothers out. Twelve year old Emmanuel knows that he must look after his younger brother. These were his father's last words to him. Without food or money, the boys turn to petty crime to keep themselves alive. And, that's when things start to spin out of control.
3991	Too small to fail Gleitzman, Morris	Puffin Australia	2011	9780143306429	5-6	Oliver's parents own their own bank so he has everything a Year Five boy might want. Everything, that is, except the small dog in the local pet shop, which he's not allowed to have. When a mysterious woman buys the puppy and threatens to harm it if Oliver can't return her thousands of dollars, he hatches a plan which includes sixteen camels.
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.

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1250419	Too tall tales of Alma T. Best, the: The girl who cried bird Collette, Katherine	HarperCollins Children's Books	2025	9781460765401	5-6	The problem with Bird Day is that all everyone does is go birdwatching. Alma's not very interested in birds. But when she manages to see an extremely rare purple-bellied parrot, it's big news. She's practically, almost, nearly, entirely famous! The only problem is no one else saw the parrot ... And no one saw Alma see the parrot ... And no one has seen the parrot since. When some so-called 'experts' suggest Alma didn't see the bird at all, she's determined to prove them wrong, no matter what.
4515	Too-tight tutu, The Clark, Sherryl	Penguin	1997	9780140384451	3-4	The trials and tribulations which lead to Merry's first ballet solo make a delightful story about believing in yourself and working for your dreams.
	Toocool series Kettle, Phil				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
3219	Took the children away Roach, Archie & Hunter, Ruby (ill) & Hudson, Peter (ill)	One Day Hill Pty Ltd	2010	9780980564341	5-6	From the lyrics of this iconic song a very special book has been created. Featuring the heart wrenching lyrics of Archie Roach and the classic artwork of his late wife Ruby Hunter, this book describes the anguish suffered by the Stolen Generation.
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?

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18812	Top dog Clement, Rod	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2016	9780732298753	K-2	An apricot coloured poodle called Samson is the ultimate boss in the tough, dog-eat-dog, fat cat world of business. He reveals the skills required to keep his paws on the steadfast corporate pulse and, of course, Samson never has a bite that's worse than his bark.
660653	Top koala French, Jackie & Shanks, Matt (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2019	9781460754818	K-2	I am top of every tree. Top is always best to be. This koala is determined to be at the top of EVERYTHING. From a mast atop a boat on Sydney Harbour to the Parliament House flagpole in Canberra, this koala travels around Australia and tops it all.
587797	Top secret undercover notes of Buttons McGinty, Book 1, The Darby, Rhys	Scholastic New Zealand	2018	9781775434979	5-6	Buttons McGinty is just your average 12 year old boy, living an easy and carefree existence. That is, until his parents mysteriously disappear and he is transported to a strange school located on a deserted island. Upon arrival, Buttons quickly learns that he must uncover his parents' whereabouts whilst avoiding the suspicion of his evil new principal. Along the way, Buttons meets new friends and is faced with a host of incredible obstacles, including sinister teachers and a genetically enhanced owl!
110934	Top stories 1 Various	Harcourt Education Australia	2007	9781740818384	9plus	Sixteen short and very varied stories from modern fairy tales, comic essays and complex tales using poetic language. Mature themes and fantastic endings make for some great reads. Strong language used in context might offend some readers. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
19121	Toppling Murphy, Sally & James, Rhian Nest (ill)	Walker Books	2010	9781921529429	5-6	John is obsessed with dominoes, spending hours setting up lines until a small push causes them to fall as they should. When John's friend, Dominic, is diagnosed with cancer, John and his friends' worlds fall apart. They find ways to support Dom through his illness and gain understanding from an unlikely source.
61947	Topsy-turvy world Murray, Kirsty	National Library of Australia	2013	9780642277497	5-6	To the first Europeans who came to Australia, everything seemed topsy turvy. Christmas was in the summer and trees shed their bark but not their leaves. And the animals were bizarre. There was a bird that laughed like a donkey and a type of greyhound that bound along on its hind legs like a hare.
1110613	Tornado French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781760264895	5-6	From the award-winning creators of Flood, Fire, Cyclone, Drought, Pandemic, Earthquake and Plague. I was born of twisting air, touching ground and spinning there. Do not laugh, just feed me thunder, I will soar and roar and plunder ...

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9239	Toro Toro Morpurgo, Michael	HarperCollins US	2002	9780007107186	7-9	The suffering, loss and futility of war are shown through the intensity of one child's experiences of the outbreak of the Spanish civil war when grandfather, Antonito, recalls his life.
	Torque series Various				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.
6636	Tortall and other lands: a collection of tales Pierce, Tamora	Omnibus Books	2011	9781862919167	7-9	A collection of eleven tales from the land of Tortall, featuring both previously unknown characters and old friends.
9365	Tortuga Geraghty, Paul	Random House Canada	2002	9780099400868	3-4	Swept out to sea by a violent storm, a tortoise floats on a branch until the current lands her on a tropical island. Tortuga lays her eggs on shore and tries to protect them. Her new home is rich and lush but there are no other tortoises.
4094	Torty and the Soldier Beck, Jennifer & Colston, Fifi (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781775433651	3-4	Meet Torty. She's one tough little tortoise with a beat-up shell and some missing toes. Torty survived a great war that raged in Europe one hundred years ago. She was recused back then by a young Kiwi soldier. Torty is truly a World War One survivor.

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751056	Total eclipse of Nestor Lopez Cuevas, Adrianna	MacMillan	2020	9780374313609	5-6	All Nestor Lopez wants is to live in one place for more than a few months and have dinner with his dad. When he and his mother move to a new town to live with his grandmother after his dad's latest deployment, Nestor plans to lay low. He definitely doesn't want to anyone find out his deepest secret: that he can talk to animals. But when the animals in his new town start disappearing, Nestor's grandmother becomes the prime suspect after she is spotted in the woods where they were last seen. As Nestor investigates the source of the disappearances, he learns that they are being seized by a tule vieja - a witch who can absorb an animal's powers by biting it during a solar eclipse. And the next eclipse is just around the corner... Now it's up to Nestor's extraordinary ability and his new friends to catch the tule vieja - and save a place he might just call home.
11425	Totally creepy Simons, Moya	ABC Books	2003	9780733311116	5-6	Nothing exciting ever happens in Glenville and Gemma is bored over her long summer holidays. When the new neighbours move in across the street, Gemma's life suddenly becomes very exciting.
	Totally twins 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.
74424	Totally wonderful Miss Plumberry Rosen, Michael	Walker Books	2006	9780744561821	K-2	It is a totally wonderful morning and Molly takes Grandma's special crystal into school for Show and Tell. But, when everyone is more interested in Russell's water-squirting stegosaurus, Molly's day becomes totally horrible. Luckily, Miss Plumberry knows just what to do to make Molly's day totally wonderful again.

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13363	Toto the ninja cat and the great snake escape O'leary, Dermot	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2017	9781444939453	5-6	Toto is no ordinary furry feline. She is almost totally blind, she has Ninja skills and at night she has amazing adventures with her cheeky brother Silver. Recently arrived in London they meet Catface going through their bin one night, and next thing they are trying to capture a deadly king cobra in the city's underground.
616973	Touch the moon Cummings, Phil & Tulloch, Coral (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760523657	3-4	Neil stepped out of the module. He moved carefully down the small ladder. He reached the last step and stopped. Slowly, he placed his foot on the moon. 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for Mankind.' It's a cold day in July and on a small television screen in Australia, a man is going to walk on the moon! At the same time, outside the window, another kind of miracle is unfolding.
5576	Touch the sun: The freedom finders Conolan, Emily	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760294922	7-9	To find freedom, you must leave behind everything you've ever known. It is 2011. You want nothing more than to be a journalist in Somalia like your aunty. But the truth can be dangerous - and when you and your little sister are left alone, you find yourself facing life-and-death choices at every turn. Can you escape a terrorist organisation and find a safe place to call home? You'll be asked to cross a desert on foot, hide below deck in a leaky boat, and put your life in the hands of people smugglers. At every turn, the choice is yours. How far will you go for freedom?
9557	Tough Lester Hilton, Nette	Scholastic Australia	1997	9781862913394	3-4	A great picture book about rugby union, showing skill, strength and humour.
7468	Tough stuff Murray, Kirsty	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1999	9781864489293	7-9	Stories of children famous for their talent, fortunes, protests, rebellion, prayers, heroism or just for hanging on through oppression and war, such as a young Genghis Khan, a seventeen year old maths professor, the wolf girls and a chess genius.
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?

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846135	Toy mountain Gemmill, Stef & Hall, Katharine (ill)	EK Books	2021	9781925820966	K-2	Sam is tired of playing with hand me down teddies and trains. His luck changes when he is given the chance to test whizzing and whirring toys made in the factory at the end of the rainbow. But will he feel the same when he finds his old toys buried under a mountain of plastic ones?
62395	Toymaker and the bird, The Allen, Pamela	Viking Children's	2009	9780670073634	3-4	In a little house in a dark forest, a toymaker lives all alone. One day, a small brown bird is drawn to the magic sounds of the toymaker's violin. Together they make music so enchanting that even the trees shiver and murmur in wonder. But as the seasons change, the little bird dreams of the wide open sky.
54595	Tracey Binns is lost Clark, Sherryl & Apfelbaum, Alexis (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2009	9780702237058	5-6	Tracey's school has started a new healthy-eating and exercise program, and the kids are not happy. They're even less happy when Mr Gunning, their dreaded PE teacher, announces that he is taking grade six on a bush survival and fitness camp.
43647	Tracey Binns is trouble Clark, Sherryl & Apfelbaum, Alexis (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2008	9780702236679	5-6	While her parents are working hard to provide the perfect life in the perfect house, Tracey Binns is working hard at misbehaving. Called Tracey Trouble or Rubbish Binns by classmates, she prefers to get detention than go home to an empty house. Then, Isabella comes to the school and, to Tracey's surprise, they become friends.

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902555	Tracks of the Missing Merrison, Carl & Hustler, Hakea	Magabala Books	2022	9781922613264	9plus	Deklan 'Dek' Archer and his mates arrive at school to a tense atmosphere. 'Old Mate', Mr Henry, who has lived in town for a long time, has been found murdered. He had been selling grog on the black market for years. To add to these worries, the Year 12s, who were on camp, are now missing. The police think there is a link between the missing students and the murder. Dek and his friends are torn. Dek and Willum, his best mate, have an important football match that evening - professional recruiters are in town. Neither wants to let their coach down but they feel they must search for their friends. Deklan's grandfather, a renowned tracker with certain otherworld gifts turns up, and expects him to go bush. This choice will change Dek's life and family forever. A journey that moves deep in to an ancient landscape uncovers secrets, and the past, which is never far away, continues to call them. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 or above.
33063	Traction Man is here Grey, Mini	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2005	9780224064958	3-4	Square-jawed and equipped with combat boots, scuba gear, space suit, and camouflage, Traction Man overcomes evil pillows, dastardly brooms, a poisonous dishcloth and a wicked spade. Traction Man has an action outfit for every occasion. He is the last word in heroic fashion flair until he is presented with an outfit, knitted by his owner's granny.
7651	Traction Man meets Turbodog Grey, Mini	Jonathan Cape	2008	9780224070485	3-4	Traction Man sets out on his greatest rescue mission yet. He must try to save Scrubbing Brush from the evil Bin Things. And, find room in his life for two pets.
846260	Tractor Sutton, Sally & Lovelock, Brian (ill)	Walker Books	2022	9781760653385	K-2	Down on the farm, we're busy, busy busy! We are chopping, cutting, churning and planting. Who's working the hardest? It is our tractor. Read this book to see if you agree.

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38563	Tracy Lacy for classy captain Lacy, Tania & McDonald, Danielle (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781760275969	5-6	Remember how I was ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN, well pretty sure, probably about 99.7% sure, that I maybe, nearly, might actually get through High School like a normal person? Well SHOCK, HORROR, its not going exactly as I planned . . . Its BETTER!' Tracy Lacy has made it to high school, and Tracy is the king, the queen, AND the star of the schoolshes going to be CLASSY CAPTAIN! (Go Tracy!) Alright, lets face it, it all goes to her head and its a COMPLETE DISASTER. The question is; will her friends stand by her this time?
12620	Tracy Lacy is completely coo-coo bananas Lacy, Tania & McDonald, Danielle (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781760279820	5-6	I'm absolutely certain, well pretty sure, probably about 99.7% sure, that I maybe, nearly, might actually get through high school like a normal person. Follow the comedic horror of Tracy Lacy's discovery that her perfect plan for being normal is ruined, and the hilarious list of things to fix about herself, as she counts down the days to the start of high school. Is Tracy going to be able to overcome her completely coo-coo bananas-ness?
1388344	Train of thought Horn, Jess & Wells, Hayley (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2025	9781761214301	3-4	Andy has a brilliant imagination, and it carries him to the most amazing places. Mum calls it his train of thought. But, when it's time for real-world tasks, Andy's train doesn't always stop. Can Andy find a way to be a treasure hunter and sit down in time for dinner?
133333	Train party Blair, Karen	Penguin Books Australia	2021	9781760899578	K-2	Red, blue and green, yellow and black. Here come the trains! Clickety-clack. All aboard the train party!
9497	Training a guide dog MacDonald, Wendy	Heinemann	2001	9781740700191	3-4	An appealing and compact handbook with bright glossy pages for children about the care and training of guide dogs.

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35559	Traitor and the Thief, The Ward, Gareth	Walker Books	2017	9781925381504	7-9	Discovered picking pockets at Coxford Corn Market, fourteen year old Sin is hunted across the city. Caught by the enigmatic Eldritch Moons, Sin is offered a way out of his life of crime: join the Covert Operations Group (COG) and train to become a spy. At Lenheim Palace, Sin learns spy craft while trying not to break the Cast-Iron Rules of the school. Befriended by eccentric Zonda Chubb, together they endeavour to unmask a traitor causing havoc within the palace. After an assassination attempt on the founder of COG, Sin realises that someone closest to him could be the traitor. With no other option, Sin is forced into an uneasy alliance with the school bully, Velvet Von Darque. But can he trust her? And will COG try to bury him with the secrets he discovers? Secrets, spies and steampunk gadgets abound in this fantastic adventure story.
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?
96658	Tram to Bondi Beach, The Hathorn, Libby & Vivas, Julie (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	1992	9780207176197	3-4	A young boy's love of trams leads him to a paper boy job and the desire to drive trams as a living. Shows Sydney and its Bondi trams of the 1950s and 1960s.
5112	Trap, The Smelcer, John	Andersen Press Ltd	2008	9781842707395	5-6	In the Alaskan wilderness, Albert Least-Weasel is out checking his traplines as he has done for the past sixty years. When he doesn't return as scheduled, his grandson, Johnny, begins to worry. The temperatures are steadily dropping and there are bears and wolves out there. Johnny must decide whether to follow his uncle's advice and wait, or follow his heart and look for his grandfather.
12338	Trapped by the ice: Shackleton's amazing Antarctic adventure McCurdy, Michael	Walker Books	2002	9780802776334	5-6	A dramatic introduction to Ernest Shackleton's Trans-Atlantic expedition which was brought to a chilling halt when his ship, Endurance, was gripped by the Weddell ice pack and he, and his crew, had to face appalling conditions.

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1424040	Trapped!: The entombed miner of Bonnie Vale Lawrinson, Julia	Fremantle Press	2025	9781760994990	7-9	In 1907, the mining town of Bonnie Vale experiences a sudden deluge of rain that floods a gold mine while miners are still at work down the shaft. Joe's dad is one of them. And it soon becomes clear that he's the only one who hasn't made it back out yet. Where is he? Why didn't he escape with the others? And more importantly, how will they rescue him? Inspired by the true story of the trapped miner of Bonnie Vale and told in verse, Julia Lawrinson weaves a tale that will beckon readers down into the gold mine with Joe's dad to find out how the rescue unfolded.
6369	Trapped: a whale's rescue Burleigh, Robert & Minor, Wendell (ill)	Charlesbridge Publishing	2015	9781580895583	K-2	In the icy waters of the Pacific, a massive humpback whale unexpectedly finds herself tangled in a net abandoned by fishermen. The race is on to save the whale from drowning. When a rescue boat and a convoy of divers arrive to help the struggling humpback, a realistic and moving encounter bridges the human and aquatic worlds.
75918	Trash Mulligan, Andy	David Fickling Books	2010	9780385619028	7-9	Three friends are living on a heap of trash, a lifetime of sifting rubbish. One day they find something extraordinary. From that moment on they are hunted without mercy. But they can't run forever. The reality of a slum society in the modern world combined with an action packed mystery.
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.
5056	Travel book, The Croft, Malcolm & Li, Maggie (ill)	Lonely Planet Publications	2017	9781743607718	5-6	Take a world tour through 200 countries with this travel book. It is packed full with thousands of amazing facts on wildlife, how people live, sports, hideous and mouth-watering food, festivals and a wide range of other quirky insights on every page. Every single country gets its own dedicated page, and a mixture of photographs and sensational illustrations bring each country to life.
3127	Travel bug, The Gilmour, Benjamin & Hancock, James Gulliver (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2017	9780143780137	K-2	In a land of long grasses, where small insects crawl, lived a strange little bug, with no name at all. He packed his blue suitcase, bought a round-the-world ticket, and flew off to find answers on the back of a cricket.

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15228	Travellers Ballance, Alison	Pearson Education Australia	2002	9780733937699	3-4	A look at animals that travel considerable distances. The book includes simple factual information, beautifully presented photographs and illustrations, a glossary and an index.
	Travelling bookshop series Nannestad, Katrina & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)				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.
	Travelling solo series Guthridge, Bettina				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.
8364	Travels of an extraordinary hamster Desbordes, Astrid & Martin, Pauline (ill) & Burgess, Linda (trans)	Gecko Press	2015	9781927271834	5-6	Hamster lives in the clearing among his friends Mole, Snail, Hedgehog and Rabbit. They are very accepting of Hamster, who is unapologetically selfish but, somehow, endearing. Hamster is determined to visit his cousins on the moon. He knows they must be eager to meet him. But, his friends decide to go to the North Pole instead.
14254	Tread softly: betrayal wears a gilded cloak Pennington, Kate	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2005	9780340873434	5-6	Mary Devereux is the daughter of the head tailor in Saltleigh Hall in Tudor England, a time when many wealthy women live trivial and useless lives. One night, she overhears the steward plotting to murder the Queen.
1290	Treasure box, The Wild, Margaret & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2013	9780670073658	5-6	Peter, a young boy, and his father must flee their town when the enemy orders 'everyone out of their houses'. They take with them a treasure box which contains, 'no rubies, no silver, no gold' but instead holds a book 'about our people, about us'.
4547	Treasure hunters Baillie, Allan	Penguin	2002	9780143300076	7-9	A young boy is rescued from a disaster at sea and joins his father searching for treasure near an Indonesian island. His story is interwoven with that of Diego who is travelling on a 16th century Portuguese treasure ship.

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48747	Treasure Island Stevenson, Robert Louis	Puffin USA	1994	9780140366723	5-6	Following the death of bloodthirsty buccaneer, Captain Flint, young Jim Hawkins finds himself with the key to a fortune. For he has discovered a map that will lead him to the fabled Treasure Island. But, a host of villains, wild beasts and deadly savages stand between him and the stash of gold. Not to mention the most infamous pirate ever to sail the high seas.
580046	Treasure of dead man's cove, The Ivanoff, George	Penguin Random House Australia	2014	9780857983831	3-4	You choose! Wealth beyond your wildest dreams or deadly pirate's curse! You find an old map while holidaying in a secluded seaside town. It is said to have belonged to the fiercest pirate of them all - One-Eyed William, who was buried with his treasure. Could it be real, or is it someone's idea of a joke? You set off to follow the map to find out. Will you uncover the treasure of Dead Man's Cove, or will you be destined for doom?
9535	Treasury of poetry Hedley, Alistair & Aldous, Kate	Parragon	2000	9780752535678	3-4	A companion to 'Treasury of nursery rhymes', this appealing collection of familiar and unfamiliar verse is arranged into eight sections by theme with attractive illustrations.
660645	Tree Jenkins, Lynn & Lonergan, Kirrili (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2020	9781925820126	K-2	Tree is the much-loved centrepiece of the community where Calmsters and Little Anxious Creatures come to relax, play and socialize. But one day Curly and Loppy notice that Tree's leaves are starting to fall, at the wrong time of the year, and Tree's bark is flaking. It is Tree's time to leave. The fifth book in the Lessons of a LAC series, Tree, is an ideal resource to help children learn how to say goodbye and process grief.
1080667	Tree Saxby, Claire & Racklyeft, Jess (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761069505	3-4	Can you see the forest on this misty-morning mountain? Can you see where the tree stands? It is the tallest in this forest of tall trees. This tree is older than those who find it, younger than the land it grows from. Between sapwood and heartwood, water rises and energy flows. Listen to the leaves bustle. Smell the forest air. This is the world of the tree.
751090	Tree beings Huber, Raymond & Severgnini, Sandra (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2020	9781925820539	5-6	Trees are essential to our world. Tree Beings is your guide to appreciating trees through the stories of people who love them. So strap on your hiking boots, and enjoy this informative adventure through the wonderful world of Tree Beings!

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8100	Tree of life Strauss, Rochelle & Thompson, Margot (ill)	Kids can press	2004	9781553376699	5-6	A simple introduction to biodiversity, using a tree as a metaphor to explain how scientists organise life into five kingdoms, each one having thousands of species. Some species are barely hanging on to survival.
751134	Tree, The Base, Graeme	Penguin Books Australia	2020	9781760897048	3-4	This is the story of a cow, a duck and a very big tree.At first the cow and the duck are happy with their mooberries and mushquacks, living side-by-side without even noticing. But then a big storm came! Cow and Duck set out to protect their tree from one another and in doing so destroy everything they have.Can they live together and work together to rebuild, and can they learn to share?
2762	Tree, The Layton, Neal	Walker Books	2016	9781406358216	K-2	The tree is home to a family of birds in their nest, squirrels in their drey and rabbits in their burrow. When a man and woman decide to cut the tree down and use it for their dream house, the animals are under threat.
1447491	Treeshape Balla, Trace	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2026	9781761181252	9plus	This book tells the story of young Trace's awakening to the preciousness of the environment, including her participation in the protests against uranium mining at Jabiluka in the 1980s. Channelling her gift for visual storytelling, Trace reveals emotional truths, shares her commitment to environmental activism, highlights trees that have been meaningful in her life, and explores her deep appreciation of place and connection with First Nations peoples. This title is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
15413	Tremada Hoopmann, Kathy	Puffin Australia	2004	9780143300854	5-6	Shiana helps a dragon, found injured in the forest behind her home, to find its way home, only to discover that he is the King of Tremada. War between the dragons and gnomes of Tremada is imminent. Shiana has an important role to play.
15374	Tremendous tractors Mitton, Tony & Parker, Ant	Kingfisher	2003	9780753408322	K-2	Rhyming text about the work of a tractor on a farm.

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1108788	Trials of Apollo, The: Burning maze, The Riordan, Rick	Puffin Australia	2023	9780241534267	5-6	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. 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.
1133516	Trials of apollo, The: Dark prophecy, The Riordan, Rick	Puffin Australia	2023	9780241377550	5-6	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.

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1108779	Trials of apollo, The: Hidden oracle, The Riordan, Rick	Puffin Australia	2023	9780241377536	5-6	How do you punish an immortal? By making him human. 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. 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.
1133752	Trials of Apollo, The: Tower of nero, The Riordan, Rick	Puffin Australia	2023	9780241588086	5-6	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? 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. Will Meg have a last showdown with her father? Will this helpless form of Apollo have to face his arch nemesis, Python? Who will be on hand at Camp Half-Blood to assist?

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1133738	Trials of Apollo, The: Tyrant's tomb, The Riordan, Rick	Puffin Australia	2023	9780241534274	5-6	Things are getting very bad, very fast, for Apollo... 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. 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. 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. 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...
12833	Triangle for Adaora, A Onyefulu, Ifeoma	Frances Lincoln	2001	9780711214675	3-4	Adaora won't eat her slice of paw-paw because she doesn't want to spoil the star shape in the middle. Her cousin offers to find her a triangle instead. As they go walking, they see all kinds of shapes.
1019787	Trick shot Trevor: Frisbee fiasco Adeney, Amy & Popple, Peter William (ill)	Five Mile Press	2023	9781922514363	3-4	Trevor is hard at work on his newest trick shot video, Fantastic Flying Frisbees. His family are always too busy to help him and it is almost impossible to practise frisbee by himself. Until Trevor discovers disc golf and can finally work on his fabulous forehands and backhands on his own. Will disc golf be the answer to all Trevor's problems? Or will Trevor discover that family frisbee time is still super fun?

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1551930	Trickshot Harri: The cheetah world beater Jackson, Adam & Lloyd, Adrian & Minton, Jake A (ill)	Little Book Press	2026	9781923141612	K-2	Roar for Trickshot Harri as he learns that scoring the most goals isn't everything - it's teamwork that makes the dream work! Trickshot Harri is the best player on the pitch - and he knows it! The fans chant his name, the spotlight chases his every move and he's certain he can take down the Safari Stars all by himself. But, when victory starts to slip through his paws, Harri needs to listen to his dad's wise words: to be a true champion, you must come together as a team.
	Trickstars series Wood, Karen & Hicks, Astred (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.
869505	Tricky Vic Pizzoli, Greg	Penguin	2015	9780670016525	5-6	Robert Miller, a bright boy and a good student, would grow up to be known by over 40 aliases as he tricked people out of their money from European cities and the United States. His greatest scam would be to sell the Eiffel Tower. Find out how he did this on more than one occasion.
593313	Tricky's bad day Lester, Alison	Affirm Press	2018	9781925712513	K-2	Poor Tricky! Nothing is going right for him. Milk spills, buttons won't work, his little sister wrecks their game, and when he tries to help out, everything gets worse. Then Dad has an idea. Outside it's wild, but there's a lot to explore.
846093	Trip to the hospital, A Chiu, Freda	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526702	K-2	Momo, Raimi and Henry must all visit the children's hospital and, once there, find themselves treated by the many incredible, caring and clever people.
	Tripods series Christopher, 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.
588198	Troll, The Donaldson, Julia & Roberts, David (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2019	9781509892426	K-2	The troll longs for a goat supper, but he's stuck with boring fish. Meanwhile, Hank Chief and his pirate crew love fish, but they can't cook. Might a chance meeting save everyone's dreadful dinners?

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743	Trolley boys Moloney, James	Puffin Australia	2007	9780143303145	5-6	It's summer, it's hot and Brent is stuck collecting trolleys at his local shopping centre. When an attempt at the world-record trolley push ends in disaster and a priceless diamond goes missing, Brent's summer job starts to look a lot more exciting.
570164	Trollhunters del Toro, Guillermo & Kraus, Daniel	Hot Key Books	2016	9781471405181	9plus	From the brilliantly bent imagination of Guillermo del Toro and Daniel Kraus comes a ripsnorter of an adventure. Jim Sturges is a typical teen, with an embarrassingly overprotective dad, a best mate called 'Tubby' and a huge crush on a girl who doesn't seem to know he exists. Until the day a 45 year old mystery resurfaces to threaten the lives of everyone in his apparently sleepy town. Children are going missing again, and it is up to Jim Jnr to team up with a band of unlikely heroes to battle the monsters of the night. Monsters with very dangerous appetites. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
	Trolls graphic novel series Scheidt, Dave & Howard, Tini (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.
83387	Trophy kid, The Flynn, Pat	University of Queensland Press	2010	9780702238406	5-6	Marcus is a future tennis star, with a solid forehand, a strong backhand, but his biggest asset is his mind. When Marcus learns he has to win the next state title or lose someone he loves, his mind is tested like never before.
21231	Tropical Terry Jarvis	Walker Books	2018	9781406376425	K-2	Coral Reef City is home to the flashiest, most fancy fish in the ENTIRE ocean. And then there's Terry...
587810	Trouble for Toby Reid, Janet & Francey, Amanda (ill)	Wombat Books	2018	9781925563351	3-4	Toby has one mission at school: to stay out of trouble. Only then will his parents let him have a pet. But that's just it, Toby has trouble staying out of trouble. It wasn't his fault that a lizard found its way into Miss Mott's sleeve or that a snail turned up in Ivy's lunchbox. Join Toby and his friends on this hilarious adventure as they navigate the sandpit, adventure playground and sports shed in their mission to stay out of trouble.

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654207	Trouble in tune town, The Pierlot, Maura & Norsa, Sophie (ill)	Little Steps Publishing	2017	9781925545333	K-2	Meg is Tune Town's best music performer, but she's having trouble rehearsing. So much trouble, in fact, that the notes have run right off the sheet! Can Meg find the notes in time for her big concert? Or are they closer to home than she thought?
	Trouble 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.
3328	Trouble tomorrow Whitebeach, Terry & Enadio, Sarafino	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760291464	5-6	Obulejo's name means 'trouble tomorrow' in the Ma'di language, and there is plenty of trouble for sixteen-year-old Obulejo when his town is attacked by Rebel troops. Separated from family and close friends, Obulejo flees into the hills and then makes a terrifying journey, full of danger from wild animals and pursuing soldiers. Once across the border in a refugee camp, he is safer but has no future - until he joins a pioneering peace education program and begins to find ways to create a more helpful life for himself and others.
	Trouble twisters series Nix, Garth & Williams, Sean				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.
18296	Trouble with dad, The Cole, Babette	Egmont Childrens	2004	9781405211222	K-2	This zany picture book revolves around a dad who makes robots and interesting gadgets.
130951	Trouble with dogs, The Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2010	9781406326017	K-2	After being rescued, Dave and Rosie have settled into their new home. Now it is time for Dave to be trained by the Brigadier from Pup Breakers. The family want Dave trained but at what price.
11808	Trouble with gran, The Cole, Babette	Egmont Childrens	2004	9781405211239	K-2	The trouble with Gran is she may look like a normal gran but, in fact, she is far from ordinary, as the others discover on a day trip to Wethorp-on-Sea.

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11839	Trouble with Grandad, The Cole, Babette	Egmont Childrens	2004	9781405211246	K-2	Locked up for growing a dangerous vegetable, Grandad lands in a lot of trouble. His terrible tomato must be stopped or it will keep growing bigger and bigger and bigger.
4565	Trouble with mum, The Cole, Babette	Egmont Childrens	2004	9781405211215	K-2	The trouble with mum is that she wears funny hats, has funny pets and makes funny cakes - she's not like other mothers at all. But, only a special mum can save the school.
13508	Trouble with uncle, The Cole, Babette	Egmont Childrens	1994	9780749710248	K-2	Uncle is a true pirate living in today's world. His sailing ship won't fit in the marina and he is unwelcome at the yacht club. An ancient treasure map sends him in search of modern day adventure.
6207	Troy Thompson's excellent poetry book Crew, Gary	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	1998	9780850918342	5-6	An excellent collection of clever poems. The dialogue between student and teacher in Troy's school exercise book is all written in poetry. Just like Mrs Kranke, Troy's teacher, this book will encourage a love of poetry.
1096795	Truck cat, The Frenkel, Deborah & Snell, Danny (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781761215766	3-4	Yacoub and his cat Tinka travel Australia in Yacoub's large transport truck. Life can be a little bit lonely but they have each other and fond memories. A life on the road means everywhere is home, as long as they have each other. An unexpected series of events separates the two friends and they must find their way back to each other somehow. The official story chosen for ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime 2025, to be celebrated all across Australia and New Zealand! This book is on the 5-6 booklist for 2025 only, and will return to the 3-4 booklist in 2026.
12326	Truck dogs: a novel in four bites Base, Graeme	Penguin	2003	9780670893331	5-6	In a far-off desert world, similar to outback Australia, evolution has taken a turn. It is inhabited by creatures covered in fur but with living steel panels beneath who gnaw on bones, sniff lamp posts and fill up on oil.

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422	Truckers Pratchett, Terry	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1991	9780552525954	7-9	Under the floorboards of the Store is a world of four-inch-tall nomes that humans never see. It is commonly known among these nomes that Arnold Bros. created the Store for them to live in, and he declared: "Everything Under One Roof." Therefore there can be no such thing as Outside. It just makes sense. That is, until the day a group of nomes arrives on a truck, claiming to be from Outside, talking about Day and Night and Snow and other crazy legends. And they soon uncover devastating news: The Store is about to be demolished. It's up to Masklin, one of the Outside nomes, to devise a daring escape plan that will forever change the nomes' vision of the world. . .
9476	Trucks, tractors and cranes Gore, Bryson	Watts Publishing Group	2003	9780749647315	3-4	The basic scientific theory behind land transport is outlined with diagrams and cutaway artwork and a working model. Key subjects include wheels and suspension, how land transport is built, steered and controlled and how engines work.
	Trudie Cooper series Eldridge-Alfonzetti, Carolyn & Weston, Julia (ill)				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.
33466	True (...sort of) Hannigan, Katherine	Greenwillow	2011	9780061968754	7-9	Suitable for mature readers. Deals with selective mutism as a result of violence which is never shown directly. Handled well. Three unique and very different children learn to appreciate one another and the abilities each possesses, which leads to them being able to deal with a frighteningly adult issue.
113973	True adventures of John Nicol, The Bruere, Julian	Black Dog Books	2006	9781876372170	3-4	The life of an English sailor and his adventures around the world with informative labelled illustrations. His voyage to Australia in the 1790s is particularly interesting.

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804756	True colour of a little white lie, The Bergmoser, Gabriel	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2021	9781460759097	7-9	After a catastrophic attempt to ask out his crush, Nelson is desperate for any chance to escape the daily humiliations of his small-town high school. And with his parents taking over a nearby ski lodge, that chance seems to have arrived. At the snow, Nelson discovers a whole new freedom in a world where nobody knows he's a loser. Now he can be whoever he wants to be... But reinvention is complicated, especially when a few white lies land Nelson in the middle of an unexpected love triangle and on a path towards certain embarrassment.
11351	True colours, young readers' edition Gilchrist, Adam	Pan MacMillan	2010	9780330426206	7-9	Adam Gilchrist is one of the greatest wicketkeepers in cricket history. He grew up in NSW, played State cricket for Perth, loved the Adelaide oval the most and finished his cricket career in India.
120059	True green kids: 100 things you can do to save the planet McKay, Kim & Bonnin, Jenny	ABC Books	2008	9780733322860	5-6	Set up a swap club with your friends, plant an edible garden, turn-off appliances, use both sides of the paper, cut-down on packaging organise or a rubbish-free day at school. True Green Kids is full of 100 fun, easy and practical things kids can do to become a green change agent at home, at school and in the community.
	True or false series Berger, Melvin & Gilda				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.
6052	True person, A Marin, Gabiann & Grantford, Jacqui	New Frontier Publishing	2007	9781921042195	3-4	Zallah and her mother escape from their war-torn country. On arrival in Australia are placed in a detention centre. Zallah struggles with the reasons she is placed in this situation.
6229	True stories of Everest adventures Dowswell, Paul	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2018	9781474948142	3-4	The Peak of Mount Everest, the highest place in the world, holds a special fascination for climbers. Over a thousand people have reached it but the frozen bodies that litter its slopes tell another tale of tragedy, misfortune and reckless ambition.

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6267	True stories of Polar adventures Dowswell, Paul	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2018	9781474948135	3-4	Guarded by frozen seas and vast fields of snow and ice, the North and South Poles are no place for humans, as the explorers who set out to unearth their secrets found out... Part of the Usborne Young Reading series, this book is ideal for newly independent readers who prefer fact to fiction. Includes links to websites to find out more.
423	True story of Lilli Stubeck, The Aldridge, James	Penguin	1989	9780140123289	9plus	The life of a Romani family living in squalor in an abandoned shack. Lilli is removed from her large family by a wealthy old woman who helps to civilise her. But, there's an ongoing battle seemingly for possession of Lilli's very soul. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
18295	True story of Mary who wanted to stand on her head, The Godwin, Jane & Drahos, Zak (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2005	9781741147162	5-6	A story in rhyme about a girl who wants to stand on her head. Mary attends a school where one of the school rules is never to stand on your head. Mary is very wilful and there is no stopping her.
424	True story of Spit MacPhee, The Aldridge, James	Penguin	1988	9780140105902	9plus	Spit, the barefoot grandson of old Fyfe, has other ideas for his future after his grandfather dies and the town wants Spit to go into an orphanage. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
4430	True story of the 3 little pigs, The Scieszka, Jon & Smith, Lane (ill)	Penguin	1991	9780140540567	3-4	This time the wolf tells the story and it is very funny.
	True to life series Latta, Jan				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.
	Truly Tan series Storer, Jen & Robertson, Claire (ill)				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.
15125	Trumpet's kittens Polizzotto, Carolyn & Spinks, Sarah & Duke, Marion (ill)	Fremantle Press	2003	9781863683319	K-2	Trumpet, the cat, goes to live with a new family when her owners move away. It soon becomes apparent that Trumpet has arrived with more than just herself.

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62610	Trust me Collins, Paul (ed)	Ford Street Publishing	2008	9781876462574	7-9	An assortment of short stories and poems from 50 Australian authors, poets and illustrators. The contents are sorted by genre so, as the mood takes you, dip into adventure, horror, romance, crime, thriller, fantasy, science fiction, humour, historical or poetry. Try something new and discover an author, poet or writing style that you may not have considered before.
18611	Truth about magic, The (School of magic 1) Luckett, Dave	Scholastic Australia	2005	9781862915404	5-6	At birth, each human child is bestowed a gift by the Faeries. Sometimes, these gifts cause their owners much inconvenience. Two children learn the value of their gifts when they are sent to the faery school of magic.
6076	Truth about Peacock Blue, The Hawke, Rosanne	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781743319949	9plus	When Aster's brother dies, everything changes. Instead of marriage, she is sent to the high school in her brother's place. Aster is excited but, as a Christian, she is unprepared for the difficulties of attending a Muslim school in Pakistan. When Aster is accused of blasphemy, she is taken to jail. A social justice lawyer defends her and Aster's cousin starts an online campaign to free her. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
13851	Truth about penguins, The McKinlay, Meg & Jackson, Mark (ill)	Walker Books	2010	9781921150487	K-2	Penguins are joining the zoo. According to the zoo animals, penguins love pizza, warm weather and ponchos. This can't be true...
3066	Truth according to Arthur, The Hopgood, Tim & Tazzyman, David (I'll)	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408864982	K-2	Arthur and The Truth are not the best of friends right now. Today, Arthur did something he shouldn't have done, especially when his mum told him not to. Arthur knows he's done wrong but telling the truth is really hard. Maybe, he can bend it, stretch it, cover it up or, even, hide it.
903358	Truth detective, the Harford, Tim & Mann, Ollie (ill)	Hachette Australia	2023	9781526364579	7-9	Did you know that a toy spaceship can teach you about why prices keep rising? Or that a pooping cow can show you how to invest your pocket money? In a world of bamboozling headlines and dodgy data, it's hard to work out what's really going on. This book will show you how to develop your own truth detective skills by using the power of numbers and your own brilliant brain, asking questions and always being curious.

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1289018	Truth of it, The Metzenthen, David	Ford Street Publishing	2025	9781922696519	5-6	This is a moving story of courage, friendship and truth set in the early days of Australia. Through vivid storytelling and authentic detail, readers see how ordinary people lived, the challenges they faced, and the way Indigenous people were treated at the time. Themes of resilience, crime and justice are woven through the narrative, with characters who must make difficult choices about right and wrong. The language reflects the period, immersing readers in the past while remaining accessible to upper primary students.
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?
17638	Tuart dwellers Ramage, Jan & Hickman, Ellen (ill)	Department of Environment and Conservation, WA	2008	9781876615307	K-2	Magical descriptions of a day in a tuart forest and the mini worlds that exist around these magnificent trees. The book reveals what happens to the insects, lizards, birdlife and animals from dawn to nightfall and during a storm, in the undisturbed bushland.
1359448	Tubowgule: A Sydney Opera House history Fogarty, Melissa-Jane & Finney, Dylan (ill)	Lothian Books	2025	9780734423351	5-6	The Sydney Opera House is an Australian icon and a building recognised all around the world, but the land on which it stands has a long history. We step back in time to when Tubowgule was a ceremonial place for the Gadi people and we follow along as the land is claimed by the colonisers and then takes on various forms and uses before it comes back around again as a place to gather and share song, dance and culture.
425	Tuck everlasting Babbit, Natalie	Bloomsbury	2002	9780747555957	5-6	Drinking the water from a special spring ensures immortality. The Tuck family has become immortal and faces a difficult situation when a girl uncovers their secret.
426	Tucker Abdulla, Ian	Scholastic Australia	1995	9781862912069	5-6	Telling the story of his childhood spent living along the Murray River, Ian Abdulla's pictures speak of fishing and hunting with his Aboriginal brothers in the 1950s.
12142	Tucking mummy in Loh, Morag	Scholastic Australia	1990	9780868966267	K-2	Roles are reversed when mummy falls asleep while reading a story and her little girls put her into bed.

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96801	Tuckshop kid, The Flynn, Pat	University of Queensland Press	2006	9780702235672	5-6	Matt has a unique ability to help kids make the most of their lunch money at the tuckshop. He's not so good at making friends though. A funny story about friendship and fast food.
10735	Tuesday Wiesner, David	Clarion Books	1991	9780395870822	3-4	On Tuesday, when the full moon is rising, the lily pads take off with frogs on board. A picture book without text.
	Tuesday McGillycuddy series Banks, Angelica				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.
660049	Tulip and Brutus Ledden, Liz & Plant, Andrew (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2019	9781925804348	K-2	Tulip and ladybugs live different lives to Brutus and the stinkbugs - they NEVER play together! When a storm merges their habitats and a new threat looms, the bugs discover they have more in common than they realised.
14376	Tumble turn MacLeod, Doug	Puffin Australia	2003	9780143300632	7-9	At an embarrassing stage of life, Dominic is burdened with a worrying mother, a father who fancies his teacher, an annoying sister and an embarrasiing friend. Dominic is practising Buddhism and resorts to emailing his estranged uncle for support.
916593	Tumbleglass Constable, Kate	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760526962	7-9	When Rowan discovers a mysterious ring in Ash's room, it transports the sisters back to party in 1999 being held in the same house, and it's their mother's birthday party! While Ash dances, Rowan unwittingly disrupts the laws of time and, when she returns to the present day, Ash is missing. With the help of their mysterious neighbour Verity, Rowan travels back through time to gather the magic needed to rescue Ash before her sister disappears forever.
4578	Tunnel, The Browne, Anthony	Walker Books	1997	9780744555295	7-9	Jack disappears down a tunnel and is turned to stone. Fairytale-loving Rose has to restore him to flesh and blood. A dark, but ultimately, liberating fantasy about sibling rivalry, stereotyping, fear and the power of love.
824	Tunnels of Tarcoola, The Walsh, Jennifer	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781742376752	5-6	A network of tunnels leading under the park, a secret exit to an abandoned mansion and a hidden box of documents. It's all very mysterious. When shadowy figures start watching Kitty, David, Andrea and Martin, they know they've stumbled onto more than a forgotten piece of history.

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1423975	Turbo turtle Dreise, Gregg	Magabala Books	2025	9781922864109	K-2	During Dreamtime a lizard hatched out of a cluster of eggs. An eagle swept down and snatched him up! That lizard wriggled so much his tail broke off. He fell, but Biamme made a safe landing for him. Biamme gave him speed and he became turbo-charged. Biamme shared the Lore with him.
427	Turbulent term of Tyke Tiler, The Kemp, Gene	Faber & Faber	2002	9780571212675	5-6	Tyke's good friend, Danny, gets into all sorts of trouble with his practical jokes.
617175	Turkish Charlie Ryan: Canakkale's Anzac hero Gillam, John & Fletcher, Yvonne & Webb, Lillian (ill)	Legends & Lessons	2018	9780646974842	5-6	When a young Australian doctor looking for adventure answered an advertisement to join the Turkish army, he didn't realise how monumental that choice would become. As Charles Ryan lands on the beaches of Gallipoli as part of the ANZAC contingent, he knows he is there to fight his former friends. It is this friendship that will initiate the legendary battlefield camaraderie between the Turkish soldiers and the ANZACs.
500	Turn in the grave, A Bowvayne, A E & Snow, Alan (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2004	9780746060278	5-6	Young Danny writes a fan email to a deceased horror writer, which enables him to put a hex on his horrid stepmother.
27734	Turners, The Elliot, Mick	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9780734416629	5-6	Leo Lennox has a very disappointing thirteenth birthday and an epic problem. Rather than catching the eye of the lovely Lily across the library or hanging out with his buddy Jinx, or even just having a quiet evening with his father and annoying, big sister, Leo has grown a very uncomfortable, quite itchy tail and gained a craving for mice. Something is not right.
29159	Turners, The: Camp freakout Elliot, Mick	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9780734416636	5-6	Thirteen year old Leo Lennox has made a massive mistake. The secret that his shape-shifter ancestors have kept hidden for thousands of years is now in danger of being discovered. Leo insisted on going to school camp but he's surrounded every minute of every day by his classmates, including his secret crush and two terrifying bullies. Leo's about to find out just how much he still has to learn about transforming. But, when he discovers a fiendish plot, Leo realises that surviving camp is going to be the least of his worries.

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774398	Turning Cartwheels Adeney, Amy & Calautti, Amy (ill)	EK Books	2021	9781925820515	K-2	Emma is desperate to join Carly's Cartwheel Club. Week after week she lines up to try out only to be told that her cartwheels are not good enough. When Emma is finally accepted she is exhausted and does not enjoy it as much as expected. Perhaps there is a better club for her. This is a heart-warming story about friendship, fitting in and finding out where you belong.
48870	Turning the page Pulman, Felicity & Cox, David (ill)	National Museum of Australia Press	2008	9781876944704	5-6	It's 1851 and eleven year old Maggie is living at Springfield, a sheep station near Goulburn. She helps her mother with the laundry and daydreams about getting away and doing something exciting. When she gets the opportunity to help in the nursery at the big house, she also gets the chance to learn to read and write, until her curiosity gets her into trouble.
31103	Turnkey, The Rushby, Allison	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925126921	5-6	Twelve year old Flossie Birdwhistle is no ordinary girl. Chosen to be the Turnkey at London's Highgate Cemetery, Flossie has the special task of looking after the souls that reside there. When she discovers the ghost of a mysterious German soldier, far from his home and carrying a strange object, Flossie uncovers a terrible secret that threatens the worlds of both the living and the dead. With the help of the other cemetery Turnkeys, Flossie must unravel the mystery In order to save London.
1019726	Turtle and the flood, The French, Jackie & Snell, Danny (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2023	9781460715550	K-2	Myrtle the turtle knows everything about the waterhole where she lives. She can also sense the giant flood that is coming, long before other animals or humans. So, when she begins her long slow climb up the mountain, what will the others do?
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?"
5981	Turtle trackers Wheeler, Samantha	University of Queensland Press	2018	9780702259951	5-6	Ten year old Isaac is always busy helping his mum run a caravan park on the Queensland coast. When he finds a sea turtle nesting on the beach he really wants to be a volunteer turtle tracker. But it is summer and will his mother find time for him to volunteer?

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12426	Turtle's song Brown, Alan & Toft, Kim (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2002	9780702232190	3-4	A journey of a Green Turtle, an endangered creature, from a hatchling beneath the sand of a coral beach to adulthood, returning to lay eggs of her own. The story is beautifully illustrated with silk paintings.
12998	Turtles all the way down Green, John	Penguin	2018	9780141346045	9plus	Living with anxiety and OCD is enough but when Daisy, her Best and Most Fearless Friend, brings her on a mission to find a fugitive billionaire things are about to get even more complicated. To find Russell Pickett, Aza must enter the world of his geeky, but maybe kind-of-cute son, Davis. But the chances of a first kiss, and maybe even a first love, could send Aza into a spiral of anxiety... A perfect coming-of-age novel filled with love, mystery and Star Wars fan-fiction. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
15617	Tutankhamun Harvey, Gill & McNee, Ian (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2006	9780746060179	7-9	Howard Carter had spent five long years in the hot, dry desert, searching for the tomb of the Ancient Egyptian boy-king, Tutankhamun. But what he found when he ventured deeper and deeper into the tomb was gold and treasure beyond his wildest dreams.
12366	Tutankhamun's tomb MacDonald, Alan	Scholastic Australia	2003	9780439982382	7-9	Two very different men share an ambition to discover a tomb that nobody else believes is there. It takes many years to locate the burial place of the boy king and many more to uncover the treasures hidden therein.

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1076914	Tweet Gleitzman, Morris	Penguin	2024	9781761343742	5-6	Clyde, a budgie who has grown up with his human family Jay, Poppa, mum & dad. Clyde's bird-brain view of humans and the world has a humorous perspective, but also covers some serious matters with an approach that is not too heavy. The world is facing some major problems and birds have a message to share. Gathering in greater and greater numbers is finally beginning to get humankind's attention. A silent protest has begun and Clyde is to be a key part of it. Will the humans listen and pay attention to the millions of birds trying to warn against about climate change and protect our planet? Maybe Jay's missing parents can help unravel the mystery? But where are they? Will Clyde and his best friend (human brother) Jay manage to get the government and world leaders to listen? Funny, emotional, birdy, lots of birds.
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 Jacks sporting career is collapsing Twelfth Knight will unite these warring teens, and Vi will be forced to decide who she wants to be and who she can trust. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
15045	Twelve dancing princesses, The Ray, Jane	Orchard Books	2002	9781841217789	3-4	A retelling of the story collected by the Grimm brothers. A soldier discovers the twelve princesses' secret and where they go dancing every night.

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3762	Twelve days of Dash & Lily, The Cohn, Rachel & Levithan, David	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760293826	9plus	Lily's family life is in turmoil. Her uncertainty regarding her developing relationship with Dash, concerns about her infirm grandfather, her brother's homosexuality and a possible move away from New York all combine, causing Lily to give up on Christmas, usually her favourite time of year. No matter how hard Dash tries their relationship seems to be disintegrating. With a crisis of confidence Lily sees only one course of action left to her. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
659254	Twelve days of kindness Brooke, Cori & Burrows, FIona (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2019	9781925594751	K-2	One little girl realises that a girl in her class is struggling to make friends. With the help of their football coach they came up with a plan. Can their school football team bring them together, and expand their friendship group?
	Twelve months in the life of kids series McCartney, Tania & Snerling, Tina (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.
120058	Twelve rounds to glory: the story of Muhammad Ali Smith, Charles R Jnr & Collier, Bryan (ill)	Candlewick Press	2007	9780763616922	9plus	The story of Muhammad Ali, formerly Cassius Clay, a legendary hero who was an American prize-winning boxer and heavyweight champion of the world. This rap version of Ali's life includes his religion, his marriages and graphic descriptions of his brutal fights with examples of his provoking and inflammatory language. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
4918	Twenty-Elephant Restaurant, The Hoban, Russell & Blake, Quentin (ill)	Walker Books	2014	9781406358209	3-4	An hilarious romp that begins with a wobbly table and ends with a bunch of dancing elephants.
3845	Twig Parker, Aura	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781760157067	K-2	Heidi is a stick insect, tall and long like a twig of a tree. It's her first day at a busy bug school, where she hopes to learn and make new friends. But finding friends isn't easy when no-one can find you.
17741	Twilight ghost, The Thiele, Colin	Running Press Kids	2006	9780762426522	5-6	Robby has moved from the city to a small town where there is a dilapidated house rumoured to have ghosts. If one of them is seen, disaster soon follows. Robby doesn't really believe until a couple of incidents shake his certainty.

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	Twilight saga series Meyer, Stephenie				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
91635	Twilight zone, The: The midnight sun Serling, Rod & Kneece, Mark (adapt) & Spay, Anthony (ill)	Bloomsbury	2009	9780747587859	7-9	Set in a New York of the not-too-distant future, the sweltering, thirsty citizens attempt to cope with the extreme heat as the end of the world approaches. A female artist and her neighbour are helpless against the elements and the armed looters. But, in the Twilight Zone, there's always a twist.
14320	Twin giants, The King-Smith, Dick & Grey, Mini (ill)	Walker Books	2008	9781406313475	3-4	Identical twin giants are born on a mountain and enjoy all the same things, except that one is a vegetarian. They race up and down mountains, roll boulders and sing off-key at the top of their lungs. At 20, they each decide it's time to seek a wife. Looking for two giantesses over seven mountains is no easy task.
6763	Twin spin Cece, Adam	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781742991856	3-4	Twins Anna and Steph might be identical, but they are polar opposites. Anna is organized and wants to be a reporter. Steph is impulsive and wants to be a rap artist. When they have to swap identities for a week, their world goes into a spin - a Twin Spin.
1019743	Twin stars Clutterbuck, Charlotte	MoshPit Publishers	2023	9781923065093	5-6	Thousands of years ago in Stone-age Scotland twin brother and sister, thrall-born, have dreams beyond the Custom of the Beaver Clan. Bhoid is a skilled hunter and Sulaire is a healer, but when Bhoid injures the Headman's son whist protecting his sister, he is forced to flee, alone and defenseless. Separated for the first time in their lives, it will take all their skill and courage to survive apart. Will the twins ever see each other again?
24814	Twinkle Bland, Nick	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781741693539	K-2	Penny is a lonely little girl who gazes out her window at night and pretends that the stars are her friends. Then, one night, a shooting star lands in her garden and together, they chase the quietness away, and fill the night with giggle and bounce.

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574247	Twinkle twinkle little star I know exactly what you are Kregenow, Julia & Saldana	Sourcebooks Inc	2018	9781492670063	3-4	Twinkle, twinkle, little star, how I wonder what you are... Up above the world so high, these little diamonds in the sky are much more than twinkling lights. In fact, they're not twinkling at all. Discover how stars are created, what they're made of, and even what makes them look like they're twinkling.
587528	Twinkle, twinkle, little bat Griffiths, Andy & Watts, Frances & Gleitzman, Morris & Rossell, Judith & Harris, Tim et al	Pan MacMillan	2018	9781760557263	3-4	An anthology of beastly bedtime short stories from some of Australia's most loved children's authors including Morris Gleitzman and Andy Griffiths. Filled with terrific twists, some on traditional tales, from sleepovers of doom to pirate dance parties - these stories are sure to have kids shaking in their bed... with laughter. Bursting with humour and full of spooky illustrations from Anne Yi, illustrator of the best-selling Alice Miranda and Clementine Rose series, Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Bat is the perfect solution for bedtime blues.
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?
1337722	Twinning: Friendship fallout Moses, Alexa & Karmazina, Sofya (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761640148	3-4	Grace and Izzy are twins-identical twins -- and they're closer than BFFs. But even though they look alike, they're not similar at all! When twins Izzy and Grace are assigned a group project, they're delighted. Hooray! But trouble strikes when their gang can't agree on an idea. Meanwhile, Grace's dad has bought her the most embarrassing school shoes! Can the twins make up with their friends before they fail the project, or is this a fatal friendship fallout? And will Grace ever gather the courage to tell Dad the truth about those shoes?

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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?
1185	Twins of Tintarfell, The O'Loghlin, James	Pan MacMillan	2016	9781743548097	5-6	Life's hard when you're an orphan stuck working in a castle all day. And, it doesn't get any easier for twins Dani and Bart when they end up separated, beyond the castle walls. They meet untold dangers and an assortment of bizarre characters, including a retired witch, a cowardly prince, an evil magician and a sarcastic giant. They not only have to save each other but Tintarfell itself.
	Twisted tales series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
2275	Twister Ryan, Chris	Doubleday	2008	9780385612982	5-6	After an uneventful holiday in the Cayman Islands, young Ben is advised to avoid an approaching hurricane. Managing to survive a skyjacked plane, a resulting crash landing and a kidnapping, Ben must rescue his friend from a precipice with one good arm because the other one has been broken. But, Ben will have to do this without exploding a detonator and before the hurricane hits.

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838755	Twitch Leonard, M G	Walker Books	2021	9781406389371	5-6	Twitch has made it through the end of another school year with all its challenges and is looking forward to a summer vacation spent bird watching in his well built and well hidden hide. This peace is quickly challenged by the likelihood an escaped robber is hiding in the bush where Twitch does his bird watching. Even worse, this robber may have hidden the stolen money there, so Twitch, and the birds, have to endure treasure hunters, bullies, mysterious strangers, and maybe the robber himself.
4591	Twits, The Dahl, Roald	Puffin UK	2001	9780141311388	3-4	Mr and Mrs Twit play some horrible tricks on each other. They never wash, they trap birds for Bird Pie and they hate children. Find out what brilliant trick the Roly-Poly Bird and the Muggle-Wump monkeys think up for them.
6771	Two bad teddies Niland, Kilmeny	Little Hare Books	2009	9781921541056	K-2	Tilly Ted and Gruffy Ted love Millie-Sue, and she loves them. But, when a new toy, Bendy Bill, turns up, the two Teds are jealous. There's trouble in the toy box.
4829	Two birds on a wire Vass, Coral & Cooper Smith, Heidi (ill)	Koala Books	2015	9781742761619	K-2	In this rhyming story, Little Bird Blue and Little Bird Black refuse to share. Each bird wants to sit on the wire alone.
428	Two bullies, The Morimoto, Junko	Scholastic Australia	1991	9780868966434	5-6	Two strong men try to out bluff each other, and each becomes a winner. This has been translated from an original Japanese story.
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.

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916557	Two Can Play That Game Yong, Leanne	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761063374	7-9	Sam Khoo has one goal in life: create cool indie games. She's willing to do anything to make her dream come true - even throw away a scholarship to university. All she needs is a super-rare ticket to a game design workshop and she can kickstart her career. So when Jay Chua, aka Jerky McJerkface, sneakily grabs the last ticket, it's war. Knowing how their Australian-Malaysian community works, Sam issues him an ultimatum: put the ticket on the line in a 1v1 competition of classic video games, or she'll broadcast his duplicity to everyone. Thank you, Asian Gossip Network. Meeting in neutral locations, away from the eyes and ears of nosy aunties and uncles, Sam and Jay connect despite themselves. It's a puzzle that Sam's not sure she wants to solve. But when her dream is under threat, will she discover that there is more than one way to win?
1334035	Two cranky bears Bland, Nick	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761640131	K-2	Two bears, one hill. Everything was fine until they reached the top and that's when fine turned quickly into... 'Mine!' Can these cranky bears learn to share?
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 causses. 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.
12448	Two frogs Wormell, Chris	Jonathan Cape	2003	9780224064743	K-2	Two frogs are sitting on a lily pad and one of them has a stick. The stick, he says, is to beat off the dog. But there is no dog. Yet. So begin the trials of this hapless pair whose adventures build to a brilliant conclusion.
4595	Two gorillas, The Dubosarsky, Ursula & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Puffin Australia	2000	9780141307961	3-4	Becky has two toy gorillas that are very scary, until they have their first bath.
429	Two hands together Kidd, Diana	Penguin	2000	9780141307480	5-6	Cultural and racist issues are explored in this story about a girl who befriends an Aboriginal family, who live next door.
12839	Two left feet Apeitos, Stacey & Kundrus, Ulrike (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	1995	9780207186479	K-2	Barclay McClay has two left feet. Buying shoes is very difficult and nobody wants to dance with him. Barclay is very lonely until he learns to tap dance and meets someone who understands his problem.
1069	Two little bugs Sommerset, Mark & Sommerset, Rowan (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2013	9780732296599	K-2	Two very different bugs become aware that each has made their home on the same leaf, one on the top and one underneath. The red bug wants to eat his way right through the leaf they live on.
15003	Two little trains Brown, Margaret Wise & Dillon, Leo & Diane	HarperCollins Australia	2001	9780064435680	K-2	The trains are travelling west. One is old and not moving very fast and one is new, shiny, streamlined and moving very fast. Both will travel through long dark tunnels, through snow and dust.
5585	Two monsters McKee, David	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842708316	3-4	Two monsters live on either side of a mountain. Sometimes, they talk through the hole in the mountain but they never see each other. One evening, they get into a silly argument about whether day is departing or night is arriving, and this escalates into a rock throwing fight, which eventually destroys the mountain. The monsters finally get to see each other, with surprising results.

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1466	Two nests Anholt, Laurence & Coplestone, Jim (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2013	9781847803238	K-2	Betty and Paul are birds who build a nest together. Betty lays an egg and out pops Baby Bird. Everyone is happy, but the nest is small, Betty and Paul squabble, and they decide that Paul should live in a different nest across the other side of the tree. Now there are two nests in the cherry tree. Betty and Paul both love Baby Bird, and soon he is able to fly over the cherry tree, visiting his two nests.
15375	Two peas in a pad Wide, Steve & Mackintosh, Michelle (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734405180	5-6	Two peas have the grooviest pad in town and hold the best parties. A funny book, jam-packed with tasty characters.
8213	Two peas in a pod McKimmie, Chris	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9781742373041	K-2	Marvin and Violet have been friends since they were babies. They are like two peas in a pod. But, then, Violet moves away. With a unique Australian flavour, this story of friendship is both tender and truthful.
1019903	Two rabbits Ferenchuk, Lisa & Pittock, Prue (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2024	9781922539656	K-2	What happens when best friends fight? What happens when you hurt someone by saying unkind words? And what is the best way to fix things? Little Grey rabbit and Little Brown Rabbit are about to find out in this touching story of friendship and forgiveness.
17923	Two rainbows Masson, Sophie & McMahon, Michael (ill)	Little Hare Books	2017	9781760127794	K-2	All the colours of the rainbow are explored against the striking backdrop of two different worlds.
995984	Two sides to every story Feiner, Beck & Feiner, Robin	ABC Books	2023	9780733341618	K-2	Cats or dogs? Living in the city or the country? Going to the pool or the beach? Life presents lots of questions and lots of choices. For Oscar, there's no question or choice he won't twist, tumble, turn inside out and explore every which way. This book invites you to be a mental gymnast and look at both sides of the story!

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1013554	Two sparrowhawks in a lonely sky Lim, Rebecca	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180224	7-9	What if you were forced to set sail for a country that didn't want you, to meet a father you couldn't remember? Thirteen-year-old Fu, his younger sister, Pei, and their mother live in a small rural community in Southern China that is already enduring harsh conditions when it is collectivised as part of Mao Zedong's Great Leap Forward campaign that ultimately led to economic disaster, widespread famine and millions of deaths. After tragedy strikes, and threatened with separation, Fu and Pei set out on a perilous journey across countries and oceans to find their father, who left for Australia almost a decade ago. With nothing to guide them but a photograph and some documents in a language they cannot read, they must draw on all their courage and tenacity just to survive - and perhaps forge a better life for themselves.
12310	Two summers Heffernan, John & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2003	9781865045962	3-4	Rick is coming to visit again. But he worries whether he will recognise the farm or have as much fun as last time. It's the same friend and the same farm with a totally different landscape.
876	Two tales of Brothers from Ancient Mesopotamia Heffernan, John & Durack, Kate (ill)	Christmas Press	2016	9780994234049	5-6	The ancient civilisations of Mesopotamia, located in what is now Iraq, Syria and Kuwait, produced the heroic saga, the Epic of Gilgamesh. Two tales tell of the mighty king Gilgamesh, two parts god, one part human, who rules Uruk. But, when his human side becomes cruel, his subjects beseech the gods for help. A wild man, Enkidu, is created to foil the king's meanness. In the second tale, Gilgamesh and Enkidu join forces to slay the ferocious Humbaba, part man, part bull, part monster, who terrorises the countryside.
18212	Two tough teddies Niland, Kilmeny	Little Hare Books	2007	9781921272059	K-2	Tilly and Gruffy Ted have been put in an old box and dumped in the park. They have to toughen up to face the world but all they really want is to find someone to love them.

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1187079	Two turtles Thomas, Kiah & Minton, Jake A (ill)	Little Book Press	2024	9780645401493	3-4	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. 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?
12388	Two wallabies, The Jakamarra, Henry Cook (Aboriginal storyteller) & Nicolls, Christine (ed.)	Working Title Press	2002	9781876288266	K-2	A Dreaming narrative from the Aboriginal people of Australia's far north. After a flood carries away his first friend, the wallaby finds another companion. They criss-cross the country bringing many places and plants into being.
7049	Two ways strong: Jaz's story The Deadly Mob & Scobie, Claire & Ellis, Kristine	Indigenous Literacy Foundation	2017	9780648260417	5-6	Going to boarding school can be a difficult transition for many students, but for Indigenous students from remote communities, it can be quite a culture shock. In Two Ways Strong, Indigenous students from Concordia Lutheran College have combined to tell their experience in a story about Jaz a young girl from Palm Island who goes to boarding school at the age of fourteen. Jaz has many challenges to face, not least having to speak English and make herself understood. Her fellow Indigenous students help to ease the way for her but ultimately it's up to Jaz to make the most of what boarding school has to offer. As she becomes accustomed to school life, has fun with her friends and has academic success, Jaz realises just how much she has gained and grown in the time she is been at school. She's no longer just one way strong like she was on Palm Island, she's now two ways strong and ready to take on the world.
9343	Two weeks in grade six Pershall, Anna & Mary K	Penguin	2003	9780143300205	5-6	It is the third term in grade six and Kaitlin's teacher has switched table groups around. Now, Kaitlin's on a table with stuck-up Ashleigh and all the losers.
430	Two weeks with the queen Gleitzman, Morris	Pan MacMillan	1990	9780330271837	5-6	Colin is trying to find the best cancer doctor in the world to treat his younger brother.
9215	Two weeks with the queen: the play Morris, Mary	Currency Press	2004	9780868194011	7-9	A script which is as funny as the book, covering the same issues of death, cancer, AIDS and love.

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8724	Two wolves Bancks, Tristan	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2014	9780857982032	5-6	A knock at the door changes Ben Silver's life forever. Two police officers are looking for his parents. When Ben's parents arrive home, they bundle him and his little sister into the car, claiming they're going on a holiday. Ben begins to realise his parents are in trouble. He has always dreamt of becoming a detective and now he gathers evidence to try to uncover what his parents have done. Ben will have to make a terrible choice.
14142	Two-by-two band, The Flavell, David & Bartlett, Alison (ill)	Oxford University Press	2009	9780192727541	K-2	Noah's Ark has been afloat for too long and the animals are looking hungrily at one another. Noah forms a band which sounds dreadful and Mrs Noah believes that he needs a baton to conduct. The dove arrives with an olive branch which Noah uses as a baton with great effect. But, an olive branch also means something else which just might save them.
75788	Two-hearted numbat, The Kwaymullina, Ezekiel & Kwaymullina, Ambelin	Fremantle Press	2008	9781921361234	3-4	Numbat has two hearts, one of stone and one of feather. His stone heart makes him strong and powerful while his feather heart makes him soft and gentle. When having more than one heart becomes troublesome, Numbat must choose which one to keep.
431	Twopence to cross the Mersey Forrester, Helen	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1989	9780006361688	9plus	A young girl tells the story of her family during the Great Depression in Northern England. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
855838	Tyenna: Through my eyes Hunt, Julie & Whitebeach, Terry	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760877019	5-6	When Tye arrives at her grandparent's place in beautiful Tasmania, it's not the school holidays she expects when threat of major bushfires begin to threaten the local area. Then when she discovers Bailey, a young runaway boy who is hiding in the bush from his foster family, she is torn between keeping his secret or telling her family to make sure he is safe. As fires start to make their way towards them and evacuations are called, Tye is swept up in the chaos and finds herself in real danger. Will they survive?
5812	Tyger Tyger Stanley, Elizabeth	University of Western Australia Press	2007	9781920694845	5-6	The tigers living in the jungle are threatened by poachers. The monks take many of them in and become their devoted keepers, but how can they protect the tigers still in the jungle.
45485	Tyrannosaurus Drip Donaldson, Julia & Roberts, David (ill)	MacMillan	2019	9781509892433	K-2	Who ever heard of a vegetarian T-rex? This little dinosaur is in the wrong nest. He may look small and weedy, but don't be fooled by his size - Tyrannosaurus Drip is brave, and very clever!

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	Ubby's Underdogs series McKenna, Brenton E				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.
6440	Ubiquitous: celebrating nature's survivors Sidman, Joyce & Prange, Beckie (ill)	Houghton Mifflin	2010	9780618717194	5-6	The book's title, Ubiquitous, means something that is, or seems to be, everywhere at the same time. Through beautifully illustrated poems, this book investigates the natural world, from the single-celled bacteria and diatom to the ever-present ant and dandelion, and describes how these very special life-forms avoided extinction to become nature's survivors.
6408	UFO diary Kitamura, Satoshi	Andersen Press Ltd	2007	9781842705919	3-4	A UFO is lost in space until it spots a strange, blue planet. Zooming in for a closer look, the UFO discovers a curious creature watching it. They quickly become friends for one unforgettable afternoon.
	UFO series Hackett, Dave				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.
24881	Ugh, eggs Arnold, Sarah	Child's Play International Ltd	2010	9781846433429	K-2	Pip is hungry and really looking forward to breakfast. But Dad has cooked eggs and Pip hates eggs. He goes to see Aunt Nellie, whose sandwiches look delicious. That is, until he looks inside and finds more egg. After spending the day avoiding eggs of all shapes and sizes, Pip has a pleasant surprise when he follows his nose.
	Uglies series Westerfeld, Scott				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you 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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9717	Ugliest dog in the world, The Whatley, Bruce	HarperCollins Australia	1992	9780207174278	K-2	Everyone thinks the Ugliest Dog in the World is ugly in different ways. Mum thinks she's ugly in a cute sort of way, the lady next door thinks she's pretty, but you haven't seen the lady next door. Her owner, of course, thinks that she's beautiful.
102990	Ugly fish Lareau, Kara & Magoon, Scott (ill)	Harcourt Children's Books	2006	9780152050825	3-4	Ugly fish doesn't like to share, so much so, he makes certain he doesn't have anyone to share with. However, this comes at a cost including loneliness and more.
20187	Ugly five, The Donaldson, Julia & Scheffler, Axel (ill)	Scholastic UK	2017	9781407174198	3-4	We're the ugly five, we're the ugly five. Everyone flees when they see us arrive. Meet Wildebeest and Warthog, Spotted Hyena, Lappet-faced Vulture and Marabou Stork. People call them the Ugly Five...but are they really?
580830	Ugly: my memoir Hoge, Robert	Hachette Children's Books	2015	9780733633942	9plus	Robert Hoge was born with a giant tumor on his forehead, severly distorted facial features, and legs that were twisted and useless. His mother was so horrified she initially refused to look at her son, let alone bring him home. But home he went, to a life that was, against all odds, filled with joy, optimism, and general boyhood naughtiness. Ugly is Robert's account of his life, from his birth to the arrival of his own daughter. It's a story of an extraordinary person living an ordinary life, which given the incredible hardships he had to overcome, is possibly his greatest achievement of all. Usually read by students in year 9, 10 and above.
7618	Ugly: young reader's edition Hoge, Robert	Hachette Children's Books	2015	9780733634338	5-6	Australian Robert Hoge was born with a large tumour in the middle of his face and legs that weren't much use. Dedicated doctors removed the tumour from his face, operated on his legs then stitched him back together. But, Robert still looked different. Told with humour and candour, this is the true story of how Robert, through sheer grit and determination, grew up to have an ordinary life. That became his greatest achievement.
751087	Ultimate animal alphabet book, The Crossins, Jennifer	Hachette Australia	2020	9780734420091	K-2	From the Adelie penguin to the zigzag heron. This A-Z book covers over 400 animal species and all kinds of interesting facts. Discover why the American flamingo is pink, what a baby echidna is called and whether the dusky leaf monkey really has four stomachs. If you are interested in learning about animals this is a good book for you.

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613986	Ultimate animal counting book, The Cossins, Jennifer	Lothian Books	2019	9780734418852	K-2	Can you count one blue whale? Probably. How about 16 lions? Or 44 penguins? Or 100 fairy flies? Join us on an expedition through the animal kingdom, counting one to 100 and collecting fascinating animal facts along the way. Discover the colour of a zebra's skin under its stripes, how a tapir uses its nose as a snorkel when it swims, and that cranes are famous for their dancing!
1356339	Ultimate rugby superstars Oldfield, Matt & Alphonsi, Maggie & Leydon, Dan (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529525045	5-6	From fantastic fly-halves to wizard wingers, it's time to meet the greatest superstars in rugby union. Be inspired by the incredible stories from your favourite heroes, including: Jonny Wilkinson, the fearless fly-half; Siya Kolisi, the inspirational captain; Ellie Kildunne, the rising star of England Rugby; Brian O'Driscoll, the legendary Ireland superstar; Ilona Maher, the winger with the dancing feet. Packed with expert insight from World Cup winner and rugby pundit Maggie Alphonsi.
1280484	Ultra Violet: Down to business Burne, Cristy & Challenger, Rebel (ill)	Larrikin House	2024	9781922804730	3-4	Violet is a science genius. Izzy believes in aliens. Leonardo da Pinch is a talking crab. Together, they are on a mission to save their school, only, today is the sort of day when ANYTHING could happen (including an outer space invasion and explosions!) Its time to get Down to business with some wacky science in a graphic novel that will leave you sitting on the edge of your (toilet) seat!
1414375	Ultra Violet: Escape from Uranus Burne, Cristy & Challenger, Rebel (ill)	Larrikin House	2025	9781923345010	3-4	What is LEAKING from Uranus? How hard is it to HIJACK a UFO? Uncover the truth in this madcap STEM-MEETS-ADVENTURE graphic novel, a blend of laugh-out-loud chaos and real science!
1019696	Ultrawild: An audacious plan to rewild every city on Earth Mushin, Steve	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760292812	7-9	Join maverick inventor Steve Mushin as he tackles climate change with an avalanche of mind-bending, scientifically plausible inventions to rewild cities and save the planet. Jump into his brain as he designs habitat-printing robot birds and water-filtering sewer submarines, calculates how far compost cannons can blast seed bombs (over a kilometer), brainstorms bio-materials with scientists and engineers, studies ecosystems, and develops a deadly serious plan for future cities. A tour-de-force of extreme problem solving for anyone who loves big ideas.

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18415	Ulysses Moore: the door to time Piemme, Edizioni	Scholastic US	2006	9780439774383	5-6	A mysterious old mansion, a strange locked door with four keyholes and three adventurous, courageous and curious kids determined to solve the mystery of Ulysses Moore, who once owned that house.
1424060	Unbearable Apel, Kathryn & Wylie, Beau	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761528842	K-2	This is the story of three grumpy bears, who couldn't see anyone's viewpoint, but theirs. Until, with a bowl ... and a bed ... and a stool, a little girl taught them the Golden Grr-rule!
10199	Uncle David Gleeson, Libby & Greder, Armin (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2000	9780868969336	K-2	Ned, the smallest person in his childcare group, declares that his Uncle David is a giant. The problem is all the parents want to meet Ned's uncle.
16662	Uncle Shawn and Bill and the almost entirely unplanned adventure Kennedy, A. L & Correll, Gemma (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781406360493	3-4	Badger Bill has been kidnapped by two nasty sisters. Four sad llamas need rescuing from the McGloone farmers before being turned into llama pies. Along comes Uncle Shawn to the rescue.
31117	Uncle Shawn and Bill and the pajimminy-crimminy unusual adventure Kennedy, A. L & Correll, Gemma (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781406360509	3-4	Uncle Shawn loved to rescue people but this time he has been arrested by an evil doctor for being Unusual. Badger Bill with the help of the llamas sets off to save him from being cured of his unusualness. He has never rescued anyone before. Can their silly plan work?
4062	Uncle Trev and his whistling bull Lasenby, Jack	Gecko Press	2012	9781877467158	5-6	In New Zealand in the 1930s, a sickly schoolboy is in bed, trying to get over a long sickness. When his Uncle Trev arrives to let Mum go out and do the shopping. he tells one tall story after another, about the animals out on his farm, and his neighbour, Gotta Henry. But, when Mum returns, she chases Uncle Trev and his dog with her broom and threatens what she'll do to 'that man' next time he comes in.

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1004215	Uncle Xbox Thomas, Jared	Magabala Books	2023	9781922613363	3-4	Dusty spends a lit 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. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Jared Thomas read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/3-4-book-list#uncle-xbox-jared-thomas
433	Uncovered Jennings, Paul	Penguin	1995	9780141301778	5-6	A group of nine appealing science fiction fantasy stories.
1304847	Undead fox of Deadwood Forest, The Hartman, Aubrey	Walker Books	2025	9781761601453	5-6	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. 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.

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1424049	Under a fire-red sky McCaughrean, Geraldine	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2025	9781836040774	7-9	With World War II looming, four young people sit on a train waiting to be evacuated to a safer place - but they don't want to go. They climb out of the carriage window and head back to Greenwich, forming an unlikely friendship. They spend their days trying to be useful. Laurence is building a secret machine. Gemmy searches bombed-out homes for things of value - only to find an adorable mutt she can't even give away. Franklin wants to join the Fire Service, although it means lying about his age. Olive looks after her father, who is broken by the deaths of his fellow firefighters. And together, the four roam the streets of London, discovering their resilience amongst the secrets of the city. But as the Blitz unleashes a barrage of bombs on London, turning the sky ragged with flame, can the friends keep each other safe and survive?
31121	Under my bed Dickson, John & Guridi (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2018	9780994384133	3-4	When confronted by our fears sometimes it's much more fun to just join in.
6220	Under the bodhi tree: A story of the Buddha Hopkinson, Deborah & Whitman, Kailey (ill)	Sounds True	2018	9781683643654	3-4	Lyrical text and luminous illustrations tell the story of Prince Siddhartha - from his time as a boy in the palace, to journeying in the world where he sees pain and suffering, to his meditation and enlightenment.
660693	Under the broken sky Nagai, Mariko	Pan MacMillan	2019	9781250159212	7-9	This verse novel tells the beautiful and tragic story of the lives of Japanese settlers in Manchuria during World War II through the eyes of twelve-year-old Natsu. After her father is conscripted into the Japanese army, Natsu and her little sister, Asa, are left orphaned and destitute, and her whole village is forced to flee the Soviet Army. Living in a constant state of fear and hunger, Natsu and Asa are left adrift in a hostile and unforgiving world, with nothing but their tenacious will to survive.
434	Under the cat's eye Rubinstein, Gillian	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1997	9780733605543	5-6	A story of mystery and suspense, centred around Jai, who is at a strange boarding school headed by the monstrous Mr Drake.
435	Under the hawthorne tree Conlon-McKenna, Marita	O'Brien Press	2001	9780862782061	7-9	Ireland in the 1840s is devastated by famine. Three children are left to fend for themselves when tragedy strikes their family. They must find their great aunts.
25821	Under the love umbrella Bell, Davina and Colpoys, Allison (ill)	Scribe Publications	2017	9781925321265	3-4	Whatever you fear, come close my dear. You're tucked in safe for always here. And I will never not be near. Because of our love umbrella.

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660672	Under the milky way Lessac, Frane	Candlewick Press	2019	9781536200959	3-4	Go on a tour of some of the most beautiful, fun, quiet and raucous places in North America to see what people are doing. Learn a little about how people live on the other side of the world under the Milky Way.
1019818	Under the red shawl Conley, Vikki & Heiduczek, Martina (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2023	9781922326829	3-4	Story of Salim and his Mama as they journey to a new place, make new friendships and their hope of making a new story.
659253	Under the same sky Vescio, Robert & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2019	9781925594676	K-2	Two children on opposite sides of the world crave friendship. Is it possible to be friends across the miles?
13692	Under the sea Milbourne, Anna and Shimmen, Cathy (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2011	9781409539087	K-2	Have you ever wondered what's under the sea? Dive beneath the waves and discover bustling fish, a singing whale and twinkling creatures of the deep.
6064	Under the Southern Cross Lessac, Frane	Walker Books	2018	9781925381016	3-4	Night-time in Australia, animals are waking, people are exploring, discoveries are being made - under the Southern Cross.
28907	Undercurrent, The Weston, Paula	Text Publishing Co	2017	9781925498233	9plus	Eighteen-year-old Julianne De Marchi is different. As in - she has an electrical undercurrent beneath her skin that stings and surges like a live wire. She can use it-to spark a fire, maybe even end a life - but she doesn't understand what it is. And she can barely control it, especially when she's anxious. Ryan Walsh was on track for a stellar football career when his knee blew out. Now he's a soldier - part of an experimental privatised military unit that has identified Jules De Marchi as a threat. Is it because of the weird undercurrent she's tried so hard to hide? Or because of her mother Angie's history as an activist against bio-engineering and big business? It's no coincidence that Ryan and Jules are in the same place at the same time - he's under orders to follow her, after all. But then an explosive attack on a city building by an unknown enemy throws them together in the most violent and unexpected way. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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825615	Underground: Marsupial outlaws and other rebels of Australia's war in Vietnam Burton, Miranda	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760631475	9plus	It's 1965, and an old Tattersalls barrel starts rolling marbles to randomly conscript young Australian men to fight in the war in Vietnam. Melbourne housewife Jean McLean is outraged, as are her artist friends Clif and Marlene Pugh, who live in the country with their wombat, Hooper. Determined to wreck the system, Jean forms the Save Our Sons movement's Victorian branch, and she and her supporters take to the streets to protest. Meanwhile, in the small country town of Katunga, Bill Cantwell joins the Australian Army, and in Saigon, young Mai Ho is writing letters to South Vietnamese soldiers from her school desk. And when Hooper's call-up papers arrive, he mysteriously goes underground... Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
4628	Underneath a cow Martin, Carol Ann & Wood, Ben (ill)	Omnibus Books	2015	9781742990880	K-2	Madge the cow welcomes the storm that is heading towards her farm. Some of the animals, however, are scared and when they find themselves caught out in the rain, far away from their homes, Madge is only too happy to offer them shelter.
437	Underrunners Mahy, Margaret	Viking UK	1992	9780670841790	7-9	Kidnapping and suspense highlight this story of two children who have to rely on courage and resourcefulness to escape from a bleak house.
4070	Understudy's revenge, The Masson, Sophie	Scholastic Australia	2011	9781741698138	7-9	Millie Osborne is an errand girl for King's company, the famous troupe of actors who, beset by misfortune, have decided to put on a spectacular performance of Hamlet to announce their comeback. When mysterious Oliver Parry arrives to audition for Hamlet, Millie is intrigued and wonders why he is so secretive. She investigates and Millie uncovers secret identities, betrayal, lies, revenge and, perhaps, even murder.
25062	Underwater fancy dress parade, The Bell, Davina & Colpoys, Allison (ill)	Scribe Publications	2015	9781925106206	K-2	Sometimes, it's hard to be brave. Sometimes, you get that feeling. You're just not ready. Until, one day, you are.

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587814	Undying Kaufman, Amie & Spooner, Meagan	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760292164	9plus	Mia and Jules are desperate to warn their home planet about the impending invasion from the Undying. They escape the Undying's ancient spacecraft, crash land back on Earth managing to avoid being killed, only to find that no one will believe them about the alien threat in orbit. When they realise that no one is going to take them seriously, they must take things into their own hands. All they need to do is escape the powerful International Alliance, avoid being killed by aliens, prevent a horrific plague, while racing across Europe to save the people they love...no pressure. Mature themes, Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 and above.
8935	Unearthed Kaufman, Amie & Spooner, Meagan	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760292157	9plus	When Earth intercepts a message from a long-extinct alien race, it seems like the solution the planet has been waiting for. For Jules Addison the discovery of an alien culture offers unprecedented opportunity for study... as long as scavengers like Amelia Radcliffe don't loot everything first. Mia and Jules' different reasons for smuggling themselves onto Gaia put them immediately at odds, but after escaping a dangerous confrontation with other scavvers, they form a fragile alliance. In order to penetrate the Undying temple and reach the tech and information hidden within, the two must decode the ancient race's secrets and survive their traps. But the more they learn about the Undying, the more their presence in the temple seems to be part of a grand design that could spell the end of the human race...Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
22609	Unexpected crocodile, The Kane, Kim & Acton, Sara (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781742378077	K-2	Peggy's family is hosting a barbecue for their neighbours, the Dawsons. Peggy isn't too sure about those Dawson boys. But she is delighted when an unexpected crocodile invites himself to tea, with unexpected consequences.

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1082880	Unexpected mess of it all, The Tozer, Gabrielle	HarperCollins Australia	2024	9781460761441	9plus	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. 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 ... Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
846242	Unexpected tale of Bastien Bon Livre, The Povey, Clare	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2021	9781474986489	7-9	Bastien Bonlivre is a boy with a big imagination, determined to finish the story his parents started. Olivier Odieux and his villainous brothers are masterminding their greatest plot yet. What connects these two stories is a dangerous secret, a hidden mystery and an unexpected race across Paris for the truth. Can Bastien and his friends, Alice, Theo and Sami, be brave enough to stop Olivier stealing the ending they deserve?
903321	Unexpected tale of the bad brothers, the Povey, Clare	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2022	9781474986502	5-6	Bastien Bonlivre is in trouble again. His sworn enemy, Olivier Odieux, has escaped jail and is out for revenge. Meanwhile, fires are burning in Paris and the people are uncertain. Bastien and his friends, Theo and Alice, set off on a daring adventure to find answers.
795	Unfinished angel, The Creech, Sharon	HarperCollins Australia	2009	9780143203759	5-6	In the ancient, stone tower of the Casa Rosa, life for one angel has been the same for as long as s/he can remember. Until Zola arrives. For neighbours who have been long-time enemies, children who have been lost and villagers who have been sleepily living their lives, beware. Zola and the angel are about to collide.
4798	Unforgettable what's his name, The Jennings, Paul & Smith, Craig (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760290856	5-6	Even before all this happened, I had never been like the other kids. I tried not to be seen. If I climbed a tree or hid among the bins, no one could find me. Then, one weekend, I got what I wanted. First, I blended in with things. But, on the second day, I changed. I mean, really changed.
5430	Unforgotten Riddle, Tohby	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2012	9781742379722	5-6	Nobody knows where they come from. But they come. Impossible birds of the big sky and the long night.

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9167	Unforgotten coat, The Boyce, Frank Cottrell	Walker Books	2011	9781406333855	5-6	Two refugee brothers from Mongolia are determined to fit in with their Liverpool schoolmates. They bring so much of Mongolia to Bootle that their new friend and guide, Julie, is hard-pressed to know truth from fantasy, as she recollects a wonderful friendship that was abruptly ended when Chingis and Nergui were forced to return to Mongolia.
5246	Unfortunately Durant, Alan & Rickerty, Simon (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2010	9781408309896	K-2	When you are walking through the jungle, almost anything can happen. Unfortunately, sometimes it's bad, but fortunately sometimes it's good.
846280	Unfunny bunny, The Beck, Adrien & Hart, James (ill)	Puffin Australia	2022	9781761043093	3-4	'Twas was the night before Easter when I spotted the bunny! So I offered to help make the egg hunt more funny! Can some hare-larity save a washed-out Easter weekend? When the rain keeps her family stuck indoors, a girl decides everyone needs a bit of a laugh. So when she catches the Easter Bunny sneaking into the beach house, she can hardly contain her excitement: she'll make her family's egg hunt EGGS-tra funny! But does her prankish egg-planting go too far? Full of Easter puns and pranks, sniggers and smiles, this beautifully illustrated picture book celebrates family and fun: it's sure to be read year after year!

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1211218	Unhallowed Halls Wilkinson, Lili	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781760631673	9plus	Page Whittaker has always been an outcast. She's too smart, too quiet, too weird. And after the deadly incident that destroyed her only friendship at her old school, she needs a fresh start. Agathion College is everything Page has ever wanted: a safe haven of wood-panelled halls and dusty books, on a remote Scottish moor. And for the first time in her life, she has a close group of friends. Cyrus, Ren, Gideon, Lacey and Oak help her feel at home at Agathion; the only problem is, they're all keeping secrets from her. Page doesn't know it yet, but her perfect new school has a crooked foundation, rooted in an ancient clandestine society with rumoured ties to demonic magic. Soon, Page will learn that not everyone at Agathion is who they say they are. Least of all, her friends. Agathion claims to teach its students history... but some histories are better left buried. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Lili Wilkinson read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/9plus-book-list#unhallowed-halls-lili-wilkinson
1313451	Unhappy camper LaMotte, Lily * Xu, Ann (ill)	HarperCollins US	2024	9780062973894	3-4	Unhappy Camper is a heartfelt graphic novel that follows middle-grade student Claire as she's sent to a Taiwanese American summer camp with her older sister Michelle. While Michelle fits right in, Claire struggles with feeling out of place, not just at camp, but within her own family and cultural identity. As the sisters navigate camp life, traditions, and challenges, they begin to reconnect and understand each other in new ways. This beautifully illustrated story explores themes of belonging, sibling relationships, and self-discovery.
63286	Unhappy goldfish, The Dallimore, Paul	Omnibus Books	2007	9781862916845	3-4	There is jealousy between a goldfish and the family's new dog. The goldfish goes through a some traumatic experiences before an unlikely friendship occurs.

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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?
21224	Unicorn quest, The Benko, Kamilla	Bloomsbury	2018	9781408878316	5-6	Claire Martinson still worries about her older sister Sophie, who battled a mysterious illness last year. But things are back to normal as they move into Windermere Manor. Everything changes when the sisters climb a strange ladder in a fireplace and enter the magical land of Arden. There, they find a world in turmoil. The four guilds of magic no longer trust each other, the beloved unicorns have disappeared, and terrible wraiths roam freely. Scared, the girls return home. But when Sophie vanishes in the night, it will take all of Claire's courage to climb back up the ladder, find her sister, and uncover the unicorns' greatest secret.
29506	Unicorn quest, The: Secret in the stone Benko, Kamilla	Bloomsbury	2019	9781408898512	5-6	Claire and her sister are the lost princesses of Arden. They have released the last unicorn from its stone prison hoping it could save the waning magic of the kingdom. But the unicorn has vanished and it is being pursued by enemies. The sisters face challenges if they want to help the unicorn rise again. Claire will have to find the courage to master her new magical powers. Sophie must face dangerous truths about the people she thought were her friends and about herself.
833137	Unicorn! Hutchings, Maggie & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	Affirm Press	2018	9781925712506	K-2	Luka is unwell and her best friend wants to make her better. When Luka says she wants a unicorn, her friend goes to extreme lengths to make her wish come true. But Luka is no fool, so the goal to find a unicorn is a lot trickier than first anticipated.
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?

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1424079	Unicornia: The frozen palace Punset, Ana & Vicedo, Diana (ill)	Candlewick Press	2026	9781536248173	3-4	Claudia and her friends are on a school trip to the Frozen Palace - a wonderland of ice unicorns and everlasting snow! But they soon get lost within the glistening walls. And is the Palace starting to melt?! Get ready for a frosty adventure sparkling with wintry magic, snowflakes and unicorns.
700330	Unipiggle the unicorn pig: Unicorn muddle Shaw, Hannah	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2020	9781474972178	5-6	Welcome to Twinkleland Kingdom where everything is 100% perfect, except Princess Pea. Today's the day Princess Pea has to choose her own unicorn at the Royal Unicorn Parade. All is well until the muddy Unipiggle appears and creates a big muddle. It looks like Princess Pea has met her perfect match.
6158	Universe is expanding and so am I, The Mackler, Carolyn	Bloomsbury	2018	9781408897041	9plus	Virginia has fallen out of love with her boyfriend, Froggy, and her brother has been arrested for a crime that the whole family thought was behind them. Virginia is struggling to cope with all this, but then she meets Sebastian. They decide not to talk about anything personal, just to hang out for the summer having fun. But soon they discover that they can't run from the truth forever. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
8546	Unknown Thompson, Colin & Pignataro, Anna (ill)	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780733613555	3-4	All the unwanted dogs in the dog pound watch as people walk up and down looking into their cages. No-one picks the little dog labelled Unknown. She is the same colour as the shadows so they don't even realise she's there. One night, everything changes.
12439	Unknown Australian soldier, The Small, Mary & Langridge, Anne (ill)	ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee QLD Incorporated	2001	9780957795730	3-4	Two children are bewildered by the internment ceremony for the Unknown Australian Soldier at the Australian War Memorial. Dreamlike, the ghost of the Unknown Australian Soldier takes them on a journey back in time to Gallipoli, the Middle East and the Western Front to learn about the nurses, the conditions facing the soldiers and the devastation of the First World War.
	Unlikely exploits series Ardagh, Philip				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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9826	Unlikely story of Bennelong and Phillip, The Sedunary, Michael & Emmerichs, Bern (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2015	9780980671186	5-6	An important and intriguing tale of an extraordinary friendship between two unlikely characters, Captain Arthur Phillip and the Aborigine, Bennelong, which remains largely unknown. The background of the first settlement in Australia heightens the polarity between the two worlds of the traditional Aboriginal culture and values, and European culture and values.
660769	Unmasked Pitt, Turia & Corbett, Bryce	Penguin	2018	9780143790396	7-9	Turia Pitt is living proof that, with the right mindset, we truly can achieve anything. This is her story. Told against the backdrop of a never-ending series of impressive physical feats, not least her incredible recovery after the fire - this book unmasks the real Turia: funny, fierce, intelligent, flawed. Featuring new material about confidence, goal-setting, happiness and her latest challenge, motherhood. The novel shines a light on the grace, humour and inner-stell that gets Turia through each day
903245	Unnecessary drama Kenwood, Nina	Text Publishing Co	2022	9781922458896	9plus	Unnecessary Drama is a funny and romantic coming-of-age story set in a student share house in Melbourne. The story focuses on Brooke's initial experiences living out of home while starting her first year of university. Rule-oriented and organised, Brooke is ready for anything, until she discovers her second housemate is really her friend-turned-enemy from high school, Jesse. She vows to ignore him. However, dealing with anxieties, mishaps and the unexpected complications of life might make this promise harder to keep than she thought. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
498	Uno's garden Base, Graeme	Penguin	2006	9780670041916	K-2	When Uno arrives in the beautiful forest, it is full of extraordinary animals. As people and buildings appear, the animals and plants begin to disappear. Children will love the puzzles and numbers intertwined with a strong environmental message.
581495	Unpacking Harper Holt Walker, Di	Walker Books	2018	9781760650599	7-9	Harper Holt has just about had it with moving. Every six months or even less, Harper's family moves to a different place, and she can hardly ever settle down. However, when something devastating happens, Harper's life is tipped upside down and she realises what she had and how much she wishes to go back to the way things always were.
438	Unreal Jennings, Paul	Penguin	1999	9780141301761	5-6	Boys are the heroes in each of the tales in this assortment of funny, scary and disgusting short stories.

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68356	Unreal, banana peel Factor, June & Viska, Peter (ill)	Brolly Books	2009	9781741833102	3-4	An entertaining and humorous mix of poems, including nursery rhyme parodies and classics.
1138111	Unreal: Can you tell fact from fake Simpson, Kate & Rudge, Leila (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180347	3-4	There's been a mix-up at the Museum - some of the displays from the Myths and Legends exhibit have snuck into the Natural History wing. We have to sort it out, but how can we tell fact from fiction? Animal from apparition? Megafauna from monster? Kids will have fun guessing which animals and plants are real and which are fake in this extraordinary exhibition of the strange and wonderful animals and plants that inhabit our world ... and our imaginations. And a brilliant guide to help us know what to look for when tracking down truths.
587175	Unscary book, The Bland, Nick	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742994147	K-2	What are you doing here? This is a scary book! Nicholas Ickle is back and this time he wants to show us a very scary book. However, as much as he tries, he can't keep away all the lovely and happy things from appearing on the pages.
886904	Unsettled Faruqi, Reem	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780063044708	5-6	When Nurah's family moves from Karachi, Pakistan, to Peachtree City, Georgia, all she really wants is to blend in, but she stands out for all the wrong reasons. Nurah's accent, floral-print kurtas, and tea-colored skin make her feel excluded, and she's left to eat lunch alone under the stairwell, until she meets Stahr at swimming tryouts. Stahr covers her body when in the water, just like Nurah, but for very different reasons. But in the water Nurah doesn't want to blend in: She wants to stand out. She wants to win medals like her star athlete brother, Owais - who is going through struggles of his own in America - yet when sibling rivalry gets in the way, she makes a split-second decision of betrayal that changes their fates. As Nurah slowly begins to sprout wings in the form of strong swimming arms, she gradually gains the courage to stand up to bullies, fight for what she believes in, and find her place.

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12706	Unspeakable Rushton, Abbie	Atom Publishing	2015	9780349002064	9plus	Fifteen year old Megan has not spoken aloud since the accidental death of her friend, Hana. There are things locked inside her head that she cannot, must not, let out. She is targeted by the school bullies but, when Jasmine arrives, Megan finds an unexpected ally. Megan and Jasmine's closeness brings unexpected feelings to the fore and relationships become tense. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1423998	Unstoppable Rodgers-Healey, Diann	An Imaginarium for Whimsy	2025	9781763635869	7-9	When a girl's hair grows outrageously, one would simply know that a haircut is needed badly. But this option is out for Princess Melina, even though her hair grows unstoppably. Her father, King Fartysand commands that her hair is never to be cut. So, her mother, Queen Laviniya, and her loyal followers take care of the Princess' billowing metres of hair. When they and the Princess defy Fartysand's command in small ways, he unleashes his windy revenge to ensure their obedience. But on her nineteenth birthday, when Fartysand declares the Princess is to be married off against her wishes, what will she do? Will she find a way to stop the madness and assert herself, free her people, take control of her massive hair, and live happily ever after? Or will she accept her ridiculous fate?
855827	Unstoppable flying Flanagan, The Arena, Felice	Penguin	2022	9781761044366	5-6	Maggie Flanagan is mad about AFL. But in a time when girls should sew and bake cakes and not do anything so unladylike as play footy, her suggestion to hold an all-girls charity game to raise money for the boys at war are met with laughs and ridicule. Will that stop the Flying Flanagan?
1019709	Until the road ends Earle, Phil	Andersen Press Ltd	2023	9781839133169	5-6	When Peggy rescues a stray dog from near-death, a beautiful friendship begins. Nothing but the looming war can part them. Peggy is evacuated to safety and Beau is left behind in London, where he becomes an unexpected war hero. Night after night, as bombs rain down and lives are destroyed, Beau searches the ruins, rescuing countless survivors. But then tragedy strikes and Beau sets off on an incredible journey to find his beloved Peggy.

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630513	Unwholly Shusterman, Neal	Simon & Schuster	2013	9781442423671	9plus	Thanks to Connor, Lev, and Risa - and their high-profile revolt at Happy Jack Harvest Camp - people can no longer turn a blind eye to unwinding. Ridding society of troublesome teens while simultaneously providing much-needed organs for transplanting might be convenient, but its morality has finally been brought into question. However, unwinding has become big business, and there are powerful political and corporate interests that want to see it not only continue, but also expand to the unwinding of prisoners and the impoverished. Cam is made entirely out of the parts of other unwinds; he is a teen who does not technically exist. A futuristic Frankenstein, Cam struggles to find identity and meaning and wonders if a rewound being can have a soul. And when the actions of a sadistic bounty hunter cause Cam's fate to become inextricably bound with the fates of Connor, Risa, and Lev, he will have to question humanity itself. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
751098	Unwilling twin, The Blackwood, Freya	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9781460757536	K-2	Jules and George are the same in every way. It is quite impossible to tell them apart. Like all twins, Jules and George do everything together. But after a long, hot day at the beach, even twins sometimes disagree ...
602709	Unwind Shusterman, Neal	Simon & Schuster	2012	9780857079978	9plus	Connor, Risa and Lev are running for their lives. Unwinding: the process by which a child is both terminated and yet kept alive. Unwinding is now a common, and accepted, practice in society. Connor's parents want to be rid of him because he's a troublemaker. Risa has no parents and is being unwound to cut orphanage costs. Lev's unwinding has been planned since his birth as part of his family's strict religion. Brought together by chance, and kept together by desperation, these unlikely companions make a harrowing cross-country journey, knowing their lives hang in the balance. If they can survive until their 18th birthday, they can't be harmed - but when every piece of them, from their hands to their hearts, is wanted by a world gone mad, eighteen seems far, far away. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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574735	Up and away! Henry, Jason	Sterling Publishing Co	2018	9781454923602	3-4	Joseph Montgolfier and his brother worked together to make the first hot air balloon, launching man into the sky, and beginning the journey of flight. Read how they came up with their invention which captured the attention of the King of France and started the whole world dreaming of flying.
38642	Up and down Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2010	9780007263844	K-2	Two friends, a boy and a penguin, do everything together until, one day, the penguin decides it's time to spread his wings.
616976	Up to something McKelvey, Katrina & Lonergan, Kirrili (ill)	EK Books	2019	9781925335705	K-2	All his life Billy knows something magical happens in Dad's shed. Finally he has been invited in and together they are going to do a project, at least that's what he thinks. Billy soon discovers he is an assistant, sweeping and carrying, how will dad ever see his great talents. Will dad ever learn what they are capable of if only they work together?
1424122	Up, down, over, through Godwin, Jane & Drane, Kim	Lothian Books	2026	9780734423733	K-2	'Swinging high, swinging low. Up the steps, stop and go. In this book about spontaneous play, two young children explore a playground together, from the climbing wall to the slippery slide - up, down, over, through.
785439	Upside down Friday Spasevski, Lana & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	EK Books	2021	9781925820850	K-2	Hugo doesn't like Upside-Down Fridays. The day is the wrong way round. It's sports day, which means lunchtime is at morning teatime, and all his classmates' smiles look like frowns. Will Hugo learn to tame the butterflies in his tummy and find the fun in days that don't go to plan?
4648	Upside down girl, The D'Ath, Justin	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2000	9781865081342	5-6	Desperate to be famous, young Brittany Hu attempts to set a "McGuinness record", but ends up weightless, a condition which results in some hilarious predicaments. The tongue-in-cheek subtexts are very entertaining.

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4216	Upside of unrequited, The Albertalli, Becky	Penguin	2017	9780141356112	7-9	Seventeen-year-old Molly Peskin-Suso knows all about unrequited love - she's lived through it twenty-six times. She crushes hard and crushes often, but always in secret. Because no matter how many times her twin sister, Cassie, tells her to woman up, Molly can't stomach the idea of rejection. So she's careful. Fat girls always have to be careful. Then a cute new girl enters Cassie's orbit, and for the first time ever, Molly's cynical twin is a lovesick mess. Meanwhile, Molly's totally not dying of loneliness - except for the part where she is. Luckily, Cassie's new girlfriend comes with a cute hipster-boy sidekick. Will is funny, flirtatious, and just might be perfect crush material. Maybe more than crush material. And if Molly can win him over, she'll get her first kiss and she'll get her twin back. There's only one problem: Molly's coworker, Reid. He's an awkward Tolkien super-fan, and there's absolutely no way Molly could fall for him. Right?
587848	Upside-down history of Down Under, The Lloyd, Alison & Denton, Terry (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2018	9780143788669	5-6	The Upside-Down History of Down Under delves into the history of Australia from dinosaurs to Federation. It explores how the continents formed and changed, looks into our dinosaurs and mega-fauna, and discusses how the first people arrived and their survival. Did you know that the oldest human home in Australia is 65,000 years old? The Upside-Down History of Down Under describes the various ships that landed on our shores, the arrival of the British, convicts, the Rum Rebellion, exploration, bushrangers, gold, equality, federation plus much more. But don't be fooled. It is full of fun anecdotes, interesting quizzes, questions, timelines and pictures to keep you entertained.
15384	Upsy down town Shoshan, Beth & Hendra, Sue (ill)	Meadowside Children's Books	2004	9781904511885	K-2	Visit an amazing world where nothing is quite as it should be.
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?

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1551938	Uranus FC: The greatest goal in the galaxy Elliott, Mick	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761527500	3-4	Meet Tyko Brayne. He's the biggest football fan on planet Earth. Only problem is, he's stuck on Uranus. The planet, that is. Tyko's chances of playing for Earth FC in the GLOOFF* Cup are about one in a gazillion. But when a cosmic catastrophe results in planet Earth vanishing, someone needs to step up and take Earth's FC's place. Where in the universe is there a team to represent humankind? Uranus. Do the players of Uranus FC have the skills to take on the galaxy's most vicious football playing species? No. Does the team have the courage to take the field? Yes. Is there a plan? Kind of. Will they survive? Probably not.
5607	Urashima Taro and other Japanese children's favourite stories Sakade, Florence & Hayashi, Yoshio (ill)	Tuttle Publishing	2008	9780804850728	3-4	Welcome to a fantastic world populated by lonely dragons, adventuresome boys, magical elves, and a host of other beloved characters who have lived on for centuries in the traditional tales of Japan. Drawn from folklore passed down from generation to generation, the ten enchanting Japanese children's stories collected in this volume have been lovingly retold just for today's readers. Vibrantly illustrated and full of thrilling adventures, funny discoveries, and important lessons, they're sure to become story time favourites.
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 is 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!

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	Urgency emergency series Archer, Dosh				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.
5847	Us minus Mum Butler, Heather	Little, Brown & Co	2014	9780349124070	5-6	George and Theo's mum is brilliant. She tells great stories, can wave the fastest of anyone on the planet and, most importantly, she suggested they adopt a scruffy dog called Goffo. The boys also think she's invincible. But, they're wrong because Mum is ill, really ill. It's up to George and Theo to keep Mum smiling. This will probably, definitely involve wellies, shepherd's pie and Goffo's victory at the pet talent show.
18372	Usborne art ideas: drawing cartoons Milbourne, Anna & McCafferty, Jan & MacKinnon, Catherine-Anne	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2002	9780746048429	7-9	Excellent book outlining the tips and techniques involved in creating cartoons. Includes links to a website for extra information, pictures and templates. Written in an easy to follow manner allowing even lesser artistic types to gain skills.
	Usborne beginners plus 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.
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4270	Usborne big book of animals, The Fabiano, Fiorin & Maskell, Hazel (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2017	9781474928953	K-2	The Big Book of Animals contains 14 impressive giant fold out pages. From the mighty elephant to the amazing colossal squid, some of the worlds tallest, longest, and heaviest animals will be revealed, as well as the biggest animal that has ever lived. Each animal contains a physical description and dimensions, some of which will leave the reader in awe.
28429	Usborne big book of big bugs and a few little ones too, The Bone, Emily	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2012	9781409532989	K-2	From an amazing stick insect longer that your arm, to gigantic spiders as big as a dinner plate, open the huge fold-out pages to discover how big some of the biggest bugs in the world really are.
4273	Usborne big book of bugs, The Bone, Emily & Fiorin, Fabiano (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2017	9781474928960	K-2	The Big Book of Bugs contains some very impressive colour illustrations of gigantic bugs and insects, along with some information about each one. From an amazing stick insect longer than your arm, to gigantic spiders as big as a dinner plate, open the huge fold-out pages to discover how big some of the biggest bugs in the world really are.
6294	Usborne book of night time, The Cowan, Laura & Pang, Bonnie (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2018	9781474936606	K-2	At night when you are fast asleep and dreaming, another world awakens, the world of night. Night in a desert, night in a forest, night in space, there are many night-time worlds for you to explore.
774434	Usborne book of the brain and how it works, The Ip, Dr Betina & Nilsson, Mia (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2021	9781474950589	5-6	Come on a journey through the brain. Learn about all the different jobs your brain can perform - all at once!

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41518	Usborne creative writer's handbook, The Daynes, Katie & Cullis	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2017	9781474922494	5-6	All the help you need to write better stories, blogs, scripts and poetry. Features lists of inspiring words and tips on editing and grammar. See how well-known writers put techniques into practice and try jotting out your own ideas on the blank pages at the back.
9472	Usborne first encyclopaedia of space, The Dowswell, Paul	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2001	9780746041864	3-4	The fascinating world of space is presented for young children with easy to read font, simple text and vividly-coloured illustrations and photographs.
	Usborne for beginners 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.
	Usborne for beginners Various				7-9	Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen.
	Usborne great searches series Various				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.
12741	Usborne illustrated stories for boys Sims, Lesley & Stowell, Louie (editors)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2006	9780746074619	3-4	A compilation of short stories that includes classics, modern adaptations and contemporary stories. A great introduction to tales from diverse genres. Beautiful illustrations on every facing page.
45982	Usborne illustrated stories of horses & ponies Dickins, Rosie & Davidson, Susanna & Patchett, Fiona & Hore, Rosie & Daynes, Katie	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2017	9781409596691	3-4	Each of the stories in this collection focuses on the importance of a horse or pony to their owner. They are adventure stories, love stories, drama stories. And in each story, a horse or pony reminds us how important it is to care for each other.
22698	Usborne Lift-the-flap: Periodic table James, Alice & Nielsen, Shaw (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2017	9781474922661	5-6	Everything in the entire Universe is made of just 118 elements - all listed together in a grid called the Periodic table. Delve inside this book to meet each one in great detail.

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41521	Usborne my very first animals book James, Alice & Cosgrove, Lee (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2017	9781474922630	3-4	This book is full of creatures that fly, scuttle, leap and swim. It's the perfect way for you to learn all about animals.
	Usborne true stories series Various				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.
84015	Uugghh Boldt, Claudia	Child's Play International Ltd	2011	9781846433726	3-4	Slug feels completely unloved by the world and can't help feeling it may have something to do with appearances. Happily, new-found friend Spider is on hand to explain that beauty is in the eye of the beholder.
22447	Valdur the Viking and the ghostly goths Cormick, Craig & Cormick, Hanna (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2016	9781925272420	3-4	My name is Valdur and I am a Viking. Well, I hope to be a real Viking one day. But, I do get to roam the seas on my father's ship. That is, until he was kidnapped by his arch-enemy, the Goth pirate Germanicus Bottom. So, now, I have to fight Romans, sea monsters and the Pirate Goths to rescue him. Luckily, I have my dragon-dog, Ragna, with me.
3396	Valentine McAlister, Jodi	Penguin Books Australia	2017	9780143574163	7-9	Four teenagers who are all born on the same Valentine's Day begin to disappear. As the bodies mount up, Pearl Linford has to work out what is happening before it happens to her. Finn Blacklin also shares a Valentines birthday and is the sworn enemy of Pearl. Finn is also the Valentine and a Seelie fairy changeling swapped for a human boy at birth. The Unseelie have come to kill the Valentine but they do not know who it is. Pearl must use all her wits to protect herself. Finn must come to terms with his newfound heritage. There is explosive chemistry too between them that must be dealt with.
30888	Valentine Joe Stevens, Rebecca	Chicken House	2014	9781909489608	5-6	Rose and her grandad are visiting the grave of his father, who died there during World War I. She chances upon the resting place of fifteen year old Valentine Joe. Later, Rose finds herself in a different place, one hundred years before, with Valentine Joe and his friends. Rose learns why Joe enlisted so young, of the camaraderie among the soldiers, and about the terrifying and horrific effects of war.

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9656	Valley of gold French, Jackie	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2003	9780207199882	5-6	One valley's stories of gold through the ages, from the beginning, four billion years ago, to the valley's creation and the history of its deposits.
587841	Vampire knife, The Henseleit, Jack	Hardie Grant Egmont	2017	9781760129255	3-4	Anna and Max love scary stories - but when they find a mysterious knife on a dark and stormy night, truth soon becomes stranger than fiction. Dragged into a world of monsters and magic, will the siblings find a way to survive?
17416	Vampyre Wild, Margaret & Yeo, Andrew (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2011	9781921529221	5-6	I am Vampyre, feared and despised. I live in darkness. I long for light. From the depths of his dark vampyre world, a young vampyre boy reflects on his joyous childhood, compared with his current life and his longing to join the light.
33131	Van Gogh and the seasons: An art book for kids Ryan, Kate & Bennett, Cally (ill)		2017	9781925432374	5-6	Join Theo, a little field mouse, to find out about Vincent's lifelong love of the seasons and the world around him. Along the way, there are activities and quizzes for kids to do with family and friends. A selection of iconic works by Van Gogh such as 'A Wheat Field, with Cypresses' (early September, 1889) and 'Orchard in Blossom' (April, 1889), are featured throughout, and these are paired with interesting facts about the changing seasons, Van Gogh's life and artistic techniques.
2409	Vango: a prince without a kingdom de Fombelle, Timothee Ardizzone, Sarah (trans)	Walker Books	2014	9781406331509	7-9	Fleeing from the police and more sinister forces on his trail, Vango must race against time to prove his innocence. His journey will take him to the furthest reaches of distant lands, and even into the sky where he will find refuge on board the Graf Zeppelin. But the threat of war is getting closer, and Vango must uncover the secrets of his past before everything is lost.
2402	Vango: between sky and Earth de Fombelle, Timothee & Ardizzone, Sarah (trans)	Walker Books	2013	9781406354010	7-9	Vango is about to enter the priesthood when he suddenly finds himself trying to avoid arrest and escape an assassin. Vango is no ordinary boy with an ordinary life - he has had all kinds of adventures since he was found washed ashore as a toddler on a tiny island off Sicily. Now on the run across Europe, will Vango discover the secrets of his mysterious past in time to figure out who is trying to have him killed - and why.
1659	Vanilla icecream Graham, Bob	Walker Books	2014	9781406350098	K-2	The little wild sparrow journeys south across the seas, to a bright new world where he meets little Edie and changes her life forever.

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6129	Vanishing Lucas, Mike & Harrison, Jennifer (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2018	9781925227444	5-6	Once, creatures of all shapes and sizes wandered this empty land. They had horns and wings, scales and feathers. They lived in vibrant forests, desert plains and icy tundras. But where are they now?
804727	Vanishing at the very small castle, The French, Jackie	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9781460757734	5-6	Another mystery clouds the very small castle of the O'Bryan family when glamorous actress, Delilah Devince vanishes in the middle of filming on Howlers Beach. With the monster co-star as lead suspect and more strange disappearances happening, it's up to Butter to solve the mystery. Can he crack the case before it's too late?
660745	Vanishing deep, The Scholte, Astrid	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760525576	7-9	A world of water is all seventeen-year-old Tempe has ever known. When the Great Waves destroyed her planet, its people had to learn to survive living on the water. Relics of the old world hold great value, so Tempe spends her days diving through drowned cities to scavenge anything of value to trade for notes. But it's not food or riches Tempe is after, but the chance to buy back her dead sister's life for 24 hours. But it's not a heartfelt reunion Tempe is after. Her sister died keeping a terrible secret, and she wants answers.
3760	Vanishing island, The: The chronicles of the black tulip Wolverton, Barry	HarperCollins US	2015	9780062221919	7-9	Bren Own was born and bred in a small port town. Map may appear to be dull and unadventurous to young Bren in 1599 before the arrival of a Dutch ship. A dying sailor and strange gift change his life forever. Bren will travel far and make new friends. There will be challenges and mysteries. There are codes and legends to unravel and danger in all corners. This is an adventure story set during the Age of Discovery.
43366	Vanishing moment, The Wild, Margaret	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743315903	9plus	Arrow is haunted by a childhood tragedy. Marika is caught in a nightmare from which there is no escape. They are both looking for answers and when they come across a magician, they are tempted by a possibility of a way out. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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24918	Vasilisa the wise and other tales of brave young women Forsyth, Kate	Serenity Press	2018	9780648103066	7-9	Meet the brave young women from tales of yore...Vasilisa who must try to outwit the fearsome witch Baba-Yaga. Katie Crackernuts who sets out to save her sister from dark magic. Flora, the gardener's daughter, who marries a giant serpent to save a prince. Fairer-Than-A-Fairy, a princess who is kidnapped by an evil one-eyed enchantress. Lullala, in love with a prince cursed to be a lion by day and a man by night. Rosemary, a Scottish lass whose baby is stolen by the wicked faery folk of the Sidhe. Ursula, a princess replaced by a walking, talking automaton.These are not your usual passive princess, waiting forlornly for their prince to come.
12581	Vegetable ark, The: A tale of two brothers Kane, Kim & deGennaro, Sue (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9781741759969	3-4	In this twist on the original tale of Noah's Ark, Noah has a brother, Neil. Noah is wealthy and a bit of a show-off. Neil hums songs about peace. Noah brokers deals with a tense frown, while Neil wears his hair long and chats dreamily to pot plants. When it rains for forty days and forty nights, the race to find land is on.
7753	Velvet Hooper, Mary	Bloomsbury	2011	9780747599210	9plus	Velvet is an orphan who does scalding, back-breaking work in a Victorian steam laundry. She is desperate for a better life. When she is noticed by Madame Savoya, a famed medium, Velvet begins to work for her and is dazzled by the beautiful dresses and jewels. But, she soon realises that Madame is not all that she says she is, and Velvet's life is in danger. Some adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
4667	Velveteen rabbit Williams, Margery	Lioncrest	1990	9780816710621	3-4	By the time the Velveteen Rabbit is dirty, worn out, and about to be burned, he has almost given up hope of ever finding the magic that will make him real. A classic about the miracle of love.
10255	Verdi Cannon, Janell	Koala Books	1997	9780864610829	K-2	Verdi, the personality-plus python, begins life as a yellow, boldly striped and lively hatchling who zings his way through the jungle. Join the snake's verdant, vibrant tropical world and share his fun.

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751202	Verindon alliance, The Stringer, Lynne	Rhiza Press	2020	9781925563993	7-9	The Vendel and Verindal are enemies. So as Princess Vashta of the Vendel finishes her combat training, she hopes she will lead their forces into battle against her race's deadly enemy, The Verindal. But when Brandonin, the heir to the Verindal throne, comes to see her father, it's clear he desires peace not war. When a new enemy arises, striking at all who call their planet home, each race blames the other as they have been enemies for so long. Vashta seeks Brandonin's help in fighting this menace. But the Vendel and Verindal refuse to work together. Can they defeat this deadly threat themselves or will it mean the end of Verindon?
	Verity Sparks series Green, Susan				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.
	Vermonia series Yoyo				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.
886453	Very best doughnut, The Abdel-Fattah, Randa & Haydar, Amani (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2022	9781760988906	3-4	Friday is always the best day in Adam's house. It's doughnut day! But this week, his family is fasting for Ramadan. They aren't going to eat or drink until sunsets. Adam wants to fast too, but it's so hard. Can he wait that long for his very special doughnut?
9381	Very best of Aesop's fables, The Clark, Margaret & Voake, Charlotte (ill)	Walker Books	1996	9780744531497	3-4	Thirty selections from Aesop's classic fables presented in a way that shows the tales are entertaining in their own right, and not merely for the message that shines out from between the lines.
9534	Very best of friends, The Wild, Margaret & Vivas, Julie (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1991	9780947241261	3-4	When James dies unexpectedly, William's world becomes very confused. While Jessie, his wife, is busy with her own grief, she fails to understand that William, his cat, is also sad. Eventually, they grow closer.

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12305	Very blue thingamajig, The Oliver, Narelle	Omnibus Books	2003	9781862915275	K-2	The Very Blue Thingamajig is a colourful, innovative counting book about the newly hatched thingamajig, who is very blue and very plain. He is different from all the other thingamajigs, so he has no friends. Then, one day, he begins to change.
903314	Very first questions and answers: What's inside me? Daynes, Katie & Alvarez Miguens, Marta (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2022	9781474948203	K-2	Take a deep dive into your body and how it works. A lift-the-flap, very first questions, book that will answer questions such as: What gives me shape? How do I move? and What does blood do?
4998	Very grumpy day, The Jones, Stella. J & Edgson, Alison (ill)	Little tiger press	2016	9781848692039	K-2	There's a big bad mood spreading through the wood. It starts with Bear who upsets Mole, who snaps at Hedgehog, who's prickly with Fox. Soon Bear's bad mood has made everyone grumpy! Can a little bit of love make them happy again?
903250	Very hard book, The Ben-Barak, Idan & Bunting, Philip (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526221	K-2	This book asks you to imagine and think about some things. That sounds easy, right? Anyone can think stuff. You don't even need to be standing up. Is this book really The Very Hard Book? We shall see. Good luck.
4670	Very hungry caterpillar, The Carle, Eric	Penguin	2003	9780140569322	K-2	The very hungry caterpillar eats his way through all kinds of food in this beautifully structured and appealing story.
647165	Very long sleep, The Noakes, Polly	Child's Play International Ltd	2017	9781786281289	K-2	Fox, Chipmunk, Marmot and Bear are such good friends that they decide to build a forest home and live in it together. But when winter comes, Chipmunk, Marmot and Little Bear take to their beds. Fox can't wake them up at all. Fox is lonely and confused, especially when parcels start to arrive for the other three animals. What on earth can be in them, and will the three friends ever wake up?
18413	Very messy inspection, The Axelsen, Stephen	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2004	9780759320772	3-4	Following the mysterious disappearance of his parents years before, Young Piccolo Grande lives alone in his fine, old family home. But, one fateful afternoon, his neat and ordered life is turned upside down and inside out.
9842	Very noisy baby, The Lester, Alison	Affirm Press	2017	9781925475616	K-2	Here is the story of a very noisy baby. She could bellow like a buffalo and roar like a lion. And howl like a wolf for a very long time. The baby loves to make all kinds of sounds. She's really very loud. But when some animals in the town go missing, can the very noisy baby help?
903275	Very Play School Christmas, A Stradling, Jan & Robaard, Jedda (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780733342363	K-2	The toys are on their way to Jemima's caravan park to spend the holidays together. Join them for classic Play School fun as they bring to life the joy of an Australian Christmas.

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32616	Very quacky Christmas, A James, Ann & Watts, Frances (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2017	9780733329623	K-2	'We wish you a quacky Christmas!' Samantha Duck is getting ready for Christmas. 'I'm going to give presents to animals all over the world!' Her friend Sebastian tells her not to bother. 'Christmas is not for animals,' he says. But with the help of her farmyard friends, Samantha sets out to prove that Christmas is for everyone.
965120	Very special moon mission, A Fung, Rebecca	Christmas Press	2022	9780645378801	3-4	Phoebe and Elliott are space-mad best friends, but Julia, the unpopular new girl at school, has tagged along with them on a visit to the local Space Station.
5291	Very, very, very long dog, The Patton, Julia	Sourcebooks Inc	2017	9781492654452	K-2	Bartelby's walks started out great...but they didn't always end so well
	Vet Cadets series Johnson, Rebecca				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.
871559	Vexatious haunting of Lily Griffin, The Hayes, Paula & Jiang, Katy (ill)	Fremantle Press	2022	9781760991753	5-6	Bookworm Lily Griffin has a lot to handle with a bullying big brother and a frenetic family. But going to stay with her beloved grandfather changes everything. In his rambling country house, long-forgotten secrets lurk in locked rooms. With her gift of intuition and imagination, Lily is the perfect person to investigate the strange goings-on. And as magical mysteries unravel, Lily finds herself surrounded by weird and wonderful pals - both dead and alive.
5913	Victor's challenge Freeman, Pamela & Gamble, Kim (ill)	Walker Books	2009	9781921150326	5-6	Prince Victor must complete three challenges before Valerian's father will consider him as a suitor for her hand in marriage. Victor knows he can be brave and persistent but he is very worried about the cleverness test. When your heart is pure and true, anything can happen even where fierce dragons and enchanted mountains are concerned.
439	Victor's quest Freeman, Pamela & Gamble, Kim (ill)	Scholastic Australia	1996	9781862912861	5-6	Prince Victor of Serendipity solves some sticky problems like finding the princess. Fortunately, he is aided by his horse, Quince, who is smarter than Victor.
49319	Vietnam diary Wilson, Mark	Hachette Children's Books	2013	9780734412744	5-6	Jason's grandfather fought on the Western Front, his father fought at Kokoda and now Jason has received his conscription letter, called up to Vietnam. His training and war experience in Vietnam are explored through pictures and letters.

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977	View from the 32nd floor Cameron, Emma	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9781922077295	5-6	William lives on the thirty second floor of an apartment block with a clear view of the building opposite. He sees his neighbours' daily lives and worries about the loneliness of some of them. With his new friend, cakes and a dictionary of names, Williams plans to tempt his neighbours back into the world.
62368	Viking blood: a viking warrior AD 1008 Donkin, Andrew	Scholastic UK	2008	9781407104812	5-6	After being injured in a raid that has gone terribly wrong, Tor Scaldbane loses his chance to be a legendary warrior. After this devastating blow, his faith is restored when he discovers the sagas of his ancestors, including the stories of glorious battles, ancient heroes and powerful gods. Now, he has his own stories to tell.
885972	Viking boy: The real story Bradman, Tony	Walker Books	2022	9781406395037	5-6	Take an immersive tour of everyday world of the Vikings, with Gunnar, the hero of the action packed novel Viking Boy, as your guide. Find out how the Vikings lived, what they believed, and how they gained their legendary reputation as warriors.
12953	Viking invader, The Fleming, Fergus & Tomlins, Karen (des.) & Dowsell, Paul (ed.)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	1997	9780746029572	7-9	Wonderful headline stories, amusing advertisements in a crazy newspaper format. Historical accuracy blended with zany humour and colourful illustrations and layout.
440	Village by the sea, The Desai, Anita	Penguin	2001	9780141312712	7-9	This story is set in a fishing village near Bombay, India, and tells of the two oldest children and their struggle to keep the family together.

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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 Jays classmates in the elevator at the very top of the skyscraper. Jay finds himself with no choice but to try and solve Zs deadly riddles. Not only that, he has the worst person possible helping him: Hudson Hamm, the schools 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. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Adrian Beck read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#villain-adrian-beck
1423797	Villain: Respawn Beck, Adrian	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781760267674	5-6	AI villain Z is gone for good, or so Jay thinks. But when Leni locates Z's secret abandoned facility, Jay is forced to investigate. This time, the deadly games are being played on Z's turf and it's not just Jay's life on the line. If he and his friends can't figure out what's going on, all of humanity will suffer the consequences. No pressure.
110909	Villains: a gallery of Australian rogues Baillie, Allan	Phoenix Education	2003	9781876580421	5-6	Short, simple text that is easy to read but with gutsy content profiling the rogues of Australian history including how they lived and how they died. Full of action and drama.
625476	Vincent and the grandest hotel on Earth Nicol, Lisa	Penguin Books Australia	2019	9781760890681	5-6	High on the snowy slopes of the Mabombo ranges lies the Grandest Hotel on Earth. This is the most magical, fantastical place on Earth where even seeing is not believing. When ordinary Vincent has the opportunity to leave his life for a short while and experience this grand place he cannot believe his fortune. What he doesn't count on are the temptations and life altering choices he will have to make.

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12944	Vincent van Gogh: the troubled artist Claybourne, Anna	White-Thomson Publishing Ltd	2003	9780750243230	5-6	Van Gogh's life was tragic. He failed in love, fell out with friends and fellow painters, felt the suffering of others deeply and died by his own hand. During his short life, he painted hundreds of vibrant paintings, now recognised as masterpieces.
18390	Vincent's colors The Metropolitan Museum of Art	Chronicle Books	2005	9780811850995	K-2	Van Gogh's paintings cleverly mixed with text from Van Gogh's letters. A wonderful introduction to the more sophisticated world of visual art through a simple introduction to colour. American spelling.
25104	Vinnie's war McRobbie, David	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742375762	5-6	Twelve year old Vinnie has escaped from his foster mother and her tough rules and expectations. He has found a friend with whom he can share dreams and music. Then, war begins and Vinnie is evacuated from the London bombs. All he has left of his old life is his harmonica. On the train, Vinnie meets three other evacuee children and when they arrive in the small country town of Netterfold, their own war begins.
7126	Violet & nothing Burrows, Fiona	Fremantle Press	2019	9781925591552	K-2	Violet is a little girl with big ideas. She is always thinking. One day, Violet starts thinking about nothing...
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?
	Violet Mackerel series Branford, Anna & Davis, Sarah (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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772962	Violet Veil mysteries, The: A case of grave danger Cleverly, Sophie & Peck, Hannah (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780008297367	5-6	Violet Veil is a young girl desperate to join her father in the family business, Veil and Sons Undertakers, as an apprentice. But being a girl, she faces lots of challenges in achieving her goal. When a client unexpectedly goes missing, and then suddenly turns up alive, Violet is thrust into a mystery. Can she and her dog, Bones, solve the case and prove her worth to her Father?
902478	Violin & cello Greer, Catherine & Bartel, Joanna (ill) & Lau, Alexander (music)	Exisle Publishing	2022	9781922539274	K-2	In a big apartment building two children live next door to each other. One plays the violin. One plays the cello. They play alone until one day something exciting happens. A book about friendship, the magic of music and an original duet for musicians to play.
12313	Violin man, The Thompson, Colin	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2003	9780733614002	7-9	A lyrical tale of love, loss and music. An emotionally charged story and exquisite illustrations that beautifully portray the sadness of a bereaved father and the consolation he finds in solitude and in his musical gift.
9283	Virtual realities Carmichael, Claire	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1995	9780091834678	7-9	Andy Tremain has a terrifying ability. Using virtual reality, he can create monsters from his unconscious mind and he's obsessed with dinosaurs.
903332	Virtually Christmas Baddiel, David	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2022	9780008334321	5-6	Is Christmas still Christmas if all the things that made it special are gone? Global internet giant, Winterzone, have taken over Christmas with their robots, drones and 3D holograms of Santa doing all the traditional 'Santa' work. When eleven-year-old Etta and her friend Monty stumble across a curious clue, they find themselves in a race against time and the mighty Winterzone in order to find the real Santa before the true meaning of the festive season is lost forever.
5958	Visconti house, The Edgar, Elsbeth	Walker Books	2009	9781921529016	5-6	Laura's house is indeed puzzling. It's an Italian-style villa of the 1800s, built in a small country Victorian town, with a myth claiming it is haunted by the spirit of an elderly Italian man. Laura and Leon are outsiders and they both have secrets. Alienated by their classmates, the pair tackles the mysteries of her house and its former occupants.
5664	Visiting you: A journey of love Sharpe Shelberg, Rebecka & Edmonds, Andrea (ill)	EK Books	2018	9781925335668	K-2	Who are you going to visit?" a young child asks curiously. A daughter, a wife, a grandfather, a son...Each simple answer from a fellow commuter shows how we are all bound by the common experience of love, and that it's our similarities - not our differences - that matter most.

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25227	Visitor, The Bougaeva, Sonja	Gecko Press	2007	9780958272049	K-2	Two sisters live peacefully on a tiny, remote island. When they receive a letter announcing the arrival of their cousin, John, the sisters are initially delighted to have a visitor. But, the sisters' delight is short-lived as John tries to bring order to their comfortable lives.
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?
76442	Vivi finds Bean Holle, Vanessa	Murdoch Books Australia	2009	9781741965049	K-2	Vivi sets off to travel from Hamburg to Sydney to find her godmother. How long will it take and how will she get there.
12375	Voice of her own, A: the story of Phillis Wheatley, slave poet Lasky, Kathryn & Lee, Paul (ill)	Candlewick Press		9780763628789	7-9	Born in Africa around 1753, Phillis Wheatley was kidnapped and shipped as a slave to America. Her family, her name and her language were taken from her. Phillis's first poem was published when she was fourteen years old.
1359327	Voice of the ocean Impicciche, Kelsey	Atom Publishing	2025	9780349125657	9plus	Voice of the Ocean follows a daring young siren who defies her people to save a human prince, unearthing ancient magic and igniting a dangerous romance amid treacherous waters. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
12022	Voices in the park Browne, Anthony	Transworld	1999	9780552545648	K-2	Four different voices tell their own versions of the same walk in the park. There's a bossy woman, a sad man, a lonely boy and a young girl whose warmth touches those she meets.

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6529	Voicing the dead Crew, Gary	Ford Street Publishing	2015	9781925272055	9plus	In 1833, Jack Ireland is Captain's cabin boy, aboard the Charles Eaton as it sails from England to Australia. On its return journey, passing through the Torres Strait, the ship is wrecked, forcing the crew and passengers to abandon ship on two hand-made rafts. The horrifying events that follow are well documented but the passage of time allows a less sinister explanation. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
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.
9492	Volcanoes Llewellyn, Claire	Heinemann	2000	9780431023762	3-4	An introduction to volcanoes and how they work, describing their formation, the destructive forces and benefits of them.
885970	Votes for women! The story of Nellie, Rose and Mary Wilson, Mark	Hachette Australia	2022	9780734420138	5-6	In 1980, Rose Birk and her stepdaughter, Nellie, write letters and attend meetings to help improve the lives of women and children in Adelaide. This action soon changes their lives and they become part of a bigger movement which changes Australian history.
660372	Voyage, The Vescio, Robert & Edmonds, Andrea (ill)	EK Books	2019	9781925820034	K-2	Displaced by war and conflict, a refugee family sets out on a voyage into the unknown. Told in only a few words (one word per page) this is the powerful story of a family fleeing their war-torn country and making a dangerous trip across the ocean to a new life in a new land.
3745	Vullah Vunnah Nah: a Gunditjmara lullaby Clarke, Patricia	One Day Hill Pty Ltd	2012	9780987313904	K-2	This ancient song is presented for the first time as a beautiful book for children, includes a CD to song along with.
1960	Wabi sabi Reibstein, Mark & Young, Ed (ill)	Little, Brown & Co	2008	9780316118255	5-6	Wabi Sabi, the little cat, sets out to find out the meaning of her name. Beautifully told and illustrated in the Japanese style with a special form of stylised Haiku poetry as a main feature.

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	Wacky but true magazine Down, Michelle				5-6	A monthly magazine format mix of freaky, funny and fascinating facts. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
15043	Waddle giggle gargle Allen, Pamela	Penguin	1996	9780140559910	K-2	The story of the ingenious way Grandpa, Grandma and Jonathan protect themselves from the swooping, waddling, giggling, gargling magpie that is determined to protect her nest.
3036	Waer Caddy, Meg	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781922182210	7-9	When Lowell Sencha finds the strange girl lying, as if dead. on the riverbank, he is startled to find that she is like them, waer. Human but able to assume the form of a wolf. The Sencha family's small community has kept itself sequestered and unnoticed, and free from persecution. The arrival of a fellow traveller, and a hunted one at that, threatens their very survival. When the soldiers of the blood-purist Daeman Leldh descend on the village, searching for her, Lowell and the mysterious stranger are among the few to escape.
1414270	Wait a minute Unwin, Shelly & Azore, Lana (ill)	Larrikin House	2025	9781923345027	K-2	Have you ever sent your little one off to fetch their shoes, only to find them completely distracted 10 minutes later? Readers will be surprised by how wild procrastination can get. Parents will relate. Expect the unexpected or, everyone should expect the unexpected.
593300	Waiting for Chicken Smith Mackintosh, David	Little Hare Books	2018	9781760501761	3-4	Every year, I stay in the same cabin at the beach with my family, and every year Chicken Smith's here too, with his Dad and his dog, Jelly. But this year, something's different
5807	Waiting for Hugo Niland, Amanda & Richards, Claire (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2013	9781922081216	K-2	For Hugo, the world is full of things to count. For his family, that means everything takes extra time, which does come with some nice surprises sometimes.
2269	Waiting for later Matthews, Tina	Walker Books	2011	9781921720055	K-2	Even though Nancy is big, one day she feels small. When she asks her mum, brother, cousin, aunt and grandfather to play with her, they're all busy and ask her to wait until later. So, Nancy climbs a tree in her backyard to wait for later, and imagines playing the games her family doesn't have time for.

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22842	Waiting for mum Lunn, Helen & Pignataro, Anna (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2008	9781865041711	K-2	Even very small children have to face big worries. When mum doesn't arrive to pick her up from school, this little girl faces those worries and carefully thinks about the right thing to do. She knows it is important not to panic and that worries can be forced to back down if you face them. Some devilish worries swirl around the familiar scenes on these beautifully illustrated pages.
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?
901579	Waiting for the storks Nannestad, Katrina	ABC Books	2022	9780733342271	7-9	It's the Second World War and Himmler's Lebensborn Program is in full flight when eight-year-old Zofia Ulinski is kidnapped by the Germans. She has blonde hair and blue eyes, just like the other Polish children taken from their families and robbed of their names, their language, their heritage. But when Zofia is adopted into a wealthy and loving German family, it is easier, it is safer to bury her past, deep down, so everything is forgotten. Until the Polish boy arrives. And the past comes back to haunt her. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Katrina Nannestad read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/7-9-book-list#waiting-for-the-storks-katrina-nannestad
8324	Waiting out the storm Macken, Joann Early & Gaber, Susan (ill)	Candlewick Press	2009	9780763633783	K-2	Out on a hillside as a storm moves in, a young girl and her mother watch the raindrops fall, the thunder rumble and the lightning flash. As they approach their house, the girl wants to know where the turtles, chipmunks and birds go during a storm. Indoors, they settle down together, to watch the rain.

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774228	Waking Romeo Barker, Kathryn	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760297152	9plus	It's the end of the world. Literally. Time travel is possible, but only forwards. And only a handful of families choose to remain in the 'now', living off the scraps that were left behind. Among these are eighteen-year-old Juliet and the love of her life, Romeo. But things are far from rosy for Jules. Romeo is in a coma and she's estranged from her friends and family, dealing with the very real fallout of their wild romance. Then a handsome time traveller, Ellis, arrives with an important mission that makes Jules question everything she knows about life and love. Can Jules wake Romeo and rewrite her future? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
9424	Walers go to war Farrer, Vashti	ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee QLD Incorporated	2001	9780957795761	3-4	This is the children's story of the Australian bred horses, known as Walers, at war. Originally from New South Wales, these medium sized horses were instrumental in the Australian and British victories of WWI.
4015	Walk in the bush, A Perkins, Gwyn	Affirm Press	2017	9781925475531	K-2	Little Iggy does not want to leave the house, but Grandad insists, they always have fun together. What follows is a wonderful journey, in the great Australian outdoors, with singing birds, wallaby surprises, secret caterpillar messages and oodles of grandad humour. Here is a story about the wonders of nature, the funny side of life and spending time with the ones we love.
901578	Walk in the dark, A Godwin, Jane	Hachette Australia	2022	9780734420770	7-9	Its just a walk in the dark. Nothing to worry about. That's what the leader, Johan says about the overnight hike in the dark with no adults. But does he know that a storm is coming? Five teenagers head into the bush but none are aware of what the night will bring. Each will have to find the strength to survive. They have to face the unknown, battle the elements and their own demons. Its a night that will change everything.
878023	Walk of the whales Bland, Nick	Hardie Grant Egmont	2021	9781760509026	K-2	When all of the whales in the ocean leave their home to walk around on land, people don't quite know what to think. But soon shopkeepers go out of business, farms are flooded with water and salt, and people shout horrible, anti-whale words. That is, until, a smart little girl decides to ask the whales what everyone can do to help.

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	Walk right in detective agency series, The Simons, Moya				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.
441	Walk twenty, run twenty Disher, Garry	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780733614644	7-9	After the death of his parents, Rick goes to live with his cousins in the outback. He finds it very hard to adjust and his cousins have difficulty relating to his grief. A dangerous adventure changes everything. Some strong language in context.
442	Walk two moons Creech, Sharon	HarperTrophy	1996	9780064405171	7-9	Sal is coping with loss and change and is helped by her unusual friend, Phoebe, and her wise, loving grandparents.
1019766	Walk with us Goodes, Adam & Laing, Ellie & Hardy, David (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761065071	5-6	Harvey and Mum are heading to their favourite park for a walk on Cammeraygal land. 'Time to awaken the ancestors,' says Uncle Boris. 'Every time we sing or acknowledge Country, the ancestors are listening.' What do you know about the Country where you live? Inspired by the Uluru Statement from the Heart, Walk With Us is an invitation to go on a journey of learning and appreciation - with family, with friends, and with our nation - together.
9269	Walker book of classic poetry and poets, The Rosen, Michael	Walker Books	2001	9780744582642	5-6	An anthology of over eighty, memorable poems by a variety of poets, William Shakespeare, Banjo Paterson, W B Yeats, Emily Dickinson, Edward Lear and Carl Sandburg. The book includes colour illustrations, biographical sketches and paintings.
12058	Walker treasury of bear stories, The Various	Walker Books	1995	9780744544183	K-2	A delightful collection of twenty-one stories about bears, written and illustrated by many well-known authors and illustrators, including Michael Rosen, Sarah Hayes and John Burningham. If you like bear stories, you'll love this book.

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803504	Walking in Gagudju country: Exploring the monsoon forest Lucas, Diane & Tyler, Ben & Long, Emma (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760525958	5-6	When we go walking, we never know how long we will be, what we will hear and what we will see. We pack our bags with food and water, a billy and some matches to light a fire. We head off into the shady monsoon forest on the edge of the billabong. Diane Lucas, Ben Tyler and Emma Long share their knowledge and love of the Top End in this enchanting and accessible book about one of Australia's most ancient and beautiful ecosystems.
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.
12337	Walking with the seasons in Kakadu Lucas, Diane & Searle, Ken	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2004	9781741144710	5-6	This book introduces children to the birds, plants and animals that live in Kakadu. It also features the Gundjeihmi-speaking aborigines of the region and the six aboriginal seasons.
590078	Wall in the middle of the book, The Agee, Jon	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760663490	K-2	The wall in the middle of this book is supposed to protect one side of the book from the other side. Supposed to.
120056	Wall, The: Growing up behind the iron curtain Sis, Peter	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	2007	9780374347017	9plus	Through annotated illustrations, journals, maps and dreamscapes, Peter Sis shows what life was like for a child, on the Communist side of the Iron Curtain, who believed whatever he was told. As news filtered in from the West, Sis learned about rock'n'roll, blue jeans and read banned books. The Soviet invasion meant this freedom was short-lived but Sis's eyes had been opened. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.

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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?
4705	Waltzing Matilda Paterson, A B & Blackwood, Freya (illus)	Scholastic Australia	2006	9781865048154	5-6	Watzing Matilda story with pictures that are overlaid with the story of the shearer's strike of the 1890s. Excerpts from newspapers reports and 'wanted' posters add further information.
443	Wanamurraganya: the story of Jack McPhee Morgan, Sally	Fremantle Press	1990	9780949206992	9plus	The story of Jack McPee, an itinerant station and mine worker, from the Pilbara region of Australia.Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
444	Wanderer, The Creech, Sharon	Pan Macmillan London	2001	9780330392921	7-9	In this story about sailing, Sophie travels from Nova Scotia to England to visit the grandfather that she has never met.
445	Wandering girl Ward, Glenyse	Magabala Books	1996	9781875641246	7-9	Glenyse, an aboriginal Australian, is forcibly taken from her parents and raised in a strict Catholic institution. At seventeen, she's sent to work as a domestic on a rich, West Australian farm where she's treated very harshly. Housed in a dirty garage, fed inferior food after cooking sumptuous meals for the family to eat in their luxurious dining room, given unfamiliar tasks with no instruction, Glenyse is debased and humiliated.
620081	Wandering star Prior, Natalie Jane & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760663339	K-2	I have a horse, a beautiful horse, and her name is Wandering Star. We roam wild and free, from the hills to the sea, and it's magic wherever we are. Follow this truly enchanting story of discovery, adventure and wonderful friends.

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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.
9231	Wanderings of Odysseus, The Sutcliff, Rosemary	Frances Lincoln	1995	9780711208629	7-9	Homer's magnificent epic poem, 'The Odyssey', brought to vivid life in an enthralling traveller's tale of the greatest voyage ever, with a spectacular cast of men, magicians and monsters.
846064	Wandi Parrett, Favel & Ingram, Zoe (ill)	Lothian Books	2021	9780734420633	5-6	A dingo cub is snatched from his mountain home by a giant eagle, then dropped, injured and alone , in a suburban garden. He longs for his mama's soft tail, warm and snug over his body. He longs for the safety of his brothers and sisters, snuggled together as the snow fall heavy and solid above their den. With them his nose was never cold, his tummy never empty. He was safe. Then he meets his first human and so begins his long journey to becoming Wandi, the most famous dingo in the world. But will he ever see his family or his home again?
15512	Wanja: one smart dog Stacey, Barbara & Hill, Adam (ill)	Indij Readers	2004	9780980340525	3-4	Aunty Barb is impressed with the cleverness of Wanja, a streetwise pet dog living in the inner city of Sydney.
4707	Wannabe wallaby Clark, Margaret	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2000	9780733612091	5-6	When a black dog, Wannabe, who has been reared by wallabies, and believes he is one, is brought to the Animal Haven refuge, unexpected things happen.
568905	Want to play trucks? Stott, Ann & Graham, Bob (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781406378238	K-2	Jack likes trucks. Alex likes dolls. What will they play together? Their new favourite game, of course!
7392	Wanted: the perfect pet Roberton, Fiona	Viking UK	2009	9780670073566	3-4	Henry already has 27 varieties of frogs so why could he possibly want another pet. But, Henry is seeking the perfect pet, a pet with personality so he advertises for a dog. He waits and waits until a surprising perfect pet turns up on his doorstep.

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4708	War and peas Foreman, Michael	Andersen Press Ltd	2002	9781842700839	3-4	When food is scarce in the land of King Lion, the Fat King, ruler of the neighbouring, very rich country refuses to help so war is declared. But the people of the Fat King's land are too fat for their equipment.
587904	War and resistance Masson, Sophie	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781742769219	7-9	In joining the Hitler Youth, Dieter finds belonging with other young men, and escape from his proud step father. Sasha and her family, having moved with her family from Sydney to France so her father can report on the war, find themselves under rule by the surging German army. Both have secrets to keep on the complex playing field of war and resistance, but as these two characters circle closer to each other, they need to decide if trust is possible.
104758	War horse Morpurgo, Michael	Farshore	2023	9780008640712	5-6	A tale of a horse Joey and a boy Albert learning to love and understand each. Drawn from a World War 1 story from where horses were taken from their farms and used to combat the war on the western front between France and Germany. Amidst the futile efforts in mud a horse becomes a hero.
616660	War is over Almond, David	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9781444946574	5-6	John is the son of a solider and his mother works at the munitions factory making weapons for the first World War. More than he wants a glorious victory for the British, he wants his family back together and all families back together. Even the German families. John finds that wanting peace during war time can be as dangerous as being at the front, yet without a vision for peace, how can it ever be found?
1424090	War of wyverns, A Williamson, S.F	Harper Fire	2026	9780008652364	9plus	Vivien Featherswallow has translated a secret language of dragons - sparking an all-out civil war, with dragons and humans fighting on both sides, in the process. And after defeating Prime Minister Wyvernmire and escaping Bletchley Park, Vivien has become the reluctant face of the rebellion - and been labelled the most wanted criminal in Britain. But what good is a rebel who must remain in hiding, powerless to help her friends? Unsure of her purpose, and torn with doubt about the life she thought she was meant to lead, Vivien travels to the remote Scottish Isles to find a mysterious, long-forgotten species of dragon - one which might hold the key to ending the war... forever. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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24958	War that saved my life, The Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781925355642	5-6	Nine year old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted, club foot to let her outside. So, when Ada's little brother, Jamie, is shipped out of London to avoid the war, she escapes to join him. A new adventure begins for Ada, and for Susan Smith, the woman forced to take them in. As Ada teaches herself to ride a pony, learns to read and watches for German spies, she begins to trust Susan. And, Susan begins to love them both. But, wartime and Ada's cruel mother threaten the growing bond.
8712	War's end Bowen, Victoria	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9781741663662	7-9	Dad is finally on his way home from The Great War. Everyone, especially Mum, is excited and full of plans for the homecoming and the future. Twelve year old Nell barely remembers Dad but when Spanish Influenza hits Perth, delaying his return, Nell begins to understand the gap in the family his absence has created.
14950	Warambi Darlison, Aleesah & Plant, Andrew (ill)	Working Title Press	2011	9781921504280	K-2	When her home in a little bent-wing bat colony is destroyed, Warambi is separated from her family. She's forced to shelter in a rather unusual place, where scary sounds are all around her and danger is never far away. Warambi just wants to find her way home.
	Wardstone chronicles series Various				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.
87229	Warnayarra the rainbow snake Lofts, Pamela (comp) & Lajamanu School (teller)	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781865046235	3-4	One of a series of Aboriginal stories about animals and birds. Describes the power of the Warnayarra in unleashing a tremendous thunderstorm.
	WARP series Colfer, Eoin				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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846112	Warrior in my wardrobe, The Farnaby, Simon	Hachette Australia	2021	9781444954395	5-6	Rose has magic! She uses it for good to save injured animals in her area. Her brother, Kris, has also discovered he has magic. But Rose thinks he needs to be better at using it to help people rather than just doing magical tricks for the neighbourhood kids. She is jealous that he has learnt his skills so quickly and is VERY good! Then Kris disappears, and Rose needs to help him. Will she be strong enough? She will need to time travel and meet an old friend Merdyn to help save her brother. Will her powers be enough to defeat his kidnappers and not change history?
446	Warrior Scarlet Sutcliff, Rosemary	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	1994	9780374482442	7-9	In Bronze Age Britain, Drem must overcome his disability in order to pass the tribe's test to become a warrior.
9362	Warrior, The: The story of a wombat French, Jackie & Guthridge, Bettina (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1996	9780207190889	3-4	Factual information cleverly woven into the story of a wombat's experiences from birth to adulthood revealing the emotions, smells and joys of being a wombat.
	Warriors graphic novels series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
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	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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1423944	Warriors: A starless clan: Star Hunter, Erin	HarperCollins US	2025	9780063050419	7-9	Can a Clan that has turned on itself ever truly recover? The fate of all Clanhood hangs in the balance. After killing Harelight and pronouncing himself leader of RiverClan, Splashtail's thirst for power has only grown. Soon his greed threatens the safety of not only RiverClan but all Clans. Yet Splashtail's trickery knows no bounds, and the Clans find themselves in more danger than they could have imagined. Only one thing is certain: They will have to work as one to defeat Splashtail before he tears them apart.
4847	Was not me Horsfall, Shannon	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2016	9781460752463	K-2	I have a naughty twin brother who I only see. A cheeky twin brother, his name is Not Me. There are how many boys in this family?
1209893	Washpool Fuller, Lisa	Lothian Books	2025	9780734420756	5-6	This world looked as though it had been drawn in weird crayon colours ... There were no bird calls. No distant rustling of animals in the scrub. No breeze teasing the tops of the trees. Everything was still. Bella is shy and thoughtful. Her big sister, Cienna, is popular and brave. One thing they have in common is their love for Washpool, the local swimming spot. But one weekend when they dive into Washpool, Bella and Cienna surface in the strange new world of Muse. Lost and confused, the sisters find themselves working with magical creatures on an eye-opening quest. Lady Dragon - keeper of the land where an important Summer Feast is held - has lost her egg. Can Bella and Cienna save the egg in time? And how will they ever find their way home?
2938	Wasim and the champ Ashley, Chris & Pankhurst, Kate (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2011	9781847800572	5-6	Footie-mad Wasim and his team mates enter the local football competition. But, after an incident at the local mosque and a fight involving Wasim's older brother, the teams become split between white and Asian boys. Wasim and the surprise celebrity at the competition, an international boxing champion from their area, cleverly diffuse a tense situation.

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21500	Wasim's challenge Ashley, Chris & Pankhurst, Kate (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2010	9781847800565	5-6	Year Five are off to Snowdonia and Wasim Ahmed has been looking forward to it for months. He has vowed to participate in the Ramadan fast but keeps his fasting a secret. Lack of food and drink cause him to sit out the first day's activities. When a box of chocolates disappears, Wasim becomes prime suspect. Then, on a walk, the group gets lost and Wasim is in serious danger on the mountainside.
1386188	Wasteland warriors Wallace, Adam & Hart, James	Larrikin House	2025	9781923345072	3-4	Meet the Lone Wolf who is just trying to survive the end of the world alone. Set in 2046, the world has been destroyed, and the Lone Wolf is forced to fight zombies and monsters from other dimensions and worlds, in between eating ice cream of course, and trying to find his way home. When he meets Ariana and Alby, he needs to make a decision. Should he let them in, or should he continue the journey alone? This book is a fast-paced, action-packed monster adventure set in a dystopian world.
1285133	Watch me Mafi, Tahereh	Electric Monkey (London)	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.

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	Watch me grow series Dorling Kindersley				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.
9619	Watch out big Bro's coming Alborough, Jez	Walker Books	1999	9780744563047	K-2	Mouse has some hot news. Big Bro is coming. The news spreads from Monkey to Parrot to Frog to Elephant. All the animals add to the news until the size and toughness of Big Bro is legendary.
781524	Watch that ends the night, The: Voices of the Titanic Wolf, Allan	Candlewick Press	2013	9780763663315	7-9	While the fateful first voyage of the RMS Titanic is a well known event in history, Allan Wolf tells this story through the voices of dozens of real passengers and also creatively created imagined voices. This book gives you insight into the thoughts and actions of everyone from the captain of the Titanic to the world's richest man to the stokers forever shovelling coal in the giant furnaces which powered the unsinkable ship!
593295	Watch this! Godwin, Jane & Orpin, Beci & Walker, Hilary	Scribble Press	2018	9781925322774	K-2	Can you make a circle with your arms? Or a triangle with your fingers? If we work together, we can make a rectangle, or even a pyramid. We can make lots and lots of shapes- just watch this!
6596	Watchmaker who saved Christmas, The Whatley, Bruce	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2006	9781741662245	K-2	A mysterious visitor requests that his extraordinary watch be repaired by Christmas Eve. The watchmaker has never seen a watch like it. His assistant, Peter, suggests an unusual way to repair it but it's a race against time.
7421	Water Havel, Geoff	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781741695601	7-9	Thirteen year old Tully discovers she has had her DNA artificially manipulated by her father. Tully and her father are kidnapped and taken to the research facility where she learns she is part of a much larger human DNA experiment aimed at creating humans capable of surviving in underwater environments for the purpose of mining.
4717	Water babies, The Kingsley, Charles	Wordsworth Editions Ltd	2000	9781853261480	5-6	While cleaning chimneys, Tom emerges in Ellie's bedroom and she mistakes him for a thief. In this classic story, Tom runs away, slips into a cooling stream and falls asleep to become a Water Baby, with a quest to the Other-end-of-Nowhere.

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4718	Water dragons, The Wrightson, Patricia	Puffin Australia	1999	9780141305363	5-6	Sam, Lin and Jerry must save their pet water dragon when their natural habitat, the drain behind their homes, is being cleaned up. But, two of the water dragons have disappeared.
13647	Water everywhere Atkins, Jill	Dorling Kindersley	2007	9781405319423	3-4	With the help of photographs and diagrams, a fresh look at water's journey around our planet is presented, from rain to rivers to the kitchen sink.
15388	Water hole (around the clock with the animals of the grasslands) Shalev, Zahavit	Dorling Kindersley	2005	9781405308199	3-4	A day at the water hole from dawn to dusk, as all the animals of the grasslands come to drink. Includes beautiful photographs, a glossary and an index.
64129	Water horse, The King-Smith, Dick	Puffin Australia	2008	9780141302232	3-4	Angus and his sister have found something strange at the beach. They think it's just a big, old piece of seaweed so they take it home to put in the bath. But, in the morning, the seaweed is squeaking and splashing.
15329	Water the amazing journey Trafford, Caren & Eriksson, Megan (ill)	Etram Pty Ltd	2004	9780958187817	5-6	With cartoon-style graphics, appealing illustrations and interesting facts, this book shows why water is so important and how we can conserve it.
40020	Water wise Hawes, Alison	A & C Black	2010	9781408126875	3-4	Find out why the world needs to be water wise. Presenting a global view about equal access to clean water around the world and the impact water wastage and water pollution will have, find out how each person and home can make a difference.
529	Water witcher Ormerod, Jan	Little Hare Books	2006	9781921049514	3-4	It is hot and dry and everyone is thirsty. Dougy and his sisters hand water the baby animals on the farm and can't remember the last time it rained. Dougy dreams of being a water witcher like his grandfather.
4723	Waterhole, The Base, Graeme	Penguin	2003	9780140567533	3-4	A stunning picture book that is a counting book, an animal book and a puzzle book to be enjoyed by all. There is wide appeal in this art journey across the world.
447	Watership down Adams, Richard	Oxford University Press	2001	9780060935450	7-9	A warren of rabbits is being chased from its home by a land developer. The rabbits have their own language and culture which is as complex and fascinating as human society.
946	Waterslain angels Crossley-Holland, Kevin	Orion	2008	9781842556917	5-6	The discovery of a beautifully carved angel wing at the village church intrigues Annie. She and her new friend, Sandy, are determined to solve the centuries old mystery of the angels that went missing from the Waterslain Church. What begins as a childish quest soon becomes an extremely dangerous adventure.
448	Watertower, The Crew, Gary	Era Publications	1997	9781863743204	7-9	A mysterious watertower becomes more than a place to cool off for two outback youths. The suspense is powerful.

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21206	Waves Rawlins, Donna & Potter, Heather & Jackson, Mark (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781925381641	5-6	Every journey is perilous, every situation heartbreaking. Every refugee is a person forced by famine or war or fear to leave their home, their families, their friends and all they know. Children have travelled on the waves of migration to the shores of Australia for tens of thousands of years. This book tells some of their stories.
18391	Waves: from surfing to tsunami Kampion, Drew	Gibbs Smith, Publisher	2005	9781586852122	5-6	This informative, documentary style book contains wonderful, visual images of waves. Photographs portray the origin and parts of a wave, and the effects of river and ocean waves on the environment. Includes a glossary of terms.
7496	Waxing with Wayne McRobbie, David	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	1991	9781863300933	7-9	More adventures of Wayne Wilson. Wayne's sister is engaged, his hideous young cousin and wonderfully eccentric grandfather come to stay and his best mate seems to upstage him on every occasion, leaving Wayne's love life in tatters.
449	Way home Hathorn, Libby & Rogers, Gregory (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1995	9780091829186	7-9	The story of homelessness and the city and the need for a boy and a cat to belong and to be safe.
620202	Way home for wolf, The Bright, Rachel & Field, Jim (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9781408349205	K-2	Wilf is as strong and independent as a wolf cub can be. He doesn't need help from his friends and family - whatever it is, he can do it ALL BY HIMSELF. But when Wilf finds himself lost and alone in the snow and chill of an Arctic night, he discovers something important - sometimes we all need the help of a friend to keep us safe and show us the way.
1066631	Way home, A Brewin, Emily	MidnightSun Publishing	2024	9781922858382	9plus	16 year old Grace hadn't attended school for so long her Nan took her back to her sick, medicated mum. Now in Melbourne, her 6 months ago version of herself of love and responsibility more complex, homeless she plans to change the only thing that matters, her mum's happiness, in a world that has lost it's texture. Deep and heart-warming friendships of others who survive, a piano in the library, a book about courage all help her seize the moment and be brave now that the door in her heart has cracked open. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 or above.
97380	Way I love you, The Bedford, David & James, Ann	Little Hare Books	2004	9781877003813	K-2	A young girl describes the reasons why she loves her pet dog.

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871535	Way of dog, The Fraillon, Zana	University of Queensland Press	2022	9780702265563	5-6	Be strong. Be fierce. Life is more than a concrete floor. Scruffity is born into the harsh, grey world of a puppy farm. Taken from his mamma and locked in a concrete cage, what he yearns for most is Family. To belong is The Way of Dog. But no one wants him. Just as his chances of adoption grow dangerously thin, Scruffity is set free by a boy as unwanted and lonely as he is. Outside, Scruffity learns all about The Way of Dog - it is to run, to dig, to howl and, biggest of all, to love. But when tragedy strikes, Scruffity is suddenly all alone.
815456	Way of the weedy seadragon, The Morgan, Anne & Bury, Lois (ill)	CSIRO	2021	9781486313952	3-4	Can you imagine a strange and colourful fish that looks like a dragon? It can't fly or breathe fire, but it is an excellent dancer! The weedy seadragon is an amazing underwater fish with a talent for camouflage, weird eating habits and a unique courtship dance. But its habitat and future are threatened. This enchanting story takes you under the sea to meet this mysterious sea creature, and reveals its weird and wonderful ways.
35027	Way we work, The Macaulay, David	Walker Books	2009	9781406322224	7-9	Explore the human body from head to toe. Lots of interesting facts and details about how our bodies works for us.
660042	Wayward son Rowell, Rainbow	Pan MacMillan	2019	9781509896899	9plus	The story is supposed to be over. Simon Snow did everything he was supposed to do. He beat the villain. He won the war. He even fell in love. Now comes the good part, right? Now comes the happily ever after... So why can't Simon Snow get off the couch? What he needs, according to his best friend, is a change of scenery. He just needs to see himself in a new light... That's how Simon and Penny and Baz end up in a vintage convertible, tearing across the American West. They find trouble, of course. (Dragons, vampires, skunk-headed things with shotguns.) And they get lost. They get so lost, they start to wonder whether they ever knew where they were headed in the first place... Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
4859	We all sleep Kwaymullina, Ezekiel & Morgan, Sally (ill)	Fremantle Press	2015	9781925162684	K-2	Beneath the stars, we all sleep.

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15112	We all went on safari, a counting journey through Tanzania Krebs, Laurie & Cairns, Julia (ill)	Koala Books	2003	9780864615138	K-2	Learn to count in Swahili and discover all kinds of African animals in the grasslands of Tanzania.
6546	We are all born free: the universal declaration of human rights in pictures Amnesty International (contr)	Frances Lincoln	2008	9781845076504	5-6	Proclaimed by the United Nations on December 10, 1948, the Declaration of Human Rights applies to every child and adult throughout the world. Each of its 30 articles has been written in a way that children can understand and beautifully illustrated by well-known artists.
660734	We are all Greta Giannella, Valentina & Marazzi, Manuela (ill)	Laurence King Publishers	2019	9781786276131	7-9	Follow in Greta Thunberg's footsteps and join the global mission to save our planet from the effects of climate change.
868546	We are Australians Smith, Duncan & Godwin, Nicole & Cadd, Jandamarra (il)	Wild Dog Books	2022	9781742036328	3-4	For those born in Australia, it's easy to take citizenship and its responsibilities for granted. But there is much more to being an Australian citizen than having a passport and the right to vote.
773917	We are displaced Yousafzai, Malala & Welch, Liz	Orion	2021	9781474610056	9plus	In this powerful and emotional book, Nobel Peace Prize winner and activist Malala Yousafzai shares various stories of displacement, including her own. Part memoir, part communal storytelling, the book introduces readers to some of the incredible girls Malala has met on her many journeys and lets each tell her story -- girls who have lost their community, relatives and often the only world they've ever known, but have not lost hope, with dreams for a better, safer world. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
950249	We are Matildas Ware, Shelley (Geddes, Serena (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2023	9781761048906	3-4	Jazzy dreams of being a football star and playing for the CommBank Matildas one day. She has a plan to get there . . . now all she needs is a team. This determined leader soon realises that being on the field with her friends is one of the best parts of the game.
889561	We are not free Chee, Traci	HarperCollins US	2022	9780358131434	9plus	When Pearl Harbour is attacked in World War 2, Japanese Americans suddenly find themselves hated and treated as enemies in their own country. Follow the story of 14 Japanese Americans and their families as they try to navigate their way through a society that hates them and internment camps. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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596239	We are okay LaCour, Nina	University of Queensland Press	2019	9780702262562	9plus	After the death of her mother, Marin was shuffled between families before she eventually landed in the care of her grandfather. Marin is soon to graduate from high school and faces separation from her best friend, Mabel, and Mabel's loving family. There is something missing from Marin's life, and with further tragedy comes even more questions about her connections with others and where she belongs in the world. Marin must come to understand the loneliness she has been living with before she loses those few closest to her. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
5203	We are the rebels Wright, Clare	Text Publishing Co	2015	9781922182784	7-9	Stories about The Eureka Stockade usually feature men and their roles in the rebellion. This book provides a whole new perspective, featuring the remarkable, vibrant women of Eureka, whose sheer determination shaped our national consciousness. This is their story and the story of the thousands of men, women and children who risked everything in their quest for gold.
46779	We are the weather makers Flannery, Tim	Penguin Books Australia	2006	9781921145346	9plus	The Weather Makers has had a huge impact on our consciousness about climate change. It has changed minds and hearts. This book speaks to the school children who will inherit the new climate which their parents and grandparents have helped to create. Provides scientific examinations and some conclusions about climate change. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
623315	We are together Teckentrup, Britta	Little tiger press	2018	9781848576582	K-2	On our own we're special, and we can chase our dream. But when we join up, hand in hand, together we're a team.

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751126	We are wolves Nannestad, Katrina	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780733340888	5-6	War is not just the story of soliders and generals and battles, but it is also the story of children and parents, and families lost and found. As the second World War comes to an end, the Wolf family face their greatest test of survival when the reality of a German defeat comes to their village. Liesl is tasked with keeping her younger brother and sister close and alive while also trying to survive without losing all the things which make them human. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Katrina Nannestad read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/5-6-book-list#we-are-wolves-katrina-nannestad
50640	We belong together Parr, Todd	Pan Asia Publications	2008	9780733323119	K-2	Child-like, smiling stick figures and bold, brilliant colours capture what it means for a family to belong together. In a sensitive, child-friendly way, the book focuses on different types of families.

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916526	We could be something Kostakis, Will	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180170	9plus	Harvey's dads are splitting up. It's been on the cards for a while, but it's still sudden. Woken-by-his-father-to-catch-a-red-eye sudden. Now he's restarting his life in a new city, living above a cafe with the extended Greek family he barely knows. Sotiris is a rising star. At seventeen, he's already achieved his dream of publishing a novel. When his career falters, a cute, wise-cracking bookseller named Jem upends his world. Harvey and Sotiris's stories converge on the same street in Darlinghurst, in this novel about how our dreams shape us, and what they cost us. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. LISTEN ON BOOK BITES! You can listen to Will Kostakis read the first chapter of this book on the PRC's Book bites podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or The Arts Unit website! Copy and paste this URL into your browser to start listening! https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/listen-the-arts-unit/literature-and-language-arts/book-bites/9plus-book-list#we-could-be-something-will-kostakis
977794	We didn't think it through Lonesborough, Gary	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760526931	9plus	Jaime lives in Dalton's Bay with Aunty Dawn and Uncle Bobby. He spends his downtime hanging out with his mates, Dally and Lenny. Jamie's just an Aboriginal kid trying to find his way, but Mark Cassidy and the while lads take every opportunity they can to bully him and his friends. One night, Jamie, Dally and Lenny decide to retaliate...but things don't go as planned and the consequences are devastating. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. Can Jaime mend his relationships with himself, his friends, his family, and his future?

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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?
720959	We dream of space Kelly, Erin Entranda	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780062747303	5-6	Meet three siblings in Park, Delaware in 1986, as the country waits expectantly for the launch of the Space Shuttle Challenger. Cash, who loves basketball but has a newly broken wrist, is in danger of failing seventh grade for the second time. Fitch spends every afternoon playing Major Havoc at the arcade on Main and wrestles with an explosive temper that he doesn't understand. And Bird, his twelve-year-old twin, dreams of being NASA's first female shuttle commander, but feels like she's disappearing. The Thomas children exist in their own orbits, circling a tense and unpredictable household, with little in common except an enthusiastic science teacher named Ms. Salonga. As the launch of the Challenger approaches, Ms. Salonga gives her students a project-they are separated into spacecraft crews and must create and complete a mission. When the fated day finally arrives, it changes all of their lives and brings them together in unexpected ways.
1423972	We fell apart Lockhart, E.	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761182426	9plus	A girl arrives at her long-lost artist father's isolated seaside compound to find him missing, a mansion in neglect, and three teenage boys whose dark secrets might hold the key to her own family saga.
877385	We found a cat McKinnon, Heidi	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781761121005	K-2	Look! We found a cat. It has whiskers and a long tail, it has to be a cat...doesn't it?
4943	We found a hat Klassen, Jon	HarperCollins Children's Books	2016	9781406347517	K-2	Two turtles have found a hat. The hat looks good on both of them. But, there are two turtles and there is only one hat.

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846237	We go way back Ben-Barak, Ian & Bunting, Philip (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760526085	3-4	What is life? How did it start? Long, long ago, no one knows exactly where or when, a tiny bubble formed that was a Little Bit Different. It was the first living cell. Everyone's ancestor. And so the story of life begins ... In this visually stunning and brilliantly devised picture book, Idan Ben-Barak and Philip Bunting lead us through the origin of life on our planet, and how an odd little bubble gave rise to the incredible web of life on Earth."
40233	We honestly can look after your dog Child, Lauren	Puffin Australia	2005	9780141382104	3-4	Lola and Lotta are sure they can look after the dog of Charlie's friend, Marv. Perhaps they could, if they could just agree on how to do it.
995867	We know a place Clarke, Maxine Beneba	Lothian Books	2023	9780734421579	K-2	Every Saturday, when the chores are done, two children set out on a journey to their local bookshop, a magical place where sneaky stories escape as you peep in the door and there's plentiful magic for each and for all. Monsters, giants, trolls and pirates ahoy! But what happens when some cheeky creatures follow the children home one day?
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.
871558	We run tomorrow Amoore, Nat & Barry, Mike (ill)	Puffin Australia	2022	9781760897697	5-6	You can run from your past, but the future is tomorrow . . . Tonight, we're gonna kidnap our best friend. And tomorrow? We run. Sticks, Maki, Jed and Tommy live on the same street. But the adults around them are making decisions that could tear the four friends apart. When they discover their favourite comic book series is being made into a blockbuster movie, they know what they have to do. Get to the audition. Get the parts. Stay together.
6147	We were liars Lockhart, E	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781760111069	9plus	There are four friends, it is summer, they are on a private island, they have the freedom to come and go as they please... throw in true love and terrible lies and it's hard to distinguish fact from fiction. The truth will leave you cold, and when people ask you about it, make sure you lie. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above,

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1042725	We who are forged in fire Murray, Kate	Hardie Grant Egmont	2023	9781760508937	9plus	Priscilla Daalman is training to be a Hollow Warrior - an elite monster hunter charged with killing evil beasts from another universe. But first, she has to deal with the Renegades, a rebellious group of outcasts who have declared war on the warriors and are unleashing deadly beasts across the globe. With everyone under attack by both Renegades and Hollow monsters, Priscilla decides the best way to fight is from within - so she cuts herself off from her girlfriend and family and becomes a spy in the Renegades' base. It's a bold plan - and one that doesn't account for her duplicitous ex-boyfriend, Dominic, being a leader of the rebellious group. As Priscilla struggles to remain undetected in the Renegade base, she realises Dominic has his own agenda - and she's part of it. And in order to stop him - and the Renegades - she may have to make the ultimate sacrifice... Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
895351	We who hunt the hollow Murray, Kate	Hardie Grant Egmont	2022	9781760508920	9plus	Seventeen-year-old Priscilla Daalma's entire family are Hollow Warriors - legendary monster hunters charged with killing evil beasts from beyond our universe. She's desperate to live up to that legacy, but she's convinced neither she, nor her superpower - the ability to sense Hollow energy - is up to the task. But when Priscilla attempts a desperate ritual to enhance her abilities, she accidentally triggers a frightening new power: the power to summon monsters from the Hollow itself. Now, Priscilla must protect her loved ones from supernatural monsters, and also from herself. Because if her power gets out, all hell will break loose ... and Priscilla will risk losing everything. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, and above.
8023	We're all Australians now Paterson, A B (Banjo) & Wilson, Mark (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2015	9780732296476	5-6	In 1915, Australia's much-loved bush poet, Banjo Paterson, wrote a poem as an open letter to the troops fighting in World War I.

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1484297	We're all gonna die-nosaur! Tan, Kon	Disney Press	2025	9781368101912	3-4	Pterry the pterodactyl has the sc-sc-scariest dreams--the kind that come true! Last night, Pterry dreamed that dinosaurs will go extinct. Pterry's parents tell him that there's no danger a pterodactyl can't fly away from. But Pterry doesn't know how to fly! Will Pterry learn in time to protect himself and his family? Or will the smell of his nervous farts be all he leaves behind?
1446569	We're all gonna die-nosaur! Escape of the apes Tan, Kon	Disney Press	2025	9781368101929	3-4	Pterry the pterodactyl has the scariest dreams - the kind that come true! Last night, Pterry dreamed about terrifying creatures: monkeys! Then, on the first day of school, Pterry's class takes a field trip to Primate Park - and the apes that live there escape. Can Pterry find the courage to save himself and his new friends? If not... we're all gonna die-nosaur!
4226	We're all wonders Palacio, R J	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2017	9780141386416	K-2	I know I can't change the way I look. But maybe, just maybe, people can change the way they see... Auggie knows he's no ordinary kid. He does plenty of ordinary things. He feels ordinary. He just doesn't look ordinary. But it is not just Auggie who's different, and everyone is a wonder- if only they could see it.
8243	We're going on a bear hunt Rosen, Michael & Oxenbury, Helen (ill)	Walker Books	2000	9781406372588	K-2	The family are going on a bear hunt. You can go with them, through the long grass and the mud. Are you scared? Children love this bear hunt.
15113	We're going on a picnic Hutchins, Pat	Red Fox	2002	9780099433040	K-2	Hen, Goose and Duck are going on a picnic. They pack all their favourite foods but, as they walk, their basket becomes lighter and lighter.
844136	We're going places Jackson, Mick & Broadley, John (ill)	Pavilion	2021	9781843654971	K-2	We all travel paths in our lives that depend on choice, chance and circumstance. Some journeys are purposeful and some are driven by curiosity and adventure. This book is about how every day is different and it is important to make good choices and go on adventures.
5694	We're going to be friends White, Jack & Blake, Elinor (ill)	Third Man Books	2017	9780996401692	K-2	Join Suzy Lee as she goes to school with her books and pens, looks for bugs, shows and tells, and finds a friend.
1096838	We're moving away Nill, Nina	Bright Light Books	2023	9781761212321	K-2	In this picture book, a family has to move from one country to another. It is exciting and scary at the same time. Join them as they decide what to take, what to leave and how to make the new house feel like a home.

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613989	We're stuck! deGennaro, Sue	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760663476	K-2	When Turtle races into the lift of Building 24, there is a nod and a blink and a step to the side. A grunt and a sigh and a lean to the right. But what happens when the lift stops moving? Crocodile has a meeting to get to. And Giraffe has a doctors appointment. And Turtle really, really needs to get to the shop.
579471	Weapons of math destruction: How big data increases inequality and threatens democracy O'Neil, Cathy	Penguin	2017	9780141985411	7-9	Even though you may not see them, our world is filled with algorithms. Algorithms that decide what advertisements you will see, what opportunities you will be presented with, and what costs you will have to face during your lifetime. Education, insurance, loans, health, and justice, are all at the mercy of these opaque lines of code. Mathematician and former finance industry worker, Cathy O'Neil has lifted the lid to show what is going on beneath the surface of big data. A fascinating, and frightening, insight into powerful forces that shape our lives everyday.
112309	Weather or not: it's a climate for change Trafford, Caren & Wilsher, David (ill)	Etram Pty Ltd	2007	9780958187831	5-6	Let's talk about the weather. A complex subject made easy for young people to understand, using whimsical pictures, humour, cartoons and puns. An encouraging look at global warming solutions and positive action.
1356326	Weaving Country Joy, Chris & Wandin, Aunty Kim & Pugh, Ashleigh (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2025	9781760657628	3-4	Walert's grandmother, Gugung, is collecting reeds (djirra) to weave a basket (binak) and finally, Walert is big enough to take part and learn this important cultural practice. But when a pair of blue wrens interrupt them, Walert realises that the birds have something to teach her, too. Featuring Wurundjeri language and a glossary.
8596	Web watchers Clark, Margaret	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1999	9780091834883	7-9	Set inside a virtual internet world, two friends attempt to save earth's internet from evil.
450	Web, The Hilton, Nette	HarperCollins Australia	1992	9780207172458	5-6	Violet-Ann befriends a seven legged spider that she names, Sam.
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.
903280	Wednesday and Woof: Catastrophe Winston, Sherri & Jose, Gladys (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780062975997	3-4	Wednesday and her service dog, Woof, are the best detectives in the whole world-or at least their neighbourhood. But can they find Mrs Winters's cat before her big trip? Or will the case of the cat-napped kitty be their first unsolved mystery?

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886447	Wednesday Weeks and the dungeon of fire Knight, Denis & Burne, Cristy	Lothian Books	2022	9780734420237	5-6	Gorgomoth the Unclean is back and he's up to no good, of course. Can Wednesday and the gang beat Gorgomoth to the long-lost Stone of Power, or will the world be plunged into Never-Ending Darkness?
774352	Wednesday Weeks and the tower of shadows Knight, Denis & Burne, Cristy	Lothian Books	2021	9780734420190	5-6	Wednesday Weeks is a sorcerer's apprentice. She would rather be studying science, but when her grandpa is kidnaped, she has no choice but to rescue him from the Gobin King in the Tower of Shadows. To do this, she must combine her love of science and her new knowledge of magic. Luckily her best friends Alfie and his super cute robot are there to help her, because the Goblin King is going to challenge them in ways they never imagined.
10235	Wee free men, The Pratchett, Terry & Player, Stephen (ill)	Random House Children's Books	2008	9780385612548	7-9	The trouble on the Aching farm - monsters in the river, headless horsemen in the lane - climaxes when Tiffany's little brother is stolen away. Fortunately, the Nac Mac Feegle - the fighting, thieving, wee free men - will assist in his rescue. Tiffany will have a witty, inventive, sumptuous tale to tell.
846222	Weekend with Oscar, A Bavati, Robyn	Walker Books	2021	9781760653002	7-9	Sixteen-year-old Jamie lives with his mum and his younger brother Oscar, who has Down syndrome. Though Jamie is still grieving the loss of his dad, life starts to look up when he meets Zara, the new girl at school. When their mum goes away for the weekend, Jamie volunteers to look after Oscar. But when the weekend is over and their mother doesn't return, Jamie faces the toughest challenge of his life.
6482	Weight of water, The Crossan, Sarah	Bloomsbury	2012	9781408823002	7-9	When Kasienka starts her new school in her new country, she is lonely and unhappy; everything is strange and her halting English sets her apart from the other students. Her mother is obsessed with finding Kasienka's father who has deserted them. Eventually, Kasienka discovers something that she excels at and the good life begins again.
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.

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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.
660658	Weird little robots Crimi, Carolyn & Luyken, Corinna (ill)	Walker Books	2020	9781406387988	3-4	Science geek Penny Rose is new in town, with only the robots that she creates for company. But with a little bit of magic, everything changes: she becomes best friends with Lark, joins a secret science club and discovers that her robots are alive.
825484	Weird school Callinan, Damian & Thomas, Adele K (ill)	Penguin	2021	9781760893446	5-6	Wally Park Primary School is the weirdest school in Australia. There is no other school quite like Wally Park. The principal is the meanest, vainest one in Australia, and the Naughty Tree is like no other. Just be aware of the Out of Bounds area. You may never return.
1289022	Weirdo Weaver Jr, Tony & Wibowo, Jes & Chin (ill)	First Second	2024	9781250772862	7-9	Eleven-year-old Tony Weaver, Jr. loves comic books, anime, and video games, and idolizes the heroic, larger-than-life characters he finds there. But his new classmates all think he's a weirdo. Bullied by his peers, Tony struggles with the hurt of not being accepted and tries to conform to other people's expectations. After a traumatic event shakes him to his core, he embarks on a journey of self love that will require him to become the hero of his own story. Weirdo is a triumphant, witty, and comedic story for any kid who's ever felt awkward, left out, or like they don't belong. An adolescence survival guide that will give every reader the confidence to make it to the other side.
	WeirDo series Various				3-4	Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to 10 more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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1423381	Weirdosaurus: Prehistory's most peculiar creatures Bunting, Philip	Little Hare Books	2025	9781761214653	3-4	The great age of the dinosaurs played host to more than its fair share of bizarre beasties. Whether by frill, quill, tooth, or claw, every creature in this book was extraordinarily odd in its own wonderful way. Meet a dinosaur with a built in megaphone. Learn which dino had metre-long sword-like claws. And discover a flying carnivore as tall as a giraffe! Petrifying!
8595	Weirdstone of Brisingamen, The Garner, Alan	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2002	9780007127887	7-9	Two children, Susan and Colin, are sent to rural England, where they encounter a frightening local woman and an ancient wizard, named Cadellin. They find themselves on the run through abandoned mine tunnels, aided by a pair of heroic dwarfs.
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.
14687	Welcome home Booth, Christina	Ford Street Publishing	2013	9781925000085	5-6	Whaling has long been part of Australia's history. Over the past centuries many coastal towns owe their existence to the hunting and slaughter of whales for numerous by-products. More recently these same towns focus on viewing the beauty of these majestic creatures as they travel between the cold and warmer waters. Here both stories are told through the eyes of a young boy who hears the distant calls, sometimes joyful, sometimes apprehensive, of a whale.
13465	Welcome little scrubfowl Kendell, Sandra	Windy Hollow Books	2013	9781922081261	3-4	In a house on legs up the top of Australia, grows a rampant garden. Seedlings are planted, but then during the night, something singing comes and digs them up for their dinner.
14828	Welcome to country Murphy, Aunty Joy & Kennedy, Lisa (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781922244871	5-6	Welcome to the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri people. We are part of this land and the land is part of us. This is where we come from. Wominjeka Wurundjeri balluk yearmenn koondee bik. Welcome to country.

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660618	Welcome to Country schools edition Langton, Marcia	Hardie Grant Egmont	2019	9781741176667	9plus	Written by one of Australia's most prominent Indigenous voices, Welcome to Country is essential reading for every young Australian. The chapters cover prehistory, post-colonial history, language, kinship, knowledge, art, performance, storytelling, native title, the Stolen Generations, making a rightful place for First Australians and looking to the future for Indigenous Australia. This book is for the new Australian generations and works towards rectifying the wrongs of this country's past. You will quickly appreciate how lucky we are to be the home of the world's oldest continuing civilisation -- which is both diverse and thriving in Australia today.
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.
5412	Welcome to my country Burarrwanga, Laklak	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743313961	5-6	Laklak Burarrwanga and her family invite you to their Country. Centred on a beautiful beach in Arnhem Land, its crystal waters are full of fish, turtle, crab and stingray. The bush holds fruits, pandanus for weaving and wood for spears. Laklak shares her history, her long childhood walks across Arnhem Land, her people's fight for land rights and for a say in their children's schooling. She and her family stand tall and proud.
5768	Welcome to Silver Street Farm Davies, Nicola	Walker Books	2011	9781406320596	3-4	Join Karl, Meera and Gemma as they work towards creating a city farm for all the children and adults alike to enjoy.
120055	Wendel's workshop Riddell, Chris	MacMillan	2007	9780230017801	K-2	Wendell, an inventor, builds a robot called Clunk who is a total disaster because he is so untidy. He is thrown down the rubbish shoot onto the scrap heap. Wendell invents a replacement robot called Wendelbot who is obsessed with tidiness and Wendell realises he is in danger of being thrown into the rubbish as well.

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17041	Wendy Gordon, Gus	Penguin Books Australia	2009	9780670070916	3-4	Wendy doesn't want to be just any old chicken. She wants adventure and excitement, and to be a star. Then, a travelling circus comes to town.
451	Werewolf knight, The Wagner, Jenny	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1997	9780091825942	5-6	Feolf is a loyal knight who becomes a wolf on nights when the moon is full.
31942	Weslandia Fleischman, Paul & Hawkes, Kevin (ill)	Walker Books	2007	9781406313758	3-4	Wesley is an outsider, friendless and tormented by his peers and unhappy with the 'sameness' of everyone. His answer is to create his own world. Wesley grows a garden and makes his own food, clothes, games and language.
4715	Wesley James ruined my life Honeybourn, Jennifer	Swoon Reads	2017	9781250139870	9plus	Sixteen-year-old Quinn Hardwick's having a rough summer. Her beloved grandmother has been put into a home, her dad's gambling addiction has flared back up and now her worst enemy is back in town: Wesley James, former childhood friend - until he ruined her life, that is. So when Wesley is hired to work with her at Tudor Tymes, a medieval England themed restaurant, the last thing Quinn's going to do is forgive and forget. She's determined to remove him from her life and even the score all at once - by getting him fired. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
12771	Wetlands Oktober, Tricia	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2000	9780733611971	3-4	In the tropical north of Australia, magpie geese gather round a billabong. The land is dusty, the rivers have shrunk and the dry months drag on. At last the sky darkens and lightning and thunder appear, the much-needed rains begin.
7723	Whacko the chook Svendsen, Mark & Redlich, Ben (ill)	Lothian Books	2007	9780734409843	3-4	Whacko the chook tries and tries again to find a friend without success. Eventually Whacko finds the love she is looking for by just getting on with what she should be doing and never letting others get her down.
1303	Whale in the bath Westaway, Kylie & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743318584	K-2	Bruno can't wash when there is a whale in the bath, but why won't anyone believe him.
9364	Whale journey French, Vivian & Flather, Lisa (ill)	Zero to ten	1998	9781840891379	3-4	Little Gray is a newborn whale travelling with his mother to the feeding areas in the Arctic, some six thousand miles from where he was born.
732433	Whale of a mistake, A Hobai, Ioana	Pan MacMillan	2020	9781624149276	3-4	You made a mistake! You worry and worry. It gets bigger and bigger. But you aren't alone. Look at all those stars in the sky - we are all here making mistakes and we learn from them. They aren't as big as you may think.

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846244	Whale of the wild, A Parry, Rosanne	Greenwillow	2020	9780062995933	5-6	Vega, a young orca whale, lives with her pod in the Salish Sea. When a double tragedy strikes her family and Vega and her little brother Deneb are separated from everyone they love, it's up to Vega to keep Deneb safe. Their journey is full of peril and wonder, and Vega and Deneb encounter a giant octopus, strange killer whales, and packs of hunting sharks as they travel into the blue wilderness of the deep ocean. Will Vega be able to protect her brother and find her way home? Will her beloved sea ever be the same again?
10698	Whale's child, The Rubinstein, Gillian	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2002	9780733614453	7-9	Ken has been having problems with his training for squad swimming. The unexpected discovery of a Japanese relative and her tales of the migrating whales help him to succeed.
9213	Whale: the play Holman, David	Heinemann	1996	9780413630902	7-9	A play focusing on the combined rescue of these gentle animals by US and Soviet forces.
452	Whalers, The Mumbulla, Percy & Robinson, Roland E. & Bancroft, Bronwyn (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2002	9780207191770	5-6	Stepping between Aboriginal Dreaming stories and the Australian yarn, the story of the Whalers reflects the ideas and practice of reconciliation showing the relationship between the orcas and the Aboriginal whalers of Twofold Bay.
669512	What a lot of nonsense Knowles, Sheena & Bentley, Jonathan (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2020	9781460756140	K-2	Dear reader, please take time to note, Two ways to read this book I wrote. The first way is for everyone, Just read the book, enjoy the fun. The second way will challenge those Who like to read beyond the prose. Who'd like to ACT just like a cat (And that's an anagram, in fact)."
9491	What are Coral reefs Llewellyn, Claire	Heinemann	2000	9780431023755	3-4	An introduction to the formation, location, and types of coral reefs, as well as threats to them and efforts to preserve them.
774408	What are they called 2? More Australian animals Cole, Diana Marlay	Little Red Apple Publishing	2020	9780648871255	K-2	Its fun to find out the strange names for a group of animals. What is a group of lizards called or a group of jellyfish? Find out the answers and many more in this book.
684215	What are they called? Australian animals Cole, Diana Marlay		2020	9780648290582	K-2	Do you know the names given to different groups of animals? Did you know that a group of penguins is called a colony? There is no group name for quokkas but they are said to be Australia's happiest animals as they always appear to be smiling.

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1423935	What came first? Frost, Kit & Cushley, Aaron (ill)	Red Shed	2025	9780008568153	5-6	Discover a host of surprising facts about science, animals, people, games and much more in an incredible journey through the world's timeline.
1426180	What can I get for Mother's Day? Hayward, Renae & Lu, Susan Joy (ill)	Larrikin House	2026	9781923345270	K-2	Choosing the perfect Mother's Day gift can be quite the challenge. Will it be hot air ballooning or a close encounter with a moose? The only certainty is that there are no boring gifts allowed because all mothers deserve an awesome Mother's Day!
660638	What colour is the sea? Stewart, Katie	Fremantle Press	2020	9781925816389	K-2	Koala has a great question. What colour is the sea? Her friends give her so many answers she decides to go and look for herself.
24758	What could it be Fawcett, Sally	Exisle Publishing	2016	9781925335026	K-2	It's time to step outside the square and explore your creativity. So many shapes, so many possibilities. Have some fun with your imagination.
766	What did one elephant say to another Baines, Becky	National Geographic Society	2008	9781426303074	K-2	Find out how elephants communicate with one another, not only through the noises they make but with their body movements.
12390	What Dino saw Kelleher, Victor	Penguin	2004	9780143300984	K-2	Jenny finds a big, egg-shaped thing down by the creek. She takes it home and, when it hatches, out pops a cute, but very hungry, baby dinosaur.
7962	What do grown-ups do all day Morgand, Virginie	Wide Eyed Editions	2016	9781847808097	3-4	If you've ever wondered what grown-ups do all day, this book will give you a fascinating insight into more than one hundred jobs, in fifteen diverse work places such as a farm, a hospital, a hotel, a gym and a school.
995992	What do scientists do? Mumbray, Tom & Tugrul, Can (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781474969024	3-4	Discover interesting facts about all things science from astronomy to zoology and the huge variety of jobs related to them. Find out how YOU could become a scientist yourself.
28503	What do they do with all the poo from all the animals at the zoo? Do, Anh & Wood, Laura (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781742769202	K-2	What do they do with all the poo from all the animals at the zoo? The elephants, the tigers, the kangaroos - what do they do with all that poo? Do they mix it into chocolate ice-cream? Sprinkle it on pizza? Can you guess what else they might do?
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.

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770013	What do you call your grandma? Barton, Ashleigh & Heiduczek, Martina (ill)	ABC Books	2021	9780733340840	K-2	In every country around the world are grandmas short and tall. Though they go by different names, we love them one and all. An inclusive picture book for grandparents and grandchildren everywhere.
720997	What do you call your grandpa? Barton, Ashleigh & Heiduczek, Martina	ABC Books	2020	9780733340864	K-2	Some people call him nonno, some call him kabu, some call him grandpa. Here is a book celebrating the different ways we say and enjoy grandfathers.
1433887	What do you call your mum? Barton, Ashleigh & Heiduczek, Martina	ABC Books	2026	9780733343810	K-2	In every country around the world are mums - some short, some tall. Though they go by different names, we love them one and all. A celebration of ways to say 'Mum' from Okaasan in Japanese to Miimi in Gumbaynggirr.
864754	What do you do to celebrate? Barton, Ashleigh & Heiduczek, Martina (ill)	ABC Books	2021	9780733341595	K-2	In every corner of the globe, as years begin and end, there are many ways to celebrate with family and friends. This joyous book that explores the many different ways we celebrate the close of one year and the beginning of another.
453	What do you think, Feezal Honey, Elizabeth	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1997	9781864484397	5-6	Bean has to move to Sydney to live in a penthouse, where she can't have a dog.
903293	What Do YOU Think?: How to agree to disagree and still be friends Syed, Matthew & Weeks, Kathy	Wren and Rook Books	2022	9781526364937	7-9	If you are the kind of person who... -Avoids disagreements because you don't want to fall out -Gets too embarrassed to say that you've changed your mind -Feels so overwhelmed that you don't know what to think ...then this book is for you. What do YOU think? will help young readers to discover what is influencing their ideas, from peer pressure to fake news. They'll learn how to form and change opinions, and how to debate their views with empathy. Readers will see how debates and disagreements can give you new ideas, stronger friendships, and help change the world for the better. I know you have loads of incredible thoughts and ideas and the world deserves to hear your voice. I want to know... what do you think?

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8039	What do you wish for Godwin, Jane & Walker, Anna (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2015	9780670078110	K-2	Ruby is looking forward to Christmas and the street party in the local park, as well as many other happy customs. One of these is the neighbourhood children hanging a Christmas wish on the big tree in the park, before they perform their yearly show. Ruby happily ponders on all the things she loves about the festive season - baking, presents, Christmas lunch and the freedom of holidays.
12616	What does your daddy do Reece, Gordon & Cencic, Vilma (ill)	Lothian Books	2009	9780734411129	K-2	In class, the children are trying to determine whose father is the most important. The answer may surprise you.
3040	What dog knows Vanden Heede, Sylvia & Tolman, Marije (ill)	Gecko Press	2016	9781776570379	3-4	Dog is the smart one, who knows things because he reads books. Wolf isn't so smart, he's more of an action-before-investigation type wolf. But, when Wolf finds a fact-filled book in the library, he thinks he'll outsmart his clever cousin, Dog. Packed with information, activities, quizzes, rhymes and curious conversations between Wolf and Dog.
22119	What goes on in my head Winston, Robert	Dorling Kindersley	2010	9781405353731	7-9	Your brain is the most complicated and mysterious part of your body. It contains more than a billion cells and, every second, billions of electrical signals dart between these cells, at speeds of more than four hundred kilometres per hour. Find out why you laugh, why your parents can read your mind and why you have strange or scary dreams.
1482198	What have they done to Liza McLean? Doak, Amy	Penguin	2026	9781761350641	9plus	Meg McLean is a scholarship student at the ultra-elite Douglas College. Meg's younger sister, Liza, is along for the ride, and everything Liza has done since they arrived at the school seems to be putting their chances of success at risk. Until one day, when Liza's behaviour is so at odds with her usual temperament that Meg knows something is very, very wrong. Benedict Hargreaves (the Fourth) is Douglas College's wealthiest student and perhaps the only one who isn't influenced by the school and its strict code of conduct. Is he brave enough to help Meg uncover what has happened to her sister? Or is he part of the elusive 'they' who seem to be controlling everything - and everyone? When more than one murder takes place, can Meg really trust anyone? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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5777	What I can learn from the incredible and fantastic life of Oprah Winfrey Medina, Melissa & Colting, Fredrik & Chen, Eszter (ill)	Moppet Books	2017	9780997714586	3-4	Oprah Winfrey has inspired millions of people around the world. This illustrated biography about the fantastic life of the Queen of Media, shows a new generation that they can do anything they put their minds to. This new series of illustrated biographies highlights contemporary innovators, leaders and visionaries in order to motivate and inspire the leaders of tomorrow.
5775	What I can learn from the incredible and fantastic life of Steve Jobs Colting, Fredrik & Medina, Melissa & Yoneyama, Natsuko (ill)	Moppet Books	2017	9780997714593	3-4	Steve Jobs was a visionary who changed the world with his inventions and designs. This illustrated biography about the fantastic life of Steve inspires younger generations to dream big and believe in themselves. This new series of illustrated biographies highlights contemporary innovators, leaders and icons in order to motivate and inspire the leaders of tomorrow.
587842	What I like about me Guillaume, Jenna	Pan MacMillan	2019	9781760559120	9plus	You know those movies where teenagers have the summer of their lives? This summer is probably not going to be that. Here lies Maisie Martin, dead from embarrassment, aged sixteen. The last thing Maisie Martin thought she'd be doing this summer is entering a beauty pageant. Not when she's spent most of her life hiding her body from everyone. Not when her Dad is AWOL for Christmas and her best friend starts going out with the boy she's always loved. But Maisie's got something to prove. And she's not going to let anything or anyone- including herself- hold her back. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
567921	What I lost Ballard, Alexandra	St Martin's	2018	9781250158420	9plus	Elizabeth is sixteen and has struggled with her body image for as long as she can remember. She's pretty sure her mother needs help even more than she does. Elizabeth has not only lost 20kg, placing her at an unhealthy weight, she has also lost friends, a boyfriend and the trust of her parents. After a terrible, public incident, she is admitted to Wallingfield, a treatment centre for girls with eating disorders. While at Wallingfield she begins to receive mysterious packages and needs to find out if they're from an admirer or if they are something more sinister. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
120131	What I wanna be Prior, Chasity & others & McKenzie, Peter (ill)	Indij Readers	2007	9780980359312	3-4	Aunty Sharon, Aunty Kelli and Uncle Phil decided to find out what their kids wanted to be when they grew up and they wrote about it.

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6646	What if it's us? Albertalli, Becky & Silvera, Adam	Simon & Schuster	2018	9781471176395	7-9	Arthur is only in New York for the summer, but if Broadway has taught him anything, it's that the universe can deliver a showstopping romance when you least expect it. Ben thinks the universe needs to mind its business. If the universe had his back, he wouldn't be on his way to the post office carrying a box of his ex-boyfriend's things. But when Arthur and Ben meet at the post office, what exactly does the universe have in store for them? Maybe nothing. After all, they get separated. Maybe everything. After all, they get reunited. But what if they can't quite nail a first date . . . or a second first date . . . or a third? What if Arthur tries too hard to make it work . . . and Ben doesn't try hard enough? What if life really isn't like a Broadway play? But what if it is?
825524	What if, pig? Hunter, Linzie	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9780008409470	K-2	Pig is kind, thoughtful and fun, but also a tremendous worrier. His worries about throwing a perfect party are too much to bear until Mouse shows Pig that grey days never last with the help of your friends.
815663	What is a virus? Daynes, Katie & Beautyman, Kirsti (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2021	9781474991513	3-4	Our lives have been taken over by a tiny germ we can't even see. It's time to explain to young readers what's really going on. What IS a virus? How do viruses spread? Why should everyone keep washing their hands? How does a vaccine work? And what can we do to STAY WELL? All these questions and more are answered in a friendly and helpful way, with quirky illustrations and of course lots of flaps to lift.
1019891	What is love? Daynes, Katie & Sosa, Daniela (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781803701943	K-2	What is love? Can I love lots of things? Does love last forever? And what actually is love?
4756	What is poetry: The essential guide to reading and writing poems Rosen, Michael	Walker Books	2016	9781844287635	5-6	Over many years as a working poet, Michael Rosen has thought a great deal about what poems are, what they can do and the pleasure that comes from writing and reading poetry. In this invaluable handbook, he shares this knowledge and experience in book form for the very first time. Starting with a detailed analysis of a number of classic poems, he offers a real "writer's guide" to writing and performing poems, as well as a wealth of technical information and tips. He then takes a fascinating look at a selection of his own poems and explains how and why he wrote them.

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7190	What is this thing called love Cali, Davide & Cantone, Anna Laura	Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd	2011	9780980607079	3-4	Emma would really like to know what love is. When she asks her family, they all give different answers, like sharing a piece of cake or a game of football. But what she really wants to know is it's colour, shape, taste and size.
1424087	What it was like to be an... ancient Greek Long, David & Tambellini, Stefano (ill)	Barrington Stoke	2025	9780008700546	3-4	Around 3,000 years ago, the ancient Greeks created one of the world's most advanced civilisations. While most worked as farmers and fishermen to feed their families, others studied hard to become brilliant astronomers, navigators, philosophers, artists and athletes. Then, under the rule of Alexander the Great, their language, art and ideas spread through an enormous empire that stretched from Egypt to India. From the myths and legends of the gods atop Mount Olympus to the origin of marathon races, find out what life was really like in Ancient Greece.
4764	What Katy did Coolidge, Susan	Wordsworth Editions Ltd	2002	9781853261312	7-9	Katy Carr is untidy, tall and gangling, planning for the day when she will be beautiful and beloved. She is also very disobedient resulting in a terrible accident that threatens her daydreams and hopes for the future. Katy courageously overcomes her difficulties.
43486	What makes me a me? Faulks, Ben & Tazzyman, David (ill)	Bloomsbury	2017	9781408867259	K-2	Who am I? I ask myself. What makes me a me? I think hard with all my might and look around to see. Sometimes I am like super guy, really strong and brave. Sometimes I am like a tree, my arms stick out like branches. And sometimes I am like a snail, slow, slow, slow.
17514	What makes me me McCleary, Stacey & Rippin, Sally (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734408020	3-4	Aliko watches a caterpillar on the windowsill going through metamorphoses until it becomes a butterfly. It makes Aliko realise that life's struggles are worthwhile because they can produce something beautiful in the end.
21306	What makes my dad happy Cox, Tania & Broekstra, Loretta (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781742378381	K-2	What makes your dad happy? Find out all of the things that make these dads happy.
3808	What makes my mum happy Cox, Tania & Broekstra, Lorette (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2012	9781742378374	K-2	Find out all the simple things that make this little girl's Mum happy.

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660666	What makes us Mittlefehldt, Rafi	Candlewick Press	2019	9780763697501	9plus	Eran has grown up to be a passionate citizen, concerned with his community and the world. He can also be an angry young man, something he is sure he inherited from his stern and serious mother. A protest Eran organises takes an ugly turn and a viral video unlocks many secrets which Eran's mother has kept locked away. Eran is certain that his quick and fiery temperament come from his mother, but the truth forces Eran to see beyond what he has inherited and look to who he chooses to be. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10, or above.
2609	What makes you you Arbuthnott, Gill	A & C Black	2013	9781408194065	7-9	Find out what is DNA, why it is important and what we can do with it. Track it's discovery from Darwin's theory on evolution, to Mendel's experiments with pea plants, to modern gene research to treat blindness.
17495	What Mona wants Mona gets Sheldon, Dyan & Okstad, Ella (ill)	Walker Books	2005	9781844281237	3-4	Mona always wants whatever she sees in shops and whinges to her mother until she is satisfied. Then, an old woman gives her a necklace and warns Mona to be careful for what she wishes, as the wishes may come true.
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...
30663	What noise comes from a giraffe MacLean, Craig	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2016	9781460752234	K-2	We all know it's true, that a cow says moo. Find out what noise comes from a giraffe.
18581	What number is that: my big art adventure Keeler-Milne, Jennifer	Art Gallery of New South Wales, The	2004	9780734763624	3-4	Lovely book combining counting with famous paintings.
832933	What on Earth institute of Wonder, The Nicol, Lisa	Puffin Australia	2021	9781761041556	5-6	A mind-boggling expedition into the secrets of the Animal Kingdom with only an invisible map of the human heart as a guide. (Unless, of course, you count the talking parrot.) What on Earth could possibly go wrong? Sal has always had an affinity with animals - especially the lost kind. But when two rare and endangered creatures appear out of nowhere, life takes a detour into strange and uncharted territory... One elephant, one kakapo, one unlicensed teenage driver, one boy waiting for the world to end and one twelve-year-old girl with a very special gift.

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7781	What pet should I get Seuss, Dr	Random House Children's Books	2015	9780553524260	K-2	When a brother and sister visit a pet store to pick out a pet, they can't choose just one.
587622	What should a horse say? McDonald, Fleur & White, Annie (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2018	9781925594201	K-2	Farmer Rochelle owns a cow that says moo moo, a sheep that says baa baa, a chicken that says chick chick and a horse that says, chick chick! What on earth could be wrong with Farmer Rochelle's horse?
846252	What snail knows Apel, Kathryn & Foot, Mandy (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2022	9780702265464	5-6	Lucy and Dad move a lot, so its hard to make friends. Lucy's glad she has snail, the perfect pet for a lonely girl. If only she had her own shell to hide in every time she started a new school. But this place is different. She likes her teacher, her classmates and the caravan park. This place feels like home. Can she convince her Dad to stay?
669419	What stars are made of Allen, Sarah	Penguin Books Australia	2020	9780241427965	5-6	Libby adores her big sister, Nonny, who always makes her feel special. Nonny doesn't care that Libby has Turner Syndrome, and stands out a little from the other kids. Libby tries not to mind, too: she knows it won't stop her from being an amazing scientist one day, liker her hero, astronomer Cecilia Payne. When she discovers that Nonny is in trouble Libby comes up with a great plan to help her.
5764	What the fluffy bunny said to the growly bear Crumble, P & Saunders, Chris (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742761084	K-2	There is a surprise birthday party for Zebra, and all his friends are passing the message along. But when the message gets mixed up, there is confusion, chaos and lots of fun!
52191	What the raven saw Bound, Samantha-Ellen	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9781742757353	5-6	In a churchyard, the raven watches the comings and goings of everyone, making sure that peace and order are maintained. He keeps to himself, except during church services, when he sneaks into the building so he can listen to the hymns that he loves. The raven would be happy if everything stayed this way forever. Until a new, small grave is dug, an annoying pigeon arrives and a church member is up to no good.

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1019739	What the river knows Ibanez, Isabel	Hodderscape	2023	9781399722186	9plus	In the glittering society of nineteenth century Buenos Aires Inez Olivera has everything except the one thing she really wants; her parents who frequently leave her behind on their adventures to Egypt. Then she receives a terrible letter from her uncle explaining her parents have died in mysterious circumstances. Determined to uncover the truth, Inez sets sail for Egypt bringing only her sketch pads and an ancient ring that her father had sent her. But upon her arrival in Egypt the ring flares with ancient magic and Inez is thrust into a treacherous game that could threaten her life. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
18582	What the sky knows Bourke, Nike & Danalis, Stella (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2005	9780702235016	3-4	An imaginative book of shapes and colours.
885969	What to say when you don't know what to say Bell, Davina & Tapper, Hilary Jean (ill)	Lothian Books	2022	9780734421142	K-2	Stories to help you through life's little moments and big emotions with kindness and words from the heart. Stories with these words. I'm not brave enough today, maybe next time. You're hurting my feelings right now. You can cry, I don't mind. A warm and whimsical guide to negotiating life's little moments and big emotions with empathy, kindness and words from the heart.
871664	What we all saw Lucas, Mike	Penguin	2022	9781761045936	7-9	Witches only exist in stories. Everyone knows that. But when four friends are caught in the woods at dusk, their worst nightmare may just become their reality.
12197	What we count then and now Empacher, Helen & others	Indij Readers	2003	9780975064023	K-2	A simple counting book in which the pictures compare related everyday, useful objects used in Australia before 1788 and their modern counterparts.
751065	What we'll build: plans for our future together Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Children's Books	2020	9780008382209	3-4	What shall we build, you and I? I'll build your future and you'll build mine. We'll build a watch to keep our time. A father and daughter set about laying the foundations for their life together. Using their own special tools, they get to work; building memories to cherish, a home to keep them safe and love to keep them warm.
31125	What will I do when I grow up? Borin, Margherita	Berbay Publishing	2018	9780994384157	K-2	Take a walk down High Street and explore the different jobs people have. What do they do? How do they do it?
30305	What you need to know now Fullman, J & Graham, I & Regan, S & Thomas, I	Dorling Kindersley	2010	9781405353717	7-9	If you've got a question, find out the answer. Lots of facts, stats and graphics about your world.

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	What Zola did series Marchetta, Melina & Hudson, Deb (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.
40834	What's Biology all about? Maskell, Hazel et al	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2009	9781409547068	7-9	Discover what life is, how it works and why Biology is more exciting today then ever before...
4082	What's Chemistry all about? Frith, Alex & Gillespie, Lisa Jane	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2009	9781409547075	7-9	Discover how the universe is made up of tiny atoms, how they work and why chemistry is vital to our everyday lives.
93723	What's eating you Davies, Nicola & Layton, Neal (ill)	Walker Books	2007	9781406313543	5-6	Every animal has a habitat, a place where it belongs, finds food and shelter, and raises its babies. You are a habitat for many small, almost invisible creatures. Find out about parasites like fleas and lice, tapeworms and pinworms, and the animals, human and non-human, on and in which they live.
1019757	What's in a dumpling, Grandma? Meeker, Linda & Eide, Sandra (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9781400244225	K-2	Grey loves food and today Grandma, Ngoai, is teaching him how to cook one of his favourite dishes, banh loc, which is a Vietnamese dumpling. Join Grey and his cousin Mila as Ngoai passes down this family recipe and her memories of sharing this special meal with family. This delicious story will leave your mouth watering and your heart full as you celebrate the joy of sharing family traditions. A Grandmother's love in every dumpling.
63477	What's in that egg Baines, Becky	National Geographic Society	2009	9781426304088	K-2	Imagine if humans were born from eggs. Find out about the animals that lay eggs and how the babies make their way out. Discover why some eggs are huge while others are tiny.
	What's it like to be series Various				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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846193	What's new Harper Drew? Weeks, Kathy & Bitskoff, Aleksei (ill)	Hachette Australia	2022	9781444961775	5-6	Harper Drew has an annoying brother, an absurd dad and a mysterious uncle. All she wants to do is fit in, but with her family, how is this possible? Desperate to get invited to Maise's party she will try anything, but with so much family drama, will she make it? Will it all be worth it? How can Harper Drew fit in?
18049	What's Science all about? Frith, Alex & Gillespie, Lisa Jane	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2010	9781409547082	7-9	Discover what's around you and how it works, from the tiniest particles to stars and planets, and even life itself.
14725	What's so special about Dickens Rosen, Michael	Walker Books	2007	9781406302035	7-9	Charles Dickens is one of the world's greatest novelists whose stories have been translated and adapted into plays, films, cartoons, musicals and television dramas. An engaging and witty exploration of the man behind the pen, what inspired him and four of his best-known novels; Oliver Twist, A Christmas Carol, Great Expectations and David Copperfield.
67757	What's so special about Shakespeare Rosen, Michael	Walker Books	2007	9781406300369	7-9	Someone somewhere is the world is reading, writing or quoting Shakespeare, acting in or watching his plays. An engaging and witty exploration of Shakespeare's life, the tumultuous times in which he lived and four of his plays, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Macbeth, King Lear and The Tempest.
560	What's that awful smell Tekavec, Heather & Spengler, Margaret (ill)	Puffin USA	2004	9780142405864	K-2	The animals are being driven out of the barn by a hideous smell. They all think it is the little piglet but perhaps it is a case of mistaken identity.
23805	What's that there? Moriarty, Ros & Balarinji (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760297817	K-2	What's that there? That's the rushing river's curly bend, cried the sea eagle perched on a knotted branch, swaying. There, look! What's that there? That's the cliff face sharp with sun-scorched stones, glinting, shrilled the hawk, gliding on summer winds. There, look! An exhilarating celebration of the Australian landscape as seen from the sky featuring vibrant illustrations by Balarinji, Australia's leading Indigenous design studio.
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.

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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.
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.
1772	What's the matter, Aunty May Friend, Peter & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	Little Hare Books	2012	9781921714535	K-2	Good intentions go awry for a little boy, as a polish here and a scrub-a-dub there ends up in a parakeet going through a vacuum cleaner, a couple of floods, ice cream cake where there shouldn't be ice cream cake, and the promise of a return visit.
12386	What's the time Mr Wolf Hawkins, Colin & Jacqui	Egmont Childrens	2003	9781405206846	K-2	Large and brightly coloured pictures of Mr Wolf, knowing when its time to do things, provides an excellent way of learning the time.
3170	What's up Mumu Mackintosh, David	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2015	9780007463091	3-4	Mumu is not quite herself today. She is, quite simply, having a lousy day. Enter Lox. He thinks he knows how to cheer her up. But, Mumu is having none of it. Nothing works and she's not feeling better. As good friends do, Lox continues to try until he gets annoyed and picks up the bad mood.
4562	What's up top? Martin, Marc	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9780143783886	K-2	What is up top of the ladder? Is it a hat? Is it a cat? Is it a snail on whale or a frog on a log?
9960	What's your story Giannone, Rose & Emmerichs, Bern (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2016	9780994289544	5-6	Australia has a long history and many stories. This is the story of Leonard, a young orphan boy, who was on one of the ships in the First Fleet that came to Australia from England. He was both frightened and amazed by his new country. When Leonard met Milba, an Eora girl, she showed him the animals of his new land and the cave drawings of her people. Without words, they could still tell their stories.

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43453	Whatcha building? Daddo, Andrew & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2017	9780733334153	K-2	The old milk bar on the corner is coming down to make way for something new. Little Davey Durak is gathering scrap- a short piece of wood here, a long piece there. But what's Davey building? Big Bruce the Builder wants to know, but Davey won't tell...
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....
660808	Whatever after: Seeing red Mlynowski, Sarah	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781338162929	3-4	Abby and Jonah have a magic mirror in their basement. They often visit the mirror and get transported into some well-known fairy tales. This weekend is different, Nana is staying over and Abby really wants to go to a sleepover. She tries to use the magic to send her to her friend's house, but will it work? Or will she end up having to help another fairy tale character with their fairy tale problems? And what will Nana say if she finds out that Abby has disappeared?
12217	Whatever next Murphy, Jill	MacMillan	1995	9780333636213	K-2	Baby bear travels to the moon and back while his mother gets his bath ready. On the way he meets an owl and they have a picnic on the moon.
1423968	Whatever the weather, we're in this together Braithwaite, Jessica & Ralfe, Rebecca & Bee, Laura (ill)	Albert Street Books	2025	9781761182297	K-2	Like a warm hug on a cold morning, this beautiful book reassures children that they are loved ... always.
890	Whatnot, The Bachmann, Stefan	HarperCollins Children's Books	2013	9780007530243	7-9	In this sequel to 'The Peculiar', twelve year old Pikey Thomas is missing an eye, a family and friends of any sort. He doesn't seem to have a great deal going for him and he feels it. But, Pikey sees things and people worth knowing that others don't. When he finds out that faeries are real and the past is both a guide and a trap, Pikey begins an adventure that will lead him to know himself and face his fears.
660662	Wheels Sutton, Sally & Lovelock, Brian (ill)	Walker Books	2020	9781760651589	K-2	Wheels go fast, Wheels go slow. Shout what's coming, if you know! Join in with this interactive story for all the wheel-loving people in your life.

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1096810	Wheels and springs and moving things Rippin, Sally & Kennett, Chris (ill)	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	2024	9781761211584	K-2	Frank's dad is a farmer, Jess's brother drives a garage truck, and Jack's mum is a firefighter. In this exciting deep-dive into the world of monsters and beyond, discover the different jobs monsters do all day and the incredible vehicles they drive
7461	When a dragon moves in Moore, Jodi & McWilliam, Howard (ill)	Flashlight Press	2011	9780979974670	K-2	On a beautiful day at the beach, a little boy builds the perfect sandcastle and, immediately, a dragon moves in. The boy and the dragon roam the beach, roast marshmallows, fly kites, float in the water and defend the sandcastle against bullies. But, no-one in his family believes that the dragon exists and that's when the mischief begins.
5898	When a Zeeder met a Zyder Doyle, Malachy & Stewart, Joel (ill)	Corgi Books	2007	9780552552134	3-4	An uplifting story in verse about two unusual characters who set out to find someone similar to themselves. They cross paths several times and eventually decide to help each other on their quests. A surprising friendship results.
628163	When Billy was a dog Murray, Kirsty & Blair, Karen (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760631826	K-2	'Can I please, please, please have a dog?' asked Billy. 'Would you walk it every day and wash it if it got dirty?' 'I would, I promise!' said Billy. Billy wants a dog. He really really really wants one. Billy's parents aren't so sure. So one morning, Billy takes matters into his own paws.
950209	When clouds touch us Lai, Thanhha	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2023	9780063047006	7-9	It's been two years since Ha and her family arrived in Alabama as refugees from the Viet Nam War. They have worked hard to make a life for themselves in America, but it hasn't come easy. Ha has only just begun to feel settled when Mother decides that the family will move to Texas for a new job. Ha knows how hard starting over is and does not want to do it again. But sometimes even an unwanted change can bring opportunity, new friends and a place to call home.
4799	When dad showed me the universe Stark, Ulf & Eriksson, Eva (Ill)	Gecko Press	2015	9781927271827	K-2	One day, Dad said he thought I was old enough for him to show me the universe. We rugged up and set off through the town, where the shops are closing for the night. I wonder where the universe is.

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992470	When dark roots hunt Shapter, Zena	MidnightSun Publishing	2023	9781922858061	7-9	Sala's village survives at the edge of a lake, hidden by poison ivy, to keep them safe from giant water-ants and wyann trees, which spear passing prey with their roots. Everyone is safe as long as no-one goes out on the lake. The unexpected appearance of a space ship puts everyone in danger, stirring rivalries into a terrifying conflict set to change the world. Sala and her pet pointer must do whatever it takes to face the truth of who she is, to save her village, to save her family, to save herself.
1307692	When dark waters burn Shapter, Zena	MidnightSun Publishing	2025	9781922858627	7-9	Stay out of sight. Stay hidden under the lake. Even as giant water-ants scout the surface, and deadly trees slop their hungry roots along the shoreline. For unrest surges in the swamps, getting closer and closer...Sala will only be safe for as long as their ship's location remains a secret. But when a horrifying threat ignites close to home, and the lakeside hillfarms are forced to reveal a desperate truth, it unleashes a wreckage of terror and destruction on the world of Palude. What Sala fears most becomes irrelevant. All she can do is run, and make one irrevocable choice after another. If she's to have any kind of future, she must fight to accept the collapse of her past. Hiding from it was never an option.
4300	When Dimple met Rishi Menon, Sandhya	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2017	9781473667402	9plus	Meet Dimple. Her main aim in life is to escape her traditional parents, get to university and begin her plan for tech world domination. Meet Rishi. He's rich, good-looking and a hopeless romantic. His parents think Dimple is the perfect match for him, but she's got other plans...Dimple and Rishi may think they have each other figured out. But when opposites clash, love works even harder to prove itself in the most unexpected ways. As joyfully refreshing as Rainbow Rowell, Jenny Han and Nicola Yoon, When Dimple Met Rishi is a frothy, funny contemporary romance told from the dual perspectives of two Indian American protagonists. While Dimple is fighting her family traditions, Rishi couldn't be happier to follow in the footsteps of his parents - could sparks fly between this odd couple, or is this matchmaking attempt doomed to fail? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
18450	When elephants lived in the sea Godwin, Jane & Agostino, Vincent (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2006	9780734408426	K-2	A picture book about the evolution of elephants.

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846106	When fishes flew: The story of Elena's war Morpurgo, Michael	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2021	9780008454654	5-6	Australian-Greek girl Nandi travels to her ancestors' home in Ithaca, and discovers - through a friendship with an extremely unusual flying fish - the extraordinary story of her great-aunt Elena; of how she fell in love, in the hardest of times, and how of how she became an unsung hero of World War Two. But Elena has gone missing, and Nandi has to find her. In her search, she will discover that Elena was an even greater hero than she thought - and still is...
4779	When Frank was four Lester, Alison	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1997	9781864483994	K-2	Follow seven children as they grow up from tiny babies to age seven, with a different event to highlight each year. There's the year when Nicky tipped spaghetti on her head and, another, when Ernie climbed into the fish tank.
2344	When friendship followed me home Griffin, Paul	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781925355499	5-6	Twelve year old Ben Coffin has never felt that he fits in. A former foster kid, he keeps his head down to avoid school bullies and spends his afternoons reading sci-fi books at the library. But, when Ben finds a scruffy, abandoned dog and befriends the librarian's daughter, Halley, he starts to feel he belongs in his own life. Then, everything changes and, suddenly, Ben is more alone than ever. But, with a little help from Halley's magician father, Ben discovers his place in the world and learns to see his own magic through other's eyes.
1209705	When Haru was here Thao, Dustin	Pan MacMillan	2024	9781761264511	7-9	After the death of his best friend, Eric Ly creates imaginary scenarios in his head to deal with his grief. Until one of them becomes real when a boy he met last summer in Japan finds his way back into his life. When he least expects it, Haru Tanaka walks into the coffee shop and sits down next to him. The only thing is, nobody else can see him. In a magical turn of events, Eric suddenly has someone to connect with, making him feel less alone in the world. But as they spend more and more time together, he begins to question what is real. When he starts losing control of the very thing that is holding him together, Eric must finally confront his reality. Even if it means losing Haru forever.
50695	When Henry caught imaginitis Bland, Nick	Scholastic Australia	2008	9781741690309	K-2	Henry is an overly methodical boy, preferring sums and order to playing or daydreaming. Luckily, he catches a fortuitous case of Imaginitis, a condition where silly thoughts invade his head in a random manner and beg to be acted on.

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4780	When Hitler stole pink rabbit Kerr, Judith	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	1999	9780006754008	5-6	In 1933, nine year old Anna was too busy with schoolwork and friends to take much notice of Adolf Hitler's rise to power in her native Germany, until she is forced to learn the skills needed to survive as a refugee.
1087422	When I can fly Stewart, Katie	Fremantle Press	2023	9781760992682	K-2	Little Boobook is obsessed with the idea of going to the city. He promises himself that as soon as he learns to fly, he will set off on his adventure. The city, however, is not what he imagined at all, and he finds himself missing his mum and ready for a new adventure back at home.
29051	When I first met you, Blue Kangaroo Chichester Clark, Emma	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2015	9780007425112	K-2	When Lily gets a new baby brother, she soon discovers that it's not easy learning new things and helping to look after someone so small. But, then, Grandma brings her a very special surprise. Someone who also needs to be cared for.
15377	When I grow up McNaughton, Colin	Walker Books	2005	9780744583724	K-2	What do you want to be when you grow up? A class of kids present a musical about growing up.
27044	When I grow up Minchin, Tim	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781742764955	K-2	When I grow up... I will eat sweets every day on the way to work and I will go to bed late every night. And I will wake up, when the sun comes up and I will watch cartoons until my eyes go square.
871667	When I see blue Bailey, Lily	Hachette Australia	2022	9781510109803	5-6	There are 4 things you should know about ben: 1. He's 12 years old 2. He's the new kid at school 3. His special number is 4 4. He has a bully in his brain.
26131	When I see Grandma Tidball, Debra & Hedstrom, Leigh (ill)	Wombat Books	2014	9781921632594	K-2	Visiting Grandma can sometimes be sad, but a little girl and her brother brighten Grandma's dreams and bring warmth and laughter to the residents of an aged care home.
497	When I was a baby Niland, Deborah	Penguin	2006	9781435017986	K-2	All about being very, very young - and growing up, a bit.
9421	When I was little, like you Malbunka, Mary	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2005	9781741142563	5-6	A precious recount of growing up in the early days of the Papunya settlement in central Australia. The author tells about going bush with her family and learning about her culture and way of life.
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.

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23806	When I'm older Flory, Neil & Chaudhary, Somak (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760296322	K-2	When I grow up I can be a goat, I can be a boat, I can be a penguin in a coat... A gloriously silly celebration of what it means to grow up, from the author of The Short Giraffe.
17172	When it is time McCleary, Stacey & Rippin, Sally (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2004	9780734406538	K-2	Beautiful, sensitive story extolling the virtue of patience at the time of birth. Sakura and the mother hen wait for an egg to hatch which it does, when it is time.
9257	When Jessie came across the sea Hest, Amy	Walker Books	1998	9780744540871	7-9	Beautifully depicts the migration of Jewish people to the United States.
2897	When Lulu went to the zoo Ellis, Andy	Andersen Press Ltd	2008	9781842707531	K-2	When Lulu went to the zoo she was sad for the giraffes and the penguins. She decides to release all the animals from their cages and takes them back to her house to live. However that turns out to be not quite such a good plan after all.
2345	When Michael met Mina Abdel-Fattah, Randa	Pan MacMillan	2016	9781743534977	9plus	When Michael meets Mina, they are at a rally for refugees, standing on opposite sides. Mina fled Afghanistan with her mother, via a refugee camp, a leaky boat and a detention centre. Michael's parents have founded a new political party called Aussie Values. They want to stop the boats. Mina wants to stop the hate. Michael and Mina will need to overcome their differences to find some common ground. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
12206	When Poppy and Max grow up Gardiner, Lindsey	Little Orchard	2001	9781841216997	K-2	Poppy and her dog, Max, act out possible career and pastime choices in a way that inspires the imagination and choices of young students.
705676	When rain turns to snow Godwin, Jane	Lothian Books	2020	9780734420053	7-9	Lissa finds herself without her best friend, with a brother who is talking less and less to her, on the outside of a friendship group she is not so sure she wants to be in, and without her mum who is spending more and more time with a new boyfriend. One winter night a stranger shows up with a baby in his arms and asking all sorts of questions about a part of Lissa's life she knows nothing about. It is only as people come together that any sense can be made of the situation and crisises averted.
815	When spring comes Henkes, Kevin & Dronzek, Laura (ill)	HarperCollins US	2016	9780062331397	K-2	When it's cold and snowy and bleak and brown, Spring seems very far away. But, if you wait, soon you will see leaves and blossoms, smell flowers and mud. Soon, you will hear birds and buzzing bees.

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751213	When stars are scattered Jamieson, Victoria & Mohamed, Omar & Geddy, Iman (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9780571363858	5-6	Omar feels like he is waiting for his real life to begin. Forced to flee war-torn Somalia at the tender age of four, Omar and his younger brother Hassan have already endured more hardships than most could imagine - the death of their father, witnessing family and friends succumb to injury, illness or hunger, and being separated from their mother. But when they arrive at Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya, life doesn't get any easier. Food is scarce, the chances of resettlement slim, and there is no access to the medical treatment his younger brother - who is non-verbal and has seizures - needs. When Hassan is given the opportunity to attend school, he is struck with guilt. How can he attend school when he is responsible for his little brother, the only family member he has left? But school might be the only chance to escape the open prison of Dadaab.
10096	When the angels came Millard, Glenda	ABC Books	2003	9780733310560	3-4	When Will's grandpa has a stroke and can no longer live on his beloved farm, it seems as though nothing interests him except causing trouble or planning his escape from the nursing home. Will is desperate to cheer up his grandpa but doesn't know how.
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 worlld is waiting for you.
621809	When the ground is hard Nunn, Malla	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760524814	9plus	Adele loves being one of the popular girls at Keziah Christian Academy. She knows the upcoming semester at school will be great with her best friend Delia at her side. Then Delia dumps her for a new girl with more money, and Adele is forced to share a room with Lottie, the school pariah, who doesn't pray and defies teachers' orders. As they share a copy of Jane Eyre, Lottie's gruff exterior and honesty grow on Adele, and together they take on bullies and protect each other from the vindictive and prejudiced teachers. When a boy goes missing on campus, Adele and Lottie must work together to solve the mystery, in the process learning the true meaning of friendship. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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4592	When the hipchicks went to war Rushby, Pamela	Lothian Books	2009	9780734410917	9plus	The sixties are in full swing and, for sixteen year old Kathy, it's all about miniskirts, the Beatles and her fab new boots. But, the world is rapidly changing, her brother is fighting in the Vietnam War and her best friend is protesting against it. When the chance comes to dance with an entertainment troop in Vietnam, Kathy slips on her boots and leaves her convent school. She soon finds the reality of war is no song and dance. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
9158	When the lyrebird calls Kane, Kim	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781741758528	9plus	When Madeleine is shipped off to stay with her eccentric grandmother for the holidays, she expects the usual: politics, early-morning yoga, extreme healthy food, and lots of hard work. Instead, Madeleine tumbles back in time to 1900, where the wealthy Williamson family takes her into their home, Lyrebird Muse. At a time when young girls have no power and no voice, set against a backdrop of the struggles for emancipation, federation and Aboriginal rights, Madeleine must find a way to fit in with the Williamson family's four sisters - beautiful, cold Bea; clever, awkward Gert; adventurous, rebellious Charlie; and darling baby Imo - as she searches desperately for a way home. Meanwhile, the Williamson girls' enchanting German cousin, Elfriede, arrives on the scene on a heavenly wave of smoke and cinnamon, and threatens to shatter everything... Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
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?
1423912	When the sky falls: graphic novel Fordham, Fred & Earle, Phillip	Andersen Press Ltd	2025	9781839135620	5-6	1941. War is raging. And Joseph has been sent to live in the city, where bombers rule the skies. There, he will live with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no fondness for children. Her only loves are the rundown zoo she owns and its mighty silverback gorilla, Adonis. As the weeks pass, Joseph and Adonis become friends, but what will happen when the bombers set him rampaging free?

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12251	When the snake bites the sun Lofts, Pamela (comp) & Mowaljarlai, David (teller)	Scholastic Australia	2004	9781865046280	K-2	Based on a story told by David Mowaljarlai of the Ngarinyin tribe. One of a series of Aboriginal stories about animals and birds.
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.
6952	When the war is over French, Jackie & Spudvilas, Anne (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2019	9781460753026	3-4	Peace is a tissue blossom, a whisper on the wind. War may never truly end but there can be homecomings. This poem explores what happens when the guns stop snarling.
795535	When the waterhole dries up Baillie, Kaye & Hamilton, Max (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2021	9781922081971	K-2	It's bath time in the outback, and a dusty boy is waiting, but so are some very dusty and very cheeky animals. Will this boy ever get clean?
4786	When the wind blows Briggs, Raymond	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	1993	9780140094190	7-9	Gentle cartoon pictures belie the hard hitting message as an elderly couple prepare for the nuclear holocaust with typically British, stiff upper lips.
9653	When the wind changed Park, Ruth & Niland, Deborah (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2003	9780207167614	K-2	Josh always pulled the most awful faces. His mum always said he'd be sorry when the wind changed. One day the wind changes but Josh can't believe that it could really make something awful happen. He may be surprised.
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.

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751138	When this bell rings Rushby, Allison	Walker Books	2020	9781760651947	5-6	Tamsin lives next door to Edie St Clair, a famous author know for her ten book graphic novel series. Edie shares a secret with Tamsin, and the two begin an unusual friendship. When Edie goes missing, Tamsin knows she has to find her, following Edie into a different London. Tamsin discovers that Edie needs her desperately - only she can write the perfect ending to the last book in the series. But it will come at great cost..."
774351	When we are invisible Zorn, Claire	University of Queensland Press	2021	9780702263132	9plus	Lucy, Fin and Max have survived the missile attacks which have devastated Australia and its population, now they are fleeing Sydney on the promise of safety in a compound with people who will shelter and protect them. Not long after their arrival they find their safety may come at a price they are not willing to pay...It soon becomes evident that missiles and starvation aren't the only threats to their survival. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
2264	When we go walkabout Lalara, Rhoda & Alfred	University of Queensland Press	2014	9781743314562	K-2	When we go walkabout, what do we see. Yirruwa yirrilikenuma-langwa, amiyembena yirringka yirruwa.
773928	When we got lost in Dreamland Welford, Ross	HarperCollins Children's Books	2021	9780008333812	5-6	When 11-year-old Malky and his younger brother, Seb, come into possession of Dreaminators they discover they can now share and control their dreams. But when they suddenly start losing control, Malky manages to wake up but finds that Seb is still asleep and trapped in their dream! With the help of a new friend and her eccentric grandmother, it's up to Malky to return to Dreamland and bring his brother back.
1423805	When we were monsters Niven, Jennifer	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2025	9780241772492	7-9	An exclusive school's extra exclusive writers' retreat brings together a collection of very different, intelligent, and motivated students. The location is normally closed off to the students of this elite private school. Bad things have happened and they remain unsolved. In this slow burning, dark academia thriller, students must put aside friendships and vie for the chance to be noticed and chosen by a famous visiting celebrity with a bright and sinister past.

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20836	When we were two Newton, Robert	Penguin	2011	9780143566830	7-9	Dan and his brother, Eddie, take off for the coast, in search of their lost mother, in search of a better life. But, it's a long road they face and Dan must use all his wits to get them there in one piece. When they are taken under the wing of a group of would-be soldiers, marching over the mountains to join up for the Great War, Dan and Eddie's journey becomes something quite unexpected.
616951	When we were warriors Carroll, Emma	Faber & Faber	2019	9780571350407	5-6	It is Summer, 1942. Everyday life in Britain is filled with air raids, rationing, fear, friendship and pets. Three thrilling stories about three different children, who find adventure, courage, untrainable dogs and an impossibly tall American GI where they least expect it.
2230	When words take flight The Sydney Morning Herald Young Writer competition	D Publishing	2012	9781743350492	7-9	A collection of short stories by the 2012 finalists of The Sydney Morning Herald Young Writer competition.
774387	When you go to Melbourne Coote, Maree	Melbournestyle	2020	9780648568421	K-2	Take a walk around Melbourne - Can you find the golden whale? Can you find the giants and their clock? Join the author as she relives childhood trips to town that bring the city to life with wonder and fun. Reliving cherished childhood memories of trips to town, Maree Coote has created a delightful nonsense romp around the city of style. Join in a child's discovery of Melbourne, its surprises, its delights, its hidden treasures and unexpected touchstones.
800	When you reach me Stead, Rebecca	Text Publishing Co	2009	9781921656064	5-6	Miranda and her best friend, Sal, know their New York City neighbourhood, where it's safe to go and who to avoid. But, things start to unravel when Sal gets punched and shuts Miranda out. The apartment key, hidden for emergencies, is stolen and mysterious notes start to arrive. Miranda realises that the note writer is aware of things that no-one should know and only she can prevent a tragic death.

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1076367	When you're a boy Nuto, Blake	Affirm Press	2023	9781922863652	3-4	When you're a boy you are told how to be like the swift- sweeping rivers. But I've learned the wisdom of waiting, the courage of patience and the strength of contentment.' Explore what it means to be a boy by wandering and exploring natural places: wild rivers, sure-standing mountains, sky shifting thunders, all tempered by the softer side with the sweetness of dancing and the beauty of dreaming.
609724	When you're going to the Moon Beekman, Sasha & To, Vivienne (ill)	Affirm Press	2018	9781925584936	K-2	Your pet iguana, tap-dancing shoes, an inflatable moose...What else might you need when you're going to the moon?
12434	When's my turn Smithers, Hayley & Yahyeh, John (ill)	Koala Books	2004	9780864615510	K-2	Every day, after work, Dad and I go to the park to play cricket. Dad's really good at cricket and teaches me everything he knows, which should be great.
1861	Where are you, Banana Laguna, Sofie & Smith, Craig (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743310533	K-2	Roddy and his dog, Banana, are the best of friends, They play together, rest together and sleep together. What do Roddy and his parents do when they return home to find a hole under the back fence and no Banana.
12182	Where are you, blue kangaroo Chichester Clark, Emma	Andersen Press Ltd	2000	9780862649234	K-2	Lily has a special relationship with Blue Kangaroo. He goes with her everywhere but she has a habit of losing him. A delightful picture book.
825529	Where are you, Magoo? Stewart, Briony	Penguin Books Australia	2021	9781760896911	K-2	Where's Magoo? Play hide and seek with Magoo by finding him in the pictures and see what mischief this cheeky pup is up to now.
844	Where do baby animals come from Milbourne, Anna & Riglietti, Serena (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2012	9781409532927	K-2	Pipkin is a very small penguin who asks big questions. This time he wants to know where babies come from, but each animal keeps giving him different answers.
785448	Where do the stars go? Stewart, Katie	Fremantle Press	2021	9781760990480	K-2	Have you ever wondered where the stars go when the sun comes up? Join Possum as she ventures beyond her hollow to gain answers to this question from other Australian animals.
567889	Where does a giraffe go to bed? Maclean, Craig	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2018	9781460752272	K-2	When it needs to rest, a bird naps in a nest. But where does a giraffe go to bed?
815458	Where does poo go? Daynes, Katie & Taylor, Dan (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2021	9781474986434	3-4	Starting with human sewage then moving on to animal poo, this surprisingly charming book explores what happens when we flush, what animal toilets look like, why animals don't need to flush and just how important poo is - for a myriad of fascinating (and sometimes yucky) reasons.

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15330	Where does the poo go...when you flush Trafford, Caren & Oakley, Jade (ill)	Etram Pty Ltd	2004	9780958187800	5-6	With cartoon-style graphics, appealing illustrations and interesting facts, this book talks about effluent waste, the history of its disposal and how our views are changing about the treatment of sewerage.
4788	Where does Thursday go Brian, Janeen & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Margaret Hamilton	2001	9781876289515	K-2	A wise, gentle picture book about the passage of time for those who wonder why special days can't last forever.
7121	Where in the world French, Simon	Little Hare Books	2002	9781877003035	7-9	Set in Sydney, this heart-warming, first person narrative of a boy's love for his family and his enjoyment of soccer and music is told by eleven year old, German born, Ari.
9445	Where is Galah Morgan, Sally	Little Hare Books	2015	9781921894466	K-2	Dingo is on the prowl. He can see Emu, Swan and Turtle. He can hear Crocodile, Frog and Kookaburra. But, he can't find Galah.
6139	Where is Rusty Posthuma, Sieb & Nagelkerke, Bill (trans)	Gecko Press	2014	9781927271469	K-2	Rusty, his mother and two friends, Henrietta and Toby, are going into town on the bus. In the department store, Rusty's mother gives clear instructions that they must all stay together. But, Rusty is a curious young dog whose nose repeatedly leads him astray. Soon, everyone is looking for him.
15163	Where is the green sheep Fox, Mem & Horacek, Judy (ill)	Viking Children's	2004	9780670041497	K-2	There are all sorts of sheep doing activities. There is the blue sheep, the red sheep, the bath sheep and the bed sheep, but, the green sheep is missing.
1346581	Where shall we travel today? Martin, Kristin & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2025	9781922858542	K-2	A group of neighbourhood friends search for adventure. They climb mountains, sail through waterfalls and snorkel the reef. At night, they marvel at the sky above and wonder where to go next
574734	Where should Grace the witch live? Tang, Sulan & Yang, Sifan (ill)	Starfish Bay Publishers	2018	9781760360382	K-2	On the hillside is a small, beautiful house where Grace the Witch lives. Anyone who stumbles upon this house would love it, so unsurprisingly, Ant, Rat, Snake and Frog all want to live there, too. But Grace the Witch does not like to share her house and wants to live somewhere quiet. Where should Grace the Witch live?
1075065	Where sleeping girls lie Abike-Iyimide, Faridah	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2024	9781250800848	9plus	Set in a prestigious boarding school, where Sade is the new girl, this novel is full of mystery. Sade's roommate goes missing on her first night at school, and Sade is the first suspect. She has to navigate judgement from the mean, popular cliques and uncover just who is committing crimes before someone else becomes a victim. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
496	Where the fairies fly Simmons, Jane	Orchard Books	2004	9781841211084	K-2	When Jamie can't sleep, he and Lucy decide to look for the dream time fairies.

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455	Where the forest meets the sea Baker, Jeannie	Walker Books	1989	9780744513059	5-6	A book without words in which superb collages tell the story of a boy and his father visiting an endangered rainforest in Queensland.
815330	Where the heart is Gold, Irma & Crispe, Susannah (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2021	9781925820874	K-2	Inspired by an extraordinary true story, Where the Heart Is explores the friendship between Dindim the Magellanic penguin and his rescuer, Joao. We get to see Dindim's 8000-mile journey to his Patagonian home, and his longing to return. Young readers will delight in travelling across the ocean with Dindim, meeting whales and albatross! This is a celebration of the power of friendship and the beauty of the natural world.
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.
960876	Where the lyrebird lives Conley, Vikki & Hamilton, Max (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2022	9780645323566	K-2	High in the mountains through the sleepy clouds. Deep in the forest past the chiming birds. Will we see the lyrebird? I don't know. Tip-toe, tip-toe. The beauty of the Australian rainforest and the magic of family-time come together in this lyrical and delightful story of intergenerational connection, habitat and adventure.
3142	Where the streets had a name Abdel-Fattah, Randa	Pan MacMillan	2008	9780330424202	7-9	Thirteen year old Hayaat is on a mission. She believes that a handful of soil from her grandmother's ancestral home in Jerusalem will save her life. The problem is the impenetrable wall that divides the West Bank, as well as the checkpoints, the curfews, the permit system and Haany's best friend, Samy, who always manages to attract trouble.
456	Where the whales sing Kelleher, Victor	Penguin	1997	9780140344936	7-9	Claire and her father encounter a storm in which a whale overturns their boat and Claire, with an injured knee, is left to fend for herself.
12030	Where the wild things are Sendak, Maurice	Red Fox	2000	9780099408390	K-2	Max, wearing his wolf suit, sails to where the wild things are. Over the years, many children have taken this voyage with Max.

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751043	Where we begin Nieman, Christie	Pan MacMillan	2020	9781743535660	9plus	Anna has high expectations for herself and her future. She is hardworking and focussed, but while she would like life outside of studying to stay in the shadows, her family's dark history summons her to the country and to the grandparents she has never met. Anna discovers secrets she never knew existed and answers to questions she never thought to ask. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
1423969	Where would you go? Lester, Alison & Godwin, Jane (ill) & The Royal Children's Hospital (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181573	K-2	If you could travel wherever you choose, to worlds imagined and new, where are the places that you'd like to go and what in the world would you do? Take a journey through words and drawings in this magical adventure as the children of The Royal Children's Hospital wonder where everyone at the hospital might go - the doctors, the nurses, the teachers, and even themselves.
571288	Where's bear Elliott Smyth, Sarah & Johnston, Nicky (ill)	Empowering Resources	2017	9781925592023	K-2	Go on an adventure with Sophie as she attempts to find her best friend, Bear. Sophie has to be brave, just like Bear, but the Shadow Monster is lurking in the dark. This gentle book encourages children to face their fears and to have courage, even if they are frightened or nervous.
18347	Where's dummy Simpson, Kate & Holfield, Greg (ill)	Jitterbug Books	2005	9780975679906	K-2	Little wombat can't find his dummy.
15164	Where's God Kelleher, Victor & Hurst, Elise (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734407481	3-4	Peter is searching for God and asks a lot of people to help him.
7613	Where's Jessie Brian, Janeen & Spudvilas, Anne (ill)	National Library of Australia	2015	9780642278753	K-2	When Jessie and her family move to the Outback, there isn't room in their horse-drawn cart for her favourite toy, Bertie Bear. Poor Bertie is packed into a box to travel with the cameleers. But, when Bertie becomes dislodged, he doesn't understand where his family has gone. Bertie is about to begin some grand adventures.
10141	Where's Julius Burningham, John	Random House Children's Books	2001	9780099414292	3-4	Breakfast, lunch or dinner, young Julius is never around when it's time to eat. His parents fix trays of food to deliver to him while he's busy digging to the other side of the world or riding a camel. One night, they can't find Julius anywhere.
12208	Where's mum Gleeson, Libby & Smith, Craig (ill)	Omnibus Books	1997	9781862913523	K-2	Three children imagine that their working mother has brought home their favourite bedtime story characters and are astonished when she actually does.

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8636	Where's Stripey Binks, Wendy	Stunned Emu Press	2007	9780646450018	3-4	Father emu is in charge of thirty eggs. Once hatched, he finds it difficult to keep track of all the chicks and, inevitably, Stripey goes missing. Leaving the remaining chicks with his mates, dad sets off through the bush to find Stripey.
5067	Where's Sunday Godwin, Jane & James, Ann (ill)	Puffin Australia	2010	9780143304715	3-4	Sally's best friend is her puppy, Sunday. After a fun day at the beach, Sal discovers that Sunday is missing.
4089	Where's the elephant Barroux	Egmont Childrens	2015	9781405276481	K-2	What starts as a game of jungle hide-and-seek to find the elephant, the parrot and the snake quickly turns into something more significant. A near wordless picture book which powerfully demonstrates the devastating effects of deforestation in Brazil.
18527	Where's the gold Allen, Pamela	Penguin	2005	9780670028443	K-2	Three pirates hunt for gold, accompanied by a green parrot. Lots of rhyme and alliteration.
2898	Where, oh where, is Rosie's chick Hutchins, Pat	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2015	9781444918281	K-2	Rosie has lost her baby chick. She looks under the hen house. She looks behind the wheelbarrow. But, little baby chick isn't there. But, watch out Rosie, there's someone following you and it's not just your baby chick.
886467	Where? Collins, Jordan & Lesnie, Phil (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526382	5-6	'Where are you from?' they say. What they mean is, 'Why is your skin that colour?' 'Why does your hair look like that?' I am from the mountains, The seas and the sky. I am from children of millions of years, A timeline of humanity. I am from this planet And all others.
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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1423798	Which way to the future Cowell, Cressida	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2025	9781444982398	5-6	Planet Earth, in case you do not know it, is a small, green little world, out on the end of a remote and rarely visited Milky Way. All magic was supposed to have disappeared from this particular planet many centuries earlier. But in an ordinary, slightly damp part of the planet there are five human children with extraordinary magical gifts that the universe has never seen before. Only two of them don't know it yet. What will Mabel and Izzabird's Gifts be? And how will they navigate bounty hunters, a witch and three perilous tasks to reach the end of their story? After all, there's nothing like an adventure to find out whether you are a hero or not.
4793	Which witch Ibbotson, Eva	Pan MacMillan	2001	9780330398008	5-6	Arriman the Awful, evil Wizard of the North, devises a spell-casting competition so he can marry the winner and produce an heir. Belladonna longs to be a fiendish hag and win the competition, but doesn't know how.
903283	While I was away Brown, Waka T	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780063017122	5-6	When twelve-year-old Waka's parents suspect she's having trouble understanding the basic Japanese they speak to her, they make a drastic decision to send her to Tokyo for several months to live with her strict grandmother, Obaasama, so she can brush up on the language and reconnect to their family's culture. Once in Japan, Waka feels like an outsider, even though this is the country her parents came from. If she's always been the "smart Japanese girl" in America but is now the "dumb foreigner" in Japan, where is home...and who will Waka be when she finds it?
934175	While the storm rages Earle, Phil	Andersen Press Ltd	2022	9781839132056	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.
774471	While you're sleeping Jackson, Mick & Broadley, John (ill)	Pavilion	2021	9781843654650	K-2	'You might think that when you sleep the world sleeps with you, but all through the night others are busy. Firefighters wait for the bell to ring, nurses and doctors look after their patients, postal workers sort letters and parcels. Mums and dads are up feeding their babies. In the wild, owls, bats and foxes search for food.

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8949	Whimsy & Woe McRitchie, Rebecca & Kretschmar, Sonia (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2017	9781460753040	5-6	After being abandoned by their thespian parents, Whimsy and Woe Mordaunt are left in the care of their awful Aunt Apoline. Forced to work in Apoline's boarding house, slaving at the beck and call of outlandish guests and sharpening the thorns of every plant in the poisonous garden, Whimsy and Woe lose all hope that their parents will ever return. Until one day, quite by accident, the siblings stumble upon a clue that sets them on an adventurous path to finding freedom and hopefully their parents.
587818	Whimsy & Woe: The final act McRitchie, Rebecca & Kretschmar, Sonia (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9781460754672	5-6	In the final act of this dramatic search for their parents, Whimsy and Woe Mordaunt must escape villainous thieves, travel beneath a desert in an untested machine of an ingenious inventor, climb the Mountainous Mountains and perform a death-defying trapeze act in the Big Top of Benton Brothers Circus... all before going undercover at the annual Thespian Society Masquerade Ball. Can they stop the Purple Puppeteer's evil plan in time to rescue their parents? Or will the Purple Puppeteer pull their family's strings forever?
916678	Whingeville Vass, Coral & Szmidt, Aleksandra (ill)	Larrikin House	2022	9781922503961	K-2	William loves to whinge. He whinges about everything, but when he is made King of Whingeville, a town of constant complainers, even he finds the moaning and groaning too much.
46550	Whippersnapper Arena, Felice	Puffin Australia	2011	9780143306092	5-6	Fourteen year old Gus lives and breathes basketball. When he's is in a terrible accident, Gus can't believe he's survived. But, he's woken up in the body of an old man and his own body is unconscious in intensive care. Now, he has a seventy year old wife, really bad taste in clothes, his friends don't recognise him and his family thinks he's crazy. Gus just wants to be fourteen again and play basketball.
457	Whipping boy, The Fleischman, Sid	Greenwillow	2003	9780060521226	5-6	Jemmy must take the whippings for the royal heir, Prince Brat, but the Prince must rely on Jemmy when they both run away from the castle.
4840	Whirlpool, The Larkin, Emily & Magisson, Helene (ill)	Wombat Books	2017	9781925563047	K-2	Life is full of brightness for one polar bear cub. But then the shadows fall...and his world changes. The little cub must learn to hope again.

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628520	Whisper Perry, Chrissie	Hardie Grant Egmont	2019	9781760503499	7-9	Being a teenager is hard enough. But after losing her hearing, Demi's life is even harder. After all, how do you know what people are saying about you when you can't even hear them whisper? Demi is struggling with losing her hearing and trying to fit in at a new school while trying to bridge the gap between her old friends and her family who don't seem to understand how shut out she feels from everything and everyone around her.
855860	Whisper on the wind Saxby, Claire & Racklyeft, Jess (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526887	K-2	This is the wind that carries the whisper from Ren's dream. This is the sailor, long at sea, who catches it.
9466	Whisper wild, freedom child Flynn, Rachel & Vane, Mitch (ill)	Penguin	2000	9780670888580	3-4	When Molly and Joseph have a baby, they call her Whisper. Whisper's mum and dad are quite different from other parents. Through two generations, Whisper learns how love and being accepted make a happy family life.
18341	Whisperer, The Butterworth, Nick	HarperCollins Australia	2005	9780007120178	5-6	An adorable version of a Romeo and Juliet tale, told from the rat's perspective.
44583	Whisperer, The McIntosh, Fiona	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2009	9780732286675	5-6	Griff works in a circus and has a unique ability to hear the thoughts of others, without their knowledge. When the greedy circus master discovers his talent, Griff escapes, taking Tess and her collection of magical creatures. On the run, Griff hears a cry for help from a mysterious source he calls the Whisperer.
4602	Whistling in the dark Hughes, Shirley	Walker Books	2015	9781406360295	7-9	Thirteen year old Joan's home in Liverpool is under threat from the Nazi's terrifying nightly air-raids. It is not an easy time to be a teenager, with sweet rationing, curfews and blackouts. When Joan encounters an army deserter lurking near their home, he seems to think she can help him. As the Blitz worsens, Joan and her friends make a discovery that will tear the whole community apart.
6624	White book, The Borando, Silvia & Clerici, Lorenzo & Pica, Elisabetta	Walker Books	2015	9781406363173	K-2	A little boy stands in front of a white wall. He readies his brush and begins to paint. First off, a coat of pink. But wait, the painted wall reveals six birdies, perched on a branch. Then, he tries the blue, yellow, grey, green and purple. There are lots of surprises in store for our little painter. A wordless picture book.

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459	White fang London, Jack	Pearson Education Australia	2000	9780582418158	5-6	Born in the wilds of the freezing cold Yukon, White Fang who is half-dog, half-wolf, is the only animal in the litter to survive. He is fiercely independent and soon learns the harsh laws of nature, yet buried deep inside him are the distant memories of affection and love. This is a classic story of a wolf-dog who learns to survive in the bleak Alaskan wilderness.
460	White guinea pig, The Dubosarsky, Ursula	Penguin	1993	9780140366327	7-9	Geraldine has a guinea pig thrust upon her by a school acquaintance, to be minded during the holidays. The guinea pig disappears and and that's just the beginning of the problems.
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.
6698	White ship, The French, Jackie	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2002	9780207197987	9plus	After the St Bartholomew Massacre in 16th-century France, a sea captain vows to sail until he finds a world without persecution. Centuries later, his ship is seen each sunset by a girl on an island, and is tugged off course by her cries of distress. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
660376	Whitney and Britney: Chicken divas Gifford, Lucinda	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781760666507	K-2	Whitney and Britney are two gorgeous chooks, Fluffy and silky with stunning good looks. Dora is perplexed about where her chooks go each night. Little does she know, they are Whitney and Britney, Chicken Divas!

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20425	Whiz mob and the grenadine Kid, The Meloy, Colin & Ellis, Carson (ill)	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9780143787860	5-6	It is an ordinary Tuesday morning in April when bored, lonely Charlie Fisher witnesses something incredible. Right before his eyes, in a busy square in Marseille, a group of pickpockets pulls off an amazing robbery. As the young bandits appear to melt into the crowd, Charlie realizes with a start that he himself was one of their marks. Yet Charlie is less alarmed than intrigued. This is the most thrilling thing that's happened to him since he came to France with his father, an American diplomat. So instead of reporting the thieves, Charlie defends one of their cannons, Amir, to the police, under one condition- he teach Charlie the tricks of the trade.
707935	Who am I? Bunting, Philip	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781743835043	3-4	Am I my body? Am I my thoughts? Am I my senses? Am I my skin colour? So who am I? Take a trip into the deepest inner space to answer one of life's biggest questions. Have you ever paused to wonder exactly who you are?
12379	Who cares Bell, Krista	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734404664	9plus	Toby and Rhys are forced to spend a week together in a holiday house by the sea. Surfing makes Rhys happy but Toby is not so keen. Both boys have a secret that they are unwilling to share.Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
15044	Who did that? Bruce, Jill B & Wade, Jan (ill)	Five Senses Publications	2012	9780864175755	5-6	Lots of useful information about identifying Australian native animals by their droppings and footprints.
825531	Who fed Zed? McInerney, Amelia & Nickel, Adam (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2021	9781760524432	K-2	Ted, Ned, Fred, and their friend like playing with Fred's dog, Jed, but today is different. Jed has fleas and is in the shed, so they'll be watching Fred's fish, Zed instead. A funny tale with a twist, to keep new readers engaged and learning about how to care for animals.
1357346	Who might you be? A tale in tangrams Henderson, R	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781760526276	K-2	A lively story in which all the illustrations are tangrams; the well-known geometrical puzzle that is a square cut into seven pieces arranged to make various other shapes. It is also a delightful story about the imagination where the words and pictures combine to tell a deeper story about the idea of self, from the creator of I See, I See.
9632	Who sank the boat Allen, Pamela	Penguin	1988	9780140509403	K-2	One warm, sunny morning, a donkey, a cow, a pig, a sheep and a tiny little mouse decide to go for a row in a boat.

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5928	Who saw Turtle? Moriarty, Ros, & Balarinji (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760297800	K-2	Who saw Turtle? Did the whale with the slapping, splashing tail? Or the octopus with the dangly, stretchy tentacles? Maybe the fish with the glittery, shimmering scales? A glorious exploration of the amazing migration of Turtle as she travels the world and then returns home to lay her eggs, illustrated by Balarinji, Australia's leading Indigenous design studio. Also contains text translation into the Aboriginal Yanyuwa language.
18474	Who wants a dragon Mayhew, James & Gardiner, Lindsay (ill)	Orchard Books	2005	9781843624943	K-2	A baby dragon is lonely and wants someone to love him. Zany art and lots of opportunities to respond to the little dragon's feelings.
94687	Who wants to be a poodle, I don't Child, Lauren	Puffin UK	2011	9780141502465	3-4	Trixie Twinkle Toes doesn't want a maid to plump her cushions. She doesn't want a butler to carry her over puddles. Trixie wants to roll in the mud and paddle in the puddles. Trixie may look like a prancing, poodley poodle but she just wants to be able to do the things that other dogs do.
3831	Who what when where why and how Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742034263	5-6	Have you ever wanted to know why does the wind blow or why do some people walk in their sleep, this is the book for you. Those tricky questions you have always wanted to be ask are answered here.
10394	Who will play with me Coxon, Michele	Koala Books	2002	9781875846412	K-2	Two stories in one about a lonely boy and a kitten.
9519	Who's afraid of the big, bad book Child, Lauren	Hodder & Stoughton	1990	9781840326680	3-4	Herb falls right into a storybook of wicked fairy tales while sleeping. Find out what happens to Herb next.
654406	Who's afraid of the quite nice wolf? Black, Kitty & Wood, Laura (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2019	9781925594706	K-2	The Quite Nice Wolf doesn't fit in with the local wolf pack. he commences training to become a proper wolf - one that's BIG and BAD. Can he help the wolf pack with their master plan?
41046	Who's driving Timmers, Leo	Gecko Press	2006	9780958272025	K-2	This is a picture book for drivers of all ages. A new play on the fable of the hare and the tortoise.
6375	Who's got a normal family Nowell, Belinda & Alexander, Misa (ill)	Little Steps Publishing	2016	9781925117752	K-2	Alex has a new foster sister, Emma, and excitedly tells his class. But, when Jimmy Martin tells Alex that Emma is not his real sister and his family is not normal, Alex isn't quite so excited anymore.
31956	Who's in my family? All about our families Harris, Robie H. & Bernard Westcott, Nadine (ill)	Walker Books	2018	9781406345407	K-2	Join Nellie and Gus and their parents for a day at the zoo, where they see all kinds of children and families - both animal and human! To top off their day, Nellie and Gus invite friends and relatives for a big dinner at home.
15383	Who's wheelie the fastest Montano, Josie & Mackintosh, Michelle (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734404923	3-4	A group of kids who live in the same street decide to have a Wheel Race to find out whose wheels are the fastest - a scooter, a skateboard, a bike or rollerblades.

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800823	Who's your real Mum? Green, Bernadette & Zobel, Anna (ill)	Scribble Press	2020	9781925849493	3-4	'Elvi, which one is your mum?' 'They're both my mums.' 'But which one's your real mum?' When Nicholas wants to know which of Elvi's two mums is her real mum, she gives him lots of clues. Her real mum is a circus performer, and a pirate, and she even teaches spiders the art of the web. But Nicholas still can't work it out! Luckily, Elvi knows just how to help Nicholas understand
28203	Whole caboodle, The Shanahan, Lisa & Rudge, Leila (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781743629321	K-2	On a stroll to the park, a playful pup takes the lead to see how many new friends will be found.
4813	Whoppers Simons, Moya	Penguin	1998	9780140387520	3-4	The kids in Simon's class are told to use their imagination as they tell their life stories. While everyone else is telling whoppers, Mark is telling the truth. He really is a Martian.
750949	Whose bones? Takeuchi, Chihiro	Berbay Publishing	2020	9780648785163	K-2	Guess which animal just by looking at their bones. A masterpiece of paper-cut art for a fun introduction to the vertebrate animal world.
47166	Whose dinner Rowe, Jeannette	ABC Books	2009	9780733322570	K-2	Lift the flap and find out whose eating dinner and what it is.
901898	Whose dinosaur bones? Takeuchi, Chihiro	Simon & Schuster	2022	9781922610485	K-2	From inside to out, dinosaurs will be revealed. From ankylosaurs to velociraptors, so many favourite dinosaurs are in skeletal pieces ready to be recovered.
15379	Whose tail is that Nicholls, Christine & Snell, Danny (ill)	Working Title Press	2002	9781876288105	K-2	When two little monkeys lose their mother, they have to check lots of tails to find her. But, there are lots and lots of dangerous tails.
69650	Why are they marching Daddy Burke, Di (comp) & Alger, Elizabeth (ill)	ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee QLD Incorporated	2002	9780958162555	K-2	A father answers his little daughter's curious questions about all the different people she sees passing by in an ANZAC Day march. Simple, clear explanations of the concept of honouring those who fought presented in a way that may inspire discussion amongst those who share this book.
43459	Why can't I be a dinosaur? Westaway, Kylie & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760294724	K-2	Today is Aunt Daisy's wedding but Nellie can't wear her flower girl dress. Today, she's a dinosaur. Luckily, Nellie might just have a roaring-ly good idea...
18706	Why do I have to eat off the floor Hornsey, Chris & Perkins, Gwyn (ill)	Little Hare Books	2005	9781921049026	K-2	Whimsical situations around the owning of pets. Against the backdrop of an owner's seemingly carefree life, Murphy the dog questions the rules under which he must live.
41517	Why do we need bees? Daynes, Katie & Pym, Christine (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2017	9781474917933	3-4	Why do we need bees? Where do they live? Who's who in a beehive? Find out in this lift-the-flap book!

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23061	Why elephant has a trunk Tinga Tinga Tales	Puffin UK	2010	9780141327815	K-2	There was a time when Elephant had no nose at all. You see, he was big, he was clumsy and he was very, very smelly. But, his friends didn't tell him because they didn't want to upset him.
7670	Why giraffe has a long neck Tinga Tinga Tales	Puffin UK	2011	9780141335056	K-2	You see, there was a time when Giraffe didn't have a long neck. She had short legs, short horns and a very short, stumpy neck. She was also a very fussy eater. When Giraffe tried to get some honey from deep inside a tree, everything changed.
46942	Why I love Australia Bancroft, Bronwyn	Little Hare Books	2010	9781921541780	5-6	In a similar vein to Dorothea Mackellar's My Country. Stunning images and words showcase the awe-inspiring beauty of the Australian continent.
26203	Why I love footy Wagner, Michael & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2015	9780670077878	3-4	A young boy, who just loves Aussie Rules football, gets ready to go with his family to watch his favourite team play live. He wears all his footy gear and travels on the train with a bunch of other fans. It's nerve-wracking, waiting to see who will win a close game. At the end, they enjoy singing the club song and having a kick around themselves.
669516	Why I love the earth Howarth, Daniel (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2020	9780008389109	K-2	Everyone loves the Earth for its beauty, the people, animals and the wonders of nature. Why do you love the Earth?
16825	Why lion roarrrs Tinga Tinga Tales	Puffin UK	2011	9780141335216	K-2	There was a time when Lion wasn't like a King. You could even say that Lion had no roar. But, something happened when the animals asked Lion to make snappy Crocodile share the waterhole.
35336	Why monkey swings in trees Tinga Tinga Tales	Puffin UK	2010	9780141327839	K-2	There was a time when Monkeys didn't swing in the trees. They used to stay on the ground and play. And, they loved to wind Crocodile up. One day, Crocodile got cross and went snap.
2991	Why should I bother about the planet Meredith, Susan & Rojo, Sara (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2015	9781409599630	5-6	Find out what has gone wrong with the planet, what needs to be done, and how every little bit helps to solve the problem of climate change and pollution. Discover how you can save energy, what a carbon footprint is and lots more about the human impact on our planet.
8494	Why should I bother to keep fit Meredith, Susan & Larkum, Adam (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2015	9781409599623	5-6	An informative guide to the hows and whys of keeping fit, and having fun on the way. Find out why keeping fit is good for you, how to choose the appropriate exercise regime and how to stay healthy in day-to-day life.

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6696	Why shouldn't I eat junk food Knighton, Kate & Larkum, Adam (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2015	9781409599616	5-6	A fun, informative guide about food that's good and not so good for you, and how to exercise. Find out why junk food tastes so good, what food additives and processed food are, and what's in a burger. Includes simple recipes for healthy snacks and burgers, ideas for exercise, information on food labels and advertising, and how food is grown.
73240	Why the animals came to town Foreman, Michael	Walker Books	2011	9781406329957	K-2	Anteaters, apes and antelopes, baboons and bison, beavers, bats. Animals from all over the world have come to our street. A boy's nocturnal visit from a parade of dancing animals warns us all that the world we share is in danger.
5895	Wibbly Pig has 10 balloons Inkpen, Mick	Hachette Children's Books	2011	9781444902662	K-2	Wibbly Pig has ten balloons but not for very long. As he gives them away, he holds on tightly to his favourite teddy bear balloon. But, then, Big Pig's shouting sister comes along.
36709	Wibbly Wobbly Street Trewin, Trudie & Orsini, Cheryl	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781741695618	K-2	The city of Squareton had streets that were all smooth and wide and very, very straight except for Wibbly Wobbly Street. The mayor and his council try to straighten Wibbly Wobbly Street, but they should think again.
5363	Wicked warriors and evil emperors Lloyd, Alison & Denton, Terry (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2010	9780143304340	7-9	Imagine that you're made a king at twelve. You have tons of gold, a network of spies and a million soldiers. You also have plenty of enemies. This is the incredible story of Zheng Ying, who in 221BC conquered all the states, unified them under one banner and declared himself the first Emperor. He was brilliant and brutal, and his legend has lived on for thousands of years. Includes cartoon style illustrations.
1820	Wicked's way Fienberg, Anna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781743319901	5-6	From an early age, Will could walk a tightrope and juggle bananas. His mother told him that, one day, he would be the star of a circus. But, until then, Will must be kept a secret because, each year, pirates come to the islands to steal young boys for their crew. But, when his mother disappears and pirates arrive at his door, Will takes courage from a crazy, truth-telling parrot and his mother's advice. But, this may not be enough to survive the perils at sea. And, Will will have to do something about that infuriatingly polite boy, Horrendo.

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6419	Wide big world Beneba Clarke, Maxine & Knowles, Isobel (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9780734418180	3-4	Difference is everywhere, just look and see. This whole-wide-big-world is wondrous-unique. A gorgeous picture book about our diverse and wonderful world from award-winning author Maxine Beneba Clarke and illustrator Isobel Knowles.
18701	Widow's broom, The Van Allsburg, Chris	Houghton Mifflin	1992	9780395640517	5-6	A witch's broom is left at a widow's house and it gradually takes over all the tasks. The people in the local village decide the broom is evil and needs to be destroyed. In response, the widow and the broom fight back.
462	Wiggy & Boa Fienberg, Anna & James, Ann	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1994	9781863736145	7-9	Boa is really Boadicea and her grandfather is a retired admiral, who has a chequered past involving pirates.
601802	Wilam: A Birrarung story Murphy, Aunty Joy & Kennedy, Lisa (ill)	Walker Books	2019	9781925381764	5-6	As ngua rises, Bunjil soars over mountain ash, flying higher and higher as the wind warms. Below, Birrarung begins its long winding path down to palem warreen. Wilam - home. In this stunning picture book by Indigenous artist Lisa Kennedy, respected Elder Aunty Joy Murphy and Yarra Riverkeeper Andrew Kelly tell the Indigenous and geographical story of Melbourne's beautiful Yarra river, from its source to its mouth, from its pre-history to the present day. Wilam is an ode to Australian rivers, the flora and fauna that live on them, and the function they perform as a part of modern day life and brings Aboriginal life, culture and language right in to the heart of the city.
32268	Wilbur, Grace and Joe Cummings, Phil & Graham, Amanda (Iill)	Little Book Press	2017	9780648086826	K-2	Join Wilbur, a fun loving family pet as he shares the joy of Grace and Joe's first years. He worries when they fall, he rejoices with their first steps, and faithfully joins in all their adventures.
130956	Wild about books Sierra, Judy & Brown, Marc (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2007	9781845076122	3-4	The animals at the zoo select their books and they all treat them in different ways. Comic, rhyming poetry tells about llamas reading while eating their llunches and unruly bears licking illustrations right off the page.
1096870	Wild and free Gallasch, Carrie & Heiduczek, Martina (ill)	Little Hare Books	2024	9781760504069	K-2	Get up! Come on! Join the crew! We're off to play, like wild ones do! Join the children in Wild and Free as they discover the joys of the great outdoors. From climbing trees and crossing creeks to rolling down hills and watching bugs, readers will almost smell the fresh air as they pore over the pages
15380	Wild animals ABC Fleming, Garry	Hinkler Books	2010	9781741853537	K-2	An enjoyable introduction to alphabet books that provides poetic text and rich, full page, close-up Illustrations with a photographic quality.

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855865	Wild Australian Life Cronin, Leonard & Nixon, Chris (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760637224	5-6	More than one million animal species make their homes in Australia-from the deepest oceans to the top of mountains and the harshest deserts. How do they survive Discover the remarkable stories behind some of the world's most extraordinary creature in this must-have collection for every Australian family.
578984	Wild blue wonder Sorosiak, Carlie	Pan MacMillan	2018	9781509836055	9plus	For Quinn and her siblings, Fern and Reed, summer means working as counselors at their family's summer camp, The Hundred, a place known for its magical feel. But last summer was different. Last summer they all fell in love with the same boy, their best friend Dylan. But six months later and everything has changed. The summer camp is empty and covered in snow, and Quinn, Fern and Reed aren't speaking to each other anymore. Something happened that summer that tore them apart, and their memories won't let them forgive. Maybe the lake monster is not the only monster in camp. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
34892	Wild boars' cook Rosoff, Meg & Blackall, Sophie (ill)	Puffin UK	2010	9780141329338	K-2	Four wild boars, Boris, Morris, Horace and Doris, are bad tempered, smelly, rude and always hungry. They turn their talents to cooking a cake and, of course, they can't wait to devour it.
895537	Wild bush days Harrison, Penny & Gray, Virginia	MidnightSun Publishing	2022	9780987380906	3-4	Have you ever looked out across the Australian countryside and imagined how it might have been? Let's go on an adventure through the Australian countryside. We hear the whispers of the past and learn of wild bush days. A female bushranger once roamed these hills - what is her story? The two young adventurers in this story will share what they know, as they take their own adventure!
18439	Wild girl, The Wormell, Chris	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2005	9780224070263	K-2	A girl lives in the world with only a small dog for company. A sensitive story with original artwork.
9208	Wild girl, wild boy: a play Almond, David	Hodder & Stoughton	2002	9780340854310	7-9	Following the death of her father, a young girl attempts to regain her grip on life.
7689	Wild one, The Hartnett, Sonya	Penguin	2014	9780670076970	5-6	Charlie met the wild one when he was young. They caught tadpoles and watched spiders. As Charlie grows up, he forgets the wild one, until he grows much older.

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6075	Wild robot escapes, The Brown, Peter	Piccadilly Press		9781848127517	5-6	Roz is not a normal robot. She is a wild robot who has lived with animals her entire life. Roz has even adopted and raised a baby gosling named Brightbill. But Roz has been taken away from her home and been forced to work for humans like a normal robot. Now Roz must find a way to escape her confines and be reunited with her son. Will she be able to escape the prying eyes of humans and a gang of robots following her every move?
1344158	Wild robot on the island, The Brown, Peter	Piccadilly Press	2025	9781835871645	K-2	Roz is not where she's supposed to be. You see, the robot wasn't designed to live in the wilderness. But when she washes up on an island, she must learn from the animal inhabitants and adapt to her new, natural surroundings. And before long, the island begins to feel like home.
708559	Wild robot, The Brown, Peter	Little, Brown & Co	2016	9781848127272	5-6	Unlike the other robots who washed ashore, Roz survived. Activated but alone and unsure of what to do, she works to understand the animals around her and how to survive. Survival is not enough for Roz. She also wants to learn how to make friends and become a part of life on the island but her robot makers might stand in the way.
4232	Wild stories Thompson, Colin	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2010	9781864718263	3-4	Meet the inhabitants of the house called fourteen and its overgrown garden. To name just a few, there's Sid the mosquito exploring the delights of the house, and Derek the rat who is sniffing out old socks for supper. Ethel the chicken is trying to persuade the world she's not an orange, while Arnold the mouse spends more time in the trap than out of it.
751139	Wild symphony Brown, Dan & Batori, Susan (ill)	Penguin	2020	9780241467916	3-4	Maestro Mouse is getting ready for one ginormous symphonic surprise! Can you figure out what he is up to? Can you spot the clues he's left behind on his adventure? Follow your guide, Maestro Mouse on his wild ride. You'll meet his friends who live in jungles, ponds, trees, fields and under seas. There are secret lessons just for you.
9587	Wild washerwomen, The Yeoman, John & Blake, Quentin (ill)	Andersen Press Ltd	2009	9781842709146	3-4	Seven washerwomen, who work from dawn till dusk scrubbing messy handkerchiefs, horrid socks and grimy night-shirts, are fed up and decide to rebel. They go on a mad spree through town, enjoying their newfound freedom. It seems that no one can control them. Seven woodcutters are eager to try.

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18702	Wild wind Forrestal, Elaine	Penguin	2005	9780143300717	5-6	When a cyclone strikes the vineyard, the four cousins are in the homestead alone. They are without power and the phone line is down when they see a large dog-like creature attacking the chickens.
18485	Wild, The Whyman, Matt	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2005	9780340884539	7-9	A poignant, sad story of the bond between two brothers, Alexi and Misha, who salvage and sell Soviet space junk. When Misha suffers seizures, Alexi takes his young brother to Moscow for proper treatment, leaving behind their family and livelihood.
655997	Wilder girls Power, Rory	Pan MacMillan	2019	9781529021288	9plus	Raxter's School for Girls was meant to be the perfect place for young woman to receive an outstanding education. But when the Tox hits, leaving most of their teachers dead and their peers' bodies mutated, Raxter's becomes a living nightmare for Hetty, Reese and Byatt. Left to fend for themselves by the authorities, the surviving students of Raxters adhere to the strict quarantine designed to protect them from the wild and mutated beasts that roam the forest. When Byatt goes missing, Hetty is determined to do everything to bring her back - even if it means breaking quarantine and facing the horrors beyond Raxter's fence. Once outside though, she uncovers much more to the Tox and life at Raxter than she ever thought possible. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10, and above
1436388	Wilder zoo: Neeka and the great search Strachan, Tina & Hamilton, Max (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2026	9781460764572	5-6	Eleven-year-old Neeka Wilder is living her dream -- spending her days with wildlife, learning how to be a vet like her mum, and hanging out with Hudson and Rumi, her two best friends. When Hudson and Rumi go away for the school holidays, Neeka creates a big list of zoo jobs to keep herself busy. But her plans go anything but smoothly. With three am wake-ups, video editing fails, friendship troubles and a search for an injured koala joey, Neeka's life is much busier than she expected!

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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.
1346580	Wilder Zoo: Neeka and the storm Strachan, Tina & Hamilton, Max (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2025	9781460764565	5-6	Eleven-year-old Neeka Wilder has always loved animals and is lucky enough to live at Wilder Zoo, where her mum is head vet. The deadline for the school reading challenge is only a few days away and Neeka has a lot of reading to do. Then a wild storm hits. Emergency evacuation plans are put in place and even Neeka's bedroom turns into an animal nursery. But when the rain stops and the clean-up begins, focusing on reading becomes Neeka's biggest challenge.
840794	Wildest book week ever! The McKenzie, Heath	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781760971090	3-4	It is Book week! The time to dress up as tour favourite character. Who goes too far? Who does not go far enough? And who will win the first prize? Find out in the wildest book week ever.
9253	Wildheart Carmody, Isobelle	Scholastic Australia	2002	9781862914056	7-9	A young boy, who can communicate with animals, has a strong link to a wild falcon.
1295	Wildkin's curse, The Forsyth, Kate	Pan MacMillan	2010	9780330426053	7-9	Merry, Zed and Liliana are on a perilous quest to the Palace of Zarissa. Amid the splendour and treachery of court, they watch and wait, planning the rescue of Princess Rosalina, held captive in the dazzling Tower of Stars. The excesses of the banquet table platters are described in sickening and disturbing detail.
947	Wildlife Wood, Fiona	Pan MacMillan	2013	9781742612317	9plus	Boarding in the wilderness, sixteen year old Sibylla expects the gruesome outdoor program but not friendship and love complications. New girl, Lou, who is grieving and fragile, must consider her self-imposed detachment as she becomes intrigued by an unfolding drama involving Sibylla. As Sibylla confronts a tangle of betrayal, she needs to renegotiate everything. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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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.
114052	Wildlife of the world Packham, Chris (forward) & Dorling Kindersley	Dorling Kindersley	2015	9780241186008	7-9	Spectacular photographs and interesting facts bring you face to face with some of the most fascinating animals on Earth. Journey through scenic and rich animal habitats, from the Amazon rainforest to the Himalayas, the Sahara to the South Pole. Discover how these diverse and fascinating creatures feed, interact, mate, play and survive, and why it is important for them to survive.
660517	WildLives: 50 extraordinary animals that made history Lerwill, Ben & Walsh, Sarah (ill)	Nosy Crow Ltd	2019	9781788005098	5-6	Extraordinary true tales of many amazing animals who have achieved great things.
	Wildwood trilogy series Meloy, Colin & Ellis, Carson (ill)				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.
15832	Wilf the mighty worrier battles a pirate Pritchett, Georgia	Quercus Children's Books	2015	9781848669079	3-4	Wilf is a worrier. He worries about gnomes, nutcrackers, bears, rats, scorpions, snakes, fish sucking his toes, snowmen eating him and lots of other things. Wilf is also worried about his next door neighbour, Alan. Alan is evil and he has plans to become a pirate and destroy the world. Wilf just happens to be the only one who can stop him.
3273	Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge Fox, Mem & Vivas, Julie (ill)	Omnibus Books	1997	9781862913479	K-2	Wilfrid, who has four names, spends much of his time in the retirement home next door. His special friend, Miss Nancy, who also has four names, has lost her memory. Wilfred tries to help her by finding Miss Nancy's memories for her.

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6612	Will Grayson, Will Grayson Green, John & Levithan, David	Text Publishing Co	2010	9781921656231	9plus	Will Grayson meets Will Grayson. One cold night, in a most unlikely corner of Chicago, two strangers are about to cross paths. From that moment on, their world will collide and lives intertwine. It's not that far from Evanston to Naperville, but Chicago suburbanites Will Grayson and Will Grayson might as well live on different planets. When fate delivers them both to the same surprising crossroads, the Will Graysons find their lives overlapping and hurtling in new and unexpected directions. With a push from friends new and old - including the massive, and massively fabulous, Tiny Cooper, offensive lineman and musical theatre auteur extraordinaire - Will and Will begin building toward respective romantic turns-of-heart and the epic production of history's most awesome high school musical. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
943607	Will you be my friend? McBratney, Sam & Jeram, Anita (ill)	Walker Books	2020	9781406351606	K-2	Little Nutbrown Hare has gone exploring on his own. Off he hops along the path until he reaches Cloudy Mountain. What a surprise he finds there in the heather! It's Tipps, a snow hare, and she has a question for him: Will you be my friend?
1423953	Willa and Woof: Best idea yet Harvey, Jacqueline & Yi, A (ill)	Puffin Australia	2024	9781761343575	3-4	When Willa accidentally learns that Sunset Views Retirement Village, home of her best old-age friend, Frank, is about to be sold, she has a feeling something isn't right. It's up to Willa to put the pieces together and save the residents of the retirement village and the town from a dastardly developer. Can Willa come up with her best idea yet?
1103096	Willa and Woof: Camp chaos Harvey, Jacqueline	Puffin Australia	2024	9781761343568	3-4	It's time for school camp and Willa is excited. But Tae, her best same-age friend, seems to be keeping a secret... Things aren't going too smoothly at camp either, so Willa will need to use all the camp survival skills Frank, her best old-age friend, has taught her and to recruit Woof, her best four-legged friend, to help save the trip. Can Willa turn everyone into happy campers?
1019736	Willa and woof: Double the drama Harvey, Jacqueline & Yi, A (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2023	9781761048937	3-4	It's time to put on a play at school, but not everyone is getting along. Will a new friend come between Willa and Tae?

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19990	William Bligh: A stormy story of tempestuous times Sedunary, Michael & Emmerichs, Bern (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2016	9780994289568	5-6	You may have heard of the famous mutiny on the ship, the Bounty, or the Rum Rebellion coup. They are two extraordinary events in Australia's history, yet the details in and around these events are largely unknown. Peel back the layers of this incredible and controversial period in Australia's early development.
463	William Shakespeare & the globe Aliki	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2000	9780064437226	7-9	This is an introduction to Shakespeare's life and work, and his theatre, The Globe, which was reconstructed in London.
15381	William Shakespeare: poet and playwright Ross, Stewart	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2004	9780750244930	7-9	An overview of the life and plays of this famous poet and playwright.
120053	William the conqueror Drummond, Allan & Nguyen, Du-Tran (ill)	Green Barrow Publishing	2008	9781876460044	5-6	Details the life of William the Conqueror from birth to death. Lots of good battles and interesting characters.
570156	William Wenton and the luridium thief Peers, Bobbie	Walker Books	2015	9781406371703	5-6	After the mysterious disappearance of his grandfather William and his parents have been living in hiding in Norway since. William has a gift for cracking codes. He is kidnapped and taken to the Institute for Post-Human Research. The Institute was jointly founded by his missing grandfather. A thrilling adventure with action and mysteries at all turns.
23001	William Wenton and the secret portal Peers, Bobbie	Walker Books	2018	9781406371710	5-6	Racing around the world using the latest of technology from the Institute of Post Human Research William must try to prevent the opening of a crytoportal. Using all his skills and luck William will face the most impossible of codes and robotics in this series.
9676	Willow and the treasure hunt Parker, Natalie Jane	Brolly Books	2008	9781921346958	K-2	Willow the wombat and Marshall the hopping mouse set out on a treasure hunt. They eventually find the real treasure which is worth more than all the gold in the world.
1288216	Willow Bright's secret plot Tait, A. L.	Scholastic Australia	2025	9781761528361	5-6	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. 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?

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464	Willow tree's daughter, The Freeman, Pamela	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1998	9781864488562	5-6	Max escapes being made a king and marries Salizia, a tree dryad. Their daughter, Betony, has magic powers.
587744	Willow tree's daughter, The Freeman, Pamela & Gamble, Kim (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1994	9781863736916	5-6	With a king for a father and a tree spirit for a mother, Betony is a reluctant princess who prefers the simple, outdoor life. This is the story of her life at the palace, her adventures with wizards, hobgoblins, unicorns and dragons, and her love for the gardener's apprentice.
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.
12023	Willy and Hugh Browne, Anthony	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1998	9780099266150	K-2	Willy and Hugh meet in the park and, after a tricky start, they become firm friends. When threatened by bullies or monsters, Willy and Hugh look after each other.
4588	Willy and the cloud Browne, Anthony	Walker Books	2016	9781406366969	K-2	There is a cloud following Willy wherever he goes. He can't hide and he can't escape. There is only one thing he can do. Willy will have to stand up to it.
4866	Willy the champ Browne, Anthony	Walker Books	1996	9780744543568	K-2	Willy, the chimpanzee, isn't good at sports and prefers books and music. When he is threatened by a bully, he triumphs.
4867	Willy the dreamer Browne, Anthony	Walker Books	2000	9780744569643	K-2	Willy, the modest chimpanzee, becomes the various characters of his dreams. He is a rock singer, superhero, beggar and king.
4868	Willy the wimp Browne, Anthony	Walker Books	1998	9780744567014	K-2	When he is bullied by a gorilla gang, Willy, the chimpanzee, answers a bodybuilding advertisement to grow big and strong.
4864	Willy the wizard Browne, Anthony	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2003	9780552549356	K-2	Willy the chimp loves football. But, he doesn't have any boots, so he's never picked for the team. Then, one evening, Willy is given a strange pair of old-looking football boots and his luck is about to change.
4870	Willy's pictures Browne, Anthony	Walker Books	2000	9780744561654	K-2	Inspired by well-known artists whose works appear in a fold-out, double-page spread at the back of the book, Willy, the chimpanzee, has created his own masterpieces.
682649	Willy-willy wagtail Milroy, Helen	Magabala Books	2020	9781925936605	3-4	Meet the Bush Mob of animals, who live in the Australian outback and discover why Willy Wagtail needs them to come together for the very first time to work as a team and help each other out of danger.

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3454	Wim Wom from the mustard mill, The Peters, Polly & Angeletti, Roberta (ill)	Child's Play International Ltd	2008	9781846431180	K-2	The mischievous Wim Wom will cause trouble if the children don't do as they are told. The children draw, make and model him and events take a surprising turn when the Wim Wom from the Mustard Mill makes his appearance.
465	Wind in the willows, The Grahame, Kenneth & Ward, Helen (ill)	Gary Allen Pty Ltd	2003	9781877082160	7-9	In this timeless classic, Rat, Mole, Badger and Mr Toad of Toad Hall have rollicking adventures along the riverbank and in the Wild Wood.
782493	Wind in the willows, The: graphic novel Punter, Russell & Bonet, Xavier (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2021	9781474968867	5-6	When Mole pops his head out of the ground one fine, spring morning, his friend Rat introduces him to the world of the riverbank and its most famous resident, the exuberant Mr. Toad. Mole soon finds himself caught up in Toad's mischievous exploits, culminating in a battle for Toad Hall itself.
	Wind on fire trilogy series Nicholson, William				9plus	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
4871	Windbag Harris, Christine & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2003	9780733612749	3-4	Zeb's friends and family try to help him get rid of the hiccups but nothing seems to make them disappear. Zeb's worried he's going to fill up with air and fly away like a balloon. What if he's stuck like this forever.
466	Window Baker, Jeannie	Walker Books	2002	9780744594867	5-6	A book without words showing the growth and development of a child and his environment. Superb collages tell the story.
587745	Windrider Freeman, Pamela & Gamble, Kim (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1996	9781863739283	5-6	This story centres on Princess Betony, half human, half dryad. When the great dragon Windrider bewitches her father, King Max, she journeys to the high country to obtain his release. With the help of her friends, Basil and Clover, she tries to achieve her aim without changing into a wood-nymph.
46407	Windy farm MacLeod, Doug & Smith, Craig (ill)	Working Title Press	2013	9781921504419	K-2	There is a farm so windy that the family who live there need to wear heavy shoes so they don't blow away. Can they make the most of the wind.
1423988	Windy washing day Low, Yvonne & Talbot, Kate (ill)	MidnightSun Publishing	2025	9781922858672	K-2	It's a dry, sunny day and perfect for hanging out the laundry. But what happens when an unexpected wind pulls the washing off the line and carries it next door - to the zoo! Will the animals give up their new-found clothes and can all the washing be returned safely?

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15331	Wings Chataway, Carol & Lee, Declan (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2004	9780734405081	5-6	When her parents go away, Saffy is not at all happy about staying with her boring Aunt Joesa. Things soon become far from boring when Saffy's aunt begins to undergo a bizarre and life-altering change.
17434	Wings Huber, Raymond	Walker Books	2011	9781921720208	5-6	Ziggy has a new mission. He travels to Japan to find out what is causing the bees of Tokyo to disappear. But, the big city is not a friendly place for a honey bee. While investigating, Ziggy comes across a colony of honey bees with a very different way of protecting their hive, and a new, terrifying enemy, the huge hornet, Torgo, and his gang.
38191	Wings Pike, Aprilynne	HarperCollins US	2009	9780007319732	7-9	In a new city and new school, Laurel is apprehensive about how she will fit in. When something blooms in the middle of her back, Laurel discovers that she is a faerie and was placed with human parents as a child. As Laurel learns about her true background and the dangers that face the faerie realm, she struggles to find her place in both worlds.
	Wings of fire graphic novel series Sutherland, Tui T & Holmes, Mike (ill)				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.
	Wings of fire series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
18651	Wings of Kitty St Clair, The Aldridge, James	Penguin	2006	9780143004929	9plus	The St Clairs are an adventurous flying family in Victoria post First World War and Kitty is inspired to fly just like her mother. After the tragic death of Kitty's mother, everyone rallies to help with her pain. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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689512	Wink Harrell, Rob	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9781460758878	7-9	Ross Maloy just wants to fit in. But after he is diagnosed with a rare eye cancer in Year 7, he suddenly becomes the 'cancer kid' of his school. Now he has to deal with weird hats, a squinty eye and hardest of all, disappearing friends, social media bullies and the threat of losing his eyesight. Wink is a heartbreaking and hilarious story of survival. A story of finding music and laughter in all of life's weirdness.
811356	Winner winner bin chicken dinner Temple, Kate & Jol & Ghosh, Ronojoy (Ill)	Scholastic Australia	2021	9781760978754	3-4	"Buzz off, bin chicken, you stinky sensation! Find somewhere else for you dinner reservation!" Ibis is on the lookout for food, but she's not welcome anywhere! Until she spies the most amazing dinner of all...
4877	Winnie the Pooh Milne, A A	Egmont Childrens	1998	9780749702106	5-6	The classic tales of Christopher Robin's beloved bear and his pals, Tigger and Eeyore.
	Winnie the witch series Thomas, Valerie & Korky, 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.
4879	Winning Forrestal, Elaine	Penguin	2002	9780141313788	7-9	The most important thing in the boys' lives was running. Every day they raced each other. But when Yosef, the quiet Egyptian boy, starts to beat the champion, their lives begin to change and besides, the school gardener is acting very suspiciously.
467	Winning back dad Bone, Ian	Walker Books	2000	9780744572919	5-6	A boy takes on a challenge to stop his father from being depressed after he has to sell his truck.
46866	Winning the World Cup Metzenthen, David & Axelsen, Stephen (ill)	Puffin Australia	2007	9780143302780	3-4	After school, Marco and his neighbourhood friends, who have all come to Australia from different countries, play the World Cup in the local paddock. Henry, the new boy from Kenya, is too sad to play while his sister is in hospital, but he amazes the children with his knowledge of cows and, when his sister is better, with his ball skills.
854072	Winston and the indoor cat Rudge, Leila	Walker Books	2021	9781760652609	K-2	Two very different cats: Winston, a free-spirited explorer; and The Indoor Cat, lover of leisure; form a friendship and show each other how different their lives could be. Can The Indoor Cat be enticed by outdoor adventure? Will Winston be tempted by a life of indoor luxury?

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638656	Winston and the wondrous Wooba Gymnastics Club Janu, Tamsin	Scholastic Australia	2019	9781760662509	3-4	When Winston's new step-sister to be Macy moves to Woobawittawoo with her dad, life in their small country town quickly turns upside down. Winston is thrilled but Macy is miserable and wants to go back to her old school. Wooba has the 'Big Bread', but what good is a crumbling tourist attraction? All Macy wants is to become an Olympic Gymnast and have somewhere to train. It's up to Winston and his friends to convince Macy to love Wooba as much as they do so they can all stay there forever. But how? Could a gymnastics club possibly be the answer to their problems?
1359413	Winston's special day Evans, Gabriel	Berbay Publishing	2025	9781922610980	K-2	Winston is wearing his brightest, yellowest sweatsuit today because it's an important day for him. It's the kind of day that only happens once a year. He hopes his friends will remember and help him celebrate. But everyone is busy, even his good friend Miles. Miles is working on a special mission that requires an awful lot of help. Winston didn't plan to hide in a bin, crawl through a hedge and wear a disguise on his special day. Luckily Miles is as good at surprises as he is at secret missions in this story about expectations and friendship.
4882	Winter Marsden, John	Pan MacMillan	2005	9780330421843	9plus	Winter is 16. She has just returned to her family home. She has not been here since she was four years old, when both of her parents died within six months of each other. Some of the locals are happy to see her. Others are not. Her decision to return, to restore her family home, and to settle down is met with some joy and some hostility. Getting to the bottom of why people feel the way they do will reveal things about her past she might wish she had never known. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
751145	Winterborne Home for mayhem and mystery Carter, Ally	Hachette Australia	2021	9780734419187	5-6	April and her four young friends are an unusual bunch, but since coming to live at the Winterborne Home for orphans, they've become a family. Head of this crew is Gabriel - the last Winterborne and heir to the family home, as well as the family legacy. This means Gabriel is The Sentinel, sworn to protect the city. But when Gabriel goes missing once again, April is the one who has to step up to unmask the fakes, protect her new family, and keep everyone together when everything is working to tear them apart.

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895469	Wintrish girl, The La'Brooy, Melanie	University of Queensland Press	2022	9780702265631	5-6	Although knot-bonded to a princess, Wintrish girl Penn is ineligible for a Talisman that would give her special powers and reveal her destiny. She is doomed to a lonely life as a servant and outcast. When sinister events start to occur, Penn must trust her new friends and believe in herself if she is to counter dangerous enemies with terrifying powers. What can an ordinary Wintrish girl do, because without a Talisman, there is no changing your fate ... is there?
108285	Wipe out Thebo, Mimi	HarperCollins Australia	2003	9780007142767	7-9	Billy's mother, champion surfer, Kitten Brown, has died and he has to spend time with his Aunty Mary who he barely knows. He is very surprised to find he can make a difference to Mary's life.
898959	Wiradjuri Country Brandy, Larry	NLA Publishing	2025	9781922507525	5-6	Welcome to Wiradjuri Country in New South Wales. Wiradjuri people are known as the people of the three rivers and their Country is the second largest in Australia. Come with Uncle Larry Brandy on a journey through his country and discover some of the plants and animals of its rivers, woodlands, grasslands and rocky outcrops. Learn more than 100 Wiradjuri words along the way.
568011	Wish for a witch Umansky, Kaye & King, Ashley (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2018	9781471160936	5-6	Elsie Pickles has returned to her mundane life after living for a week with unconventional witch, Magenta Sharp. She loves her family and her dad's shop, but life is seeming rather dull until her magical friend needs her help again. Will Elsie be able to help Magenta save her magic licence and deal with some wayward magical creatures?
3503	Wish kin, The Hedley, Joss	Pan MacMillan	2009	9780330423724	7-9	Fourteen year old, Colm Bell, and his younger sister, Lydia, wake to the smell of smoke and the sound of gunfire as raiders attack their home and their father. They flee to the hills, alone in a hostile landscape, a land without rain and empty cities, where small groups of people live in suspicion. They hear of the Wish Kin, people who may have the power to heal the earth. But, the sinister Clan are tracking the children.
10467	Wish list, The Colfer, Eoin	Viking Children's	2003	9780670040582	9plus	Meg Finn is in a tough spot. In her last act on Earth, she committed a crime and died. With an even tally of good and evil deeds, Meg's spirit is stuck in limbo. For salvation, she must return to Earth and do more good deeds. Satan has other plans. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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903307	Wish me gone Blackmore, DJ	Rhiza Press	2022	9781761110726	9plus	When hatred opens the homestead gates and the enemy is so close to home, do you fear the fall, or find courage to fly? A heritage listed home in the Riverina is up for grabs and Isabella's Mum falls hopelessly in love. Yet it seems the new immigrant family who come to pick oranges at the orchard become a target for intolerance. But when Isabella's brother Abel takes leave from the Army barracks to disappear without a trace, the family's tree change plummets them into their worst fears. As the hours march irrevocably on, hope is the only weapon they possess, as each of them learn that a hero is made, not born. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
6363	Wish pony, The Bateson, Catherine	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9781741663242	5-6	Ruby has had her mum and dad and best friend, Sarah, to herself for as long as she can remember. Now everything is changing because her mum is having a baby and her best friend has found a better friend. She wishes things could be back to how they were. Ruby learns that we must be careful what we wish for.
1019701	Wish sisters, The: The Christmas wish Rushby, Allison & Blair, Karen (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2023	9780702266362	3-4	It is Christmastime, but Flick and Bridie are not in a celebratory mood, because they miss their Granny Aggie. Their mother has an idea - to make gingerbread houses with gingerbread men included. And, to make it even more exciting, Flick has to make sure her little baby sister Bridie doesn't wish any extra things get included in the Christmas celebrations. How is Flick going to keep the strange goings-on a secret from the adults in her neighbourhood, especially when they are at the Christmas celebration in her home?
916529	Wish sisters, The: The party wish Rushby, Allison & Blair, Karen (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2023	9780702265921	3-4	Imagine if your baby sister could make wishes come true! Flick has just found out her little sister has a special gift. Birdie has wished for a super-fabulous unicorn party and it has magically appeared in their backyard! There's a rainbow slide made out of sour straps, a ball pit full of marshmallows and a real-life unicorn that poops cupcakes! How can Flick stop the nosy next-door neighbour finding out about Birdie's magic when the birthday cake is floating like a cloud?

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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?
977609	Wish sisters, The: The running wish Rushby, Allison & Blair, Karen (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2023	9780702265945	3-4	It's School sports day and Flick is ready to race. Her Dad has also been practicing for the parent teacher race. But Flick is nervous, because events like this put her baby sister Birdie in a wishing mood. Can Flick make sure that the races go ahead without Birdie's influence on the results?
1776	Wishbird, The Wang, Gabrielle	Penguin	2013	9780143307525	5-6	Oriole's beloved Wishbird is dying and she must leave the forest to save him. But in the City of Soulless there is danger everywhere. Can Oriole and Boy save Soulless and the Wishbird, or will the city's darkness prove too great even for magic.
12008	Wishbone Brian, Janeen & Niland, Kilmeny (ill)	ABC Books	2002	9780733309748	K-2	A wistful picture book about a boy's quest for a little rough-and-tumble dog of his own. A story about the need to love and be loved.
10758	Wishes for one more day Pastor, Melanie Joy & Grantford, Jacqui (ill)	Flashlight Press	2006	9780972922579	3-4	Two Jewish children start to come to terms with the death of their grandfather. Their mother is also grieving but lends strong support and suggests that the children draw and write about how they would spend one more day with him if they could.
9552	Wishing cupboard, The Hathorn, Libby & Stanley, Elizabeth (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2002	9780734403582	3-4	When his mother goes away Tran's grandmother shows him a wishing cupboard. They find it full of things, places and special memories.
571657	Wisp Fraillon, Zana & Baker Smith, Grahame	Hachette Children's Books	2018	9780734418043	5-6	Idris is a child refugee, born into a world of tents and fences. He has known no other life than this. He has no memories of the world outside. Then the Wisp arrives, floating in on the evening breeze. Everyone who holds it finds their memories reawakened, their hopes of freedom reborn. But what about Idris, who has no memories? What will happen when he holds the magical Wisp?
12453	Wisp of smoke, A Wrightson, Patricia	Puffin Australia	2004	9780143301011	3-4	Mrs Piggott is a dignified old lady. When she notices a frail plume of smoke that comes twisting up from the edge of the hearth, or else from the floor, she suspects rats. Some good-natured firemen come to her rescue.

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755133	Witch Hawkins, Finbar	Head of Zeus	2020	9781800245907	7-9	Evey and her sister have to escape when they witness their mother being accused of witchcraft. Left in a state of bewilderment, who can they trust and where can they turn for help? Their journey unexpectedly shows them the resilience of family, and helps them to learn to trust again. But can they ever reveal their own witch craft leanings?
7720	Witch baby and me at school Gliori, Debi	Corgi Books	2009	9780552556774	5-6	Lily's sister, Daisy, is one year old and she's no ordinary baby. When she was born, something went wrong and Daisy is a Witch Baby. Nobody knows this but Lily. She's the only one who can see Daisy make the fridge float in the air or turn people into slugs. It's time for Lily to start at her new school. It will be hard enough being the new girl and, then, there's Daisy.
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.
5181	Witch for a week Umansky, Kaye & King, Ashley (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2017	9781471160905	5-6	When Elsie offers to house sit the home of local witch Magenta she has no idea what she's getting herself into. Left with a talking raven and a scruffy dog for company, a magical tower that has a mind of its own and a book of instructions what could possibly go wrong? But Elsie soon finds out that looking after Magenta's home isn't as easy as she first thought. Does she have what it takes to be a witch for a week?
7598	Witch of Blackberry Bottom, The King-Smith, Dick	Penguin	2000	9780141302850	3-4	Miss Slade is a recluse who lives in an old caravan in Blackberry Bottom. When new neighbours move in, she gradually starts to rejoin the village community. But no one knows that Miss Slade keeps all her money buried in a milk churn.

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47262	Witch snitch Pounder, Sibeal & Anderson, Lauren Ellen (ill)	Bloomsbury	2017	9781408892046	3-4	It is Tiga's first Witchoween when everyone celebrates how brilliant witches are. Tiga and Fran the fairy, have been asked to make a documentary about Sinkville's most famous witches. There are five very interesting witches but there is something mysterious as well.
3147	Witch's boy, The Barnhill, Kelly	Algonquin young readers	2015	9781616205485	7-9	When Ned and his identical twin tumble from their raft into a raging river, only Ned survives. Villagers are convinced the wrong boy lived. Across the forest that borders Ned's village, Aine, the daughter of the Bandit King, is haunted by her mother's last words: "The wrong boy will save your life and you will save his." When the Bandit King comes to steal the magic Ned's mother, a witch, is meant to protect, Aine and Ned meet. Can they trust each other long enough to cross a dangerous enchanted forest and stop the war about to boil over between their two kingdoms?
1359336	Witch's guide to love and poison, A Qureshi, Aamna	Hachette Australia	2025	9781444980882	9plus	Bisma knows three things to be true: the Enchanted Forest will always be her home, she would go to the ends of the Earth to protect her sisters, and Xander Chapman is the most irritating guy she's ever met. Since finding a home in the Enchanted Forest, Bisma - a garden witch with a penchant for potions - has always been protective of other runaways. So, if a drop of one of her poisons finds its way into the porridge of those who have hurt them . . . that's none of her business. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
	Witch-in-training series Friel, Maeve & Reid, Nathan (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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846073	Witched! The spellbinding life of Cora Bell McRitchie, Rebecca & O'Conner, Sharon (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2021	9781460757666	3-4	Cora Bell is racing against time. With her beloved guardian, Dot, badly injured, Cora must face fearsome werewolves, gross beetle worms and a vengeful warlock in order to save her. But as questions about her long-lost parents arise, Cora and her fairy friends begin a search for the one person who might hold all the answers. The one person who disappeared the same night Cora's parents did... Will Cora finally discover the truth about her family? Or will the evil syphon return to finish what he started, and destroy Cora once and for all? The thrilling conclusion to the magical Cora Bell series.
1209485	Witches of Brooklyn: S'more magic Escabasse, Sophie	Puffin Australia	2025	9780241712283	5-6	School's out, and Effie is ready for summer! Too bad she's being sent off to the wilderness for boring old summer camp. Nothing says "exciting new adventure" like being stuck in nature with mosquitoes. Sure, other witches might be there. And maybe she'll learn some cool new magic. But Effie would rather spend time with the friends she already has. She's always relied on them for help. . . . What will happen when she heads off to camp all by herself?
1494972	Witches of Brooklyn: What the hex?! Escabasse, Sophie	Puffin Australia	2024	9780241712221	5-6	Effie is excited to be part of the community of witches protecting Brooklyn. But suddenly, life seems completely different. No longer the newest kid in school, Effie feels as if her friends are happy to grow their little group-although Effie herself isn't so sure of the new girl in school. On top of that, disasters keep happening at a nearby intersection, where two mysterious statues stare at each other from across the block. And not for nothing, but learning magic is hard work! Effie just wants to have fun being a witch, but her life in Brooklyn is about to get weird(er).
4905	Witches, The Dahl, Roald	Puffin UK	2004	9780141311395	5-6	The scary, funny and imaginative tale of a seven year old boy who has a run-in with some real-life witches.
9402	Witches, The: Plays for children Wood, David	Puffin Australia	2001	9780141310848	7-9	Seven short plays explore interesting ways of portraying characters to excite and shock audiences, with lots of guidance on delivery and stage directions.

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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.
50793	With a sword in my hand van Rijckeghem, Jean-Claude & van Beirs, Pat	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2010	9781741758658	9plus	Marguerite's father is desperate for a son. Instead, he's stuck with a feisty, stubborn daughter who refuses to behave like a lady. Shaking off the strict expectations of court life, Marguerite roams free, learning to ride, to fence and to outwit the boys. But, the count of Flanders has plans for his wayward daughter. Some violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
593	With love from head to toe Kuchling, Guundie & Tambour, Evelyn (photo)	Windy Hollow Books	2009	9781921136337	K-2	How good it is to have toes and ears and tongues and other parts of our body, to enjoy paddling, listening and tasting, and all the other senses that we have.
68261	With Nan Cox, Tania & Blair, Karen (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2013	9781921136122	K-2	A leaf that flies. A rock that hops. These are some of the wonderful things that Simon sees on his walk with Nan. Simon takes a walk through the bush with his Nan and along the way finds out that things are not always what they seem.
3866	Within these walls Bavati, Robyn	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781760152857	7-9	For Miri and her family, life in Warsaw is full of simple joys. The smell of freshly baked challah, the pink flowers that bloom in their courtyard and Fridays, when everyone comes together to celebrate Shabbat. But, the Nazis have a hold on Europe and have stepped up their discrimination and attacks on Jews. Miri's world closes in on her as she and her family are forced into the ghetto, where they must try to survive, against impossible odds. Based on true events.
10917	Without looking back Suzuma, Tabitha	Corgi Books	2009	9780552560009	7-9	Louis and his siblings are abducted from Paris by their father and taken to England. They have to change their names and their looks. Louis and his siblings face a choice, either to stay with their Dad and take on new identities or return to Paris.
47372	Witness Cassidy, Anne	Evans Bros	2005	9780237529246	7-9	Todd is running late for school when he witnesses a ruthless attack and robbery on Mr Wilson, a local shopkeeper. Something is vaguely familiar about the attacker and, when Todd finally recognises him, Todd's life and that of his friends are in danger.

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	Witness to disaster series Fradin, Judy & Dennis				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.
751137	Wizard in my shed, The: The Misadventures of Merdyn the Wild Barnaby, Simon & Powell, Claire (ill)	Hachette Australia	2020	9781444954388	5-6	Merdyn the Wild is from the Dark ages but banished to the 21st century for bad behaviour. He's the greatest Warlock of all time. He will tell you to bow down before him or feel his wrath. He's about to cause problems for 12 year old Rose, who is on a mission to mend her broken family and has no intention of bowing down before anyone. And then, there's Bubbles. He's Rose's guinea pig. He just poos a lot.
1304819	Wizard of Earthsea, A: A graphic novel Le Guin, Ursula K & Fordham, Fred (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529526264	7-9	Ged, the greatest sorcerer in all Earthsea, was called Sparrowhawk in his reckless youth. Hungry for power and knowledge, Sparrowhawk tampered with long-held secrets and loosed a terrible shadow upon the world. This is the tale of his testing, how he mastered the mighty words of power, tamed an ancient dragon, and crossed death's threshold to restore the balance.
4910	Wizard of Oz, The Baum, Frank L	Wordsworth Editions Ltd	2002	9781853261121	5-6	Dorothy thinks she is lost forever when a terrifying tornado crashes through Kansas and whisks her and her dog, Toto, far away to the magical land of Oz. To get home, Dorothy must follow the yellow brick road to Emerald City and find the wonderfully mysterious Wizard of Oz. With her companions, the Tin Woodman, the Scarecrow and the Cowardly Lion, Dorothy embarks on a strange and enchanting adventure.
751061	Wizard of Oz, The: Graphic novel Punter, Russell & Bursi, Simona (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2020	9781474968850	5-6	After Dorothy's house is carried off by a tornado, she finds herself in the strange and magical Land of Oz. With the help of her new friends the Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion, she must persuade the Wizard of Oz to help her get back to Kansas. L. Frank Baum's timeless fantasy is beautifully recreated in this enchanting graphic novel.

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	Wizards of once series Cowell, Cressida				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.
628128	Wizards of once, The: Knock three times Cowell, Cressida	Hachette Children's Books	2019	9781444941449	7-9	Wish and Xar are outlaws on the run, hunted by Warriors, Wizards and worst of all by WITCHES ... Can they find the ingredients for the spell to get rid of Witches before the Kingwitch gets his talons on the Magic-that-Works-on-Iron? Their next Quest is the most terrifying and treacherous of all ... and someone is going to betray them. Are you ready to KNOCK THREE TIMES?
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.
108788	Wobbly wand, The Bevan, Clare	QED Publishing	2005	9781741261929	K-2	On this night, the toys are playing noisily in the toy room. Fairy Doll waves her wobbly wand with rather dire consequences.
23613	Wolf and dog Heede, Sylvia Vanden & Tolman, Marije (ill)	Gecko Press	2013	9781877579387	3-4	Dog and wolf are cousins, one tame, one wild, one literate, one not. Their numerous differences lead them to argue, which for Wolf, who is unable to read, is delighted when a good rhyme has been made. Wolf plays upon Dog's fear and responsibility as Boss' protector and Dog playing upon Wolf's inability to read. Neither comes to harm and both remain friends.

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14731	Wolf by wolf Graudin, Ryan	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9781780622026	9plus	Experimented on during her time in a concentration camp, Yael has the unique ability to skin shift, to change her appearance at will. Now, ten years on since the Nazis won the war, Yael has just one mission, to kill Hitler. To get close to him, Yael must transform into Adele Wolfe, Germany's most famous female rider, and win the legendary Axis Tour, an epic, long distance motorcycle race from Berlin to Tokyo. Only the strongest and wiliest riders survive. Includes violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
	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.
2850	Wolf Hollow Wolk, Lauren	Corgi Books	2016	9780552574297	7-9	All her life, twelve year old Annabelle has lived in Wolf Hollow, a quiet, small Pennsylvania town, still scarred by two world wars. But, when cruel and manipulative Betty Glengarry arrives in class, Annabelle's calm world is shattered, along with everything she's ever known about right and wrong. When Betty disappears, suspicion falls on strange, gentle loner, Toby. As the community turns against him, Annabelle must do everything in her power to protect Toby and find Betty, before it's too late.
	Wolf kingdom series Harland, Richard & Peterson, Laura (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.
6307	Wolf wilder, The Rundell, Katherine & Ongbico, Gelrev (ill)	Bloomsbury	2015	9781408872352	5-6	In Russia, Feodora and her mother are wolf wilders. A wolf wilder trains domesticated wolves to fend for themselves in the wild. When her mother is taken captive and her own life is threatened, Feo flees to the woods, with her three precious wolves and a young trainee soldier, on a journey to save her mother. As a furious General Rakov pursues them across the snow, Feo must learn from her wolves how to survive.

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9371	Wolf won't bite Gravett, Emily	MacMillan	2011	9780230704251	K-2	Watch in wonder as three cheeky little circus pigs make a wild wolf jump through hoops, endure feats of astounding derring-do and even withstand perilous games of dress-up. Safe in the thought that the wolf won't bite, they even put their heads between his jaws. But, maybe they are pushing the wolf just too far.
825503	Wolf's howl, The Tait, A. L.	Penguin	2021	9781761041792	5-6	On a secret mission Maven and Reeve find themselves at the far flung and gloomy Glawn Castle while Sir Garrick secretly searches for supporters of the rebellion. While in this hostile landscape a cook goes missing and the Airl's personal guards take more than a passing interest in the disappearance. Danger looms and the potential for discovery grows. Can Maven and Reeve solve the mystery? Or will they be unmasked and sentenced with treason?
18683	Wolf's story, The: what really happened to Little Red Riding Hood Forward, Toby & Cohen, Izar (ill)	Walker Books	2005	9781844280162	3-4	As everyone knows, there are usually two sides to every story and if you believe the sharp-toothed villain of Little Red Riding Hood, there is a logical explanation for everything.
12298	Wolf's Sunday dinner Cox, Tania	Working Title Press	2003	9781876288396	K-2	Wolf can smell goose. A nice, fat, juicy goose to have for his dinner, or so he thinks.
5093	Wolf, the duck & the mouse, The Barnett, Mac & Klassen, Jon (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781406377798	3-4	Early one morning a mouse met a wolf and was quickly gobbled up... When a woeful mouse is swallowed up by a wolf, he quickly learns he is not alone: a duck has already set up digs and, boy, has that duck got it figured out! Turns out it's pretty nice inside the belly of the beast, there's delicious food, elegant table settings and, best of all, dancing. And there's something more: no more fear of being eaten by a wolf! Life's not so bad, considering the alternatives. That is, until a hunter shows up...
12420	Wolfchild Hawke, Rosanne	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2003	9780734404824	5-6	In the lost land of Lyonnesse in 1099, Raw struggles to learn how to trust while Morwenna has to choose between friendship and rules.
12933	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: musical genius Ross, Stewart	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2003	9780750243216	5-6	Mozart, a child prodigy who was composing music at five years of age, is recognised as one of the greatest composers of all time. Photographs, quotations and a glossary of terms provide an insight into Mozart's life.

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4278	Wolfie: An unlikely hero Abela, Deborah & Brecon, Connah (ill)	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9780143781509	K-2	Dear Readers, fairy tales are nonsense. They're full of wolves pestering pigs and picking on sweet little girls in red hoods. But I would never do those things. I knit! I bake blueberry pie! You want to know what I really want to do? I want to rescue a princess! And if I can't? I quit! Yours sincerely, Wolfie.
12330	Wolfspell Ciddor, Anna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2003	9781741140132	5-6	The second book in the 'Viking Magic' series combining adventure, magic, fantasy and historical detail. Young heroes, Oddo and Thora, join together on a dangerous journey to foil a greedy neighbour and save their families from eviction.
628172	Wolfy Solotareff, Gregoire	Gecko Press	2017	9781776571574	K-2	Once upon a time there was a rabbit who had never seen a wolf, and a young wolf who had never seen a rabbit. The pair meet and become good friends. Tom the rabbit teaches the wolf to play marbles, read, count and fish. Wolfy teaches Tom to run very, very fast. But eventually their friendship is tested by the classic game Who's-afraid-of-the-big-bad-wolf? Can the little rabbit and the young wolf remain best friends in all the world?
1038956	Wollemi: Saving a dinosaur tree Tidy, Samantha & Gyan, Rachel (ill)	CSIRO	2023	9781486316083	3-4	For over 200 million years, The Wollemi Pine has survived ice, fire and passing generations, however drought and bushfires are threatening it's survival. Wollemi: Saving a Dinosaur Tree explains the unique and critically endangered status of the Wollemi Pine and explores what actions can be taken today to contribute to the conservation of this rare and beautiful tree.
18526	Wolves Gravett, Emily	MacMillan	2005	9781405050821	3-4	Rabbit visits a library to read important facts about wolves, such as where wolves live, how many teeth they have and what they like to eat. No rabbits were eaten during the making of this book.
2585	Wolves Wallace, Karen & Pointer, Jonathon (ill)	Oxford University Press	2009	9780199119356	3-4	Explore the world of the wolf pack and their leader, the grey wolf. Learn about the amazing skills that the grey wolf has to survive, from its sharp senses and amazing memory, to its ferocious ability to hunt and kill. Discover how wolves communicate with one another and look after their pups.
469	Wolves of Willoughby Chase, The Aiken, Joan	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2001	9780099411864	7-9	Two cousins who live in Willoughby Chase are left in the care of a cruel governess.

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785440	Wombat Cheng, Christopher & Duthie, Liz (ill)	Walker Books	2021	9781760651374	3-4	As the sun fades from the sky there is movement at the hole in the side of the hill. Wombat is about to begin her day. And she has a secret... As we follow Wombat through a day in her life, interesting facts about wombats explain more about what is happening.
4922	Wombat chronicles, The Syme, Marguerite Hann	Scholastic Australia	2001	9781862914537	3-4	The wombats of the We Work Wonders Earthmoving Company have, amongst their employees, emus who try very hard to please and frogs who take industrial action.
11841	Wombat divine Fox, Mem & Argent, Kerry (ill)	Omnibus Books	2009	9781862918412	K-2	All the animals are excitedly preparing for a Christmas nativity performance. Wombat is desperate to have a part in the play but is unsuitable for every role he tries, except one.
22629	Wombat goes to school French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2014	9780732295493	3-4	She eats, she sleeps, she scratches. When a wombat goes to school, anything is possible.
4925	Wombat stew Vaughan, Marcia & Lofts, Pamela (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2001	9781865044484	K-2	A gooey, brewy, yummy, chewy, wombat stew. At least, that's what Dingo is planning but he doesn't reckon on the help of Wombat's friends.
1495379	Wombat waiting Applegate, Katherine	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2026	9780008814144	3-4	Wombat isn't actually a wombat, but when the homeless dog is discovered, singed and ash-covered after a terrible fire, someone gives her the nickname, and it sticks. Wombat is a "destiny dog." Something inside of her (she nicknames it "Voice ") keeps telling her there's a special someone out there who is meant to be her person. So, surrounded by a devastated town, Wombat takes up residence on a bench near the makeshift community centre to wait for them.
4006	Wombat warriors Wheeler, Samantha	University of Queensland Press	2017	9780702259586	5-6	When Mouse's parents head away to Ireland she is packed off to spend the winter in South Australia with her Aunt Evie. But what Mouse thought was going to be a dull winter turns into an adventure she never expected. When Mouse makes friends with the local wombats she couldn't be happier but as she learns more about her new surroundings she finds out that others don't feel as kindly towards the cuddly wombats as she does. Desperate to save the wombats from farmers whose fences the wombats destroy, Mouse begins a journey that will change not only her life but the lives of people and wombats everywhere.

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9367	Wombat who talked to the stars, The: The journal of a northern hairy-nosed wombat Morris, Jill	Great Glider Productions	1997	9780947304287	3-4	The northern hairy-nosed wombat is one of Australia's most critically endangered species. There is thought to be only one colony of sixty-five animals left. This is the story of wombat number 104 in that colony.
16957	Wombat wins French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2015	9780732299576	K-2	Mothball has become an athlete, albeit a little accidentally. In her never-ending quest for carrots, Mothball stumbles upon children at the local school sports day and ends up competing.
618972	Wombat, Mudlark & other stories Milroy, Helen	Fremantle Press	2019	9781925815818	3-4	From a falling star to a lonely whale, an entertaining lizard to an enterprising penguin, these Indigenous stories are full of wonder, adventure and enduring friendships. Told in the style of traditional teaching stories, these animal tales take young readers on adventures of self-discovery and fulfillment.
2102	Wombatman and the veggie patch vandals Ferguson, Mike & Ryan, Steph	Little Steps Publishing	2013	9781921928628	3-4	Noseville Public School has a school veggie patch cared for by the school's environmental group and the school's two resident wombats. When the beautiful produce begins to disappear at an alarming rate the wombats are considered the prime suspects, with the principal demanding their removal. It is up to the wombats themselves to solve the mystery and retain their home.
1019724	Wombats are pretty weird: A (not so) serious guide Cushman, Abi	Greenwillow	2023	9780063234437	3-4	A book all about the weird and wonderful things about wombats, including how their teeth never stop growing and they have square poop.
1974	Wombats go on camp, The Harvey, Roland	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743315040	3-4	Freddie has one eye, Alecia hates everything and Horrie loves his pet rat. Join the class on a camping trip as they explore, build, cook, climb, perform and have the time of their lives.
660671	Women artists a to z LaBarge, Melanie & Corrigan, Caroline (ill)	Penguin Random House Australia	2020	9781760896317	3-4	These women revolutionised the arts, one brush stroke, photograph, and quilt stitch at a time! From household names like Frida Kahlo and Georgia O'Keeffe, to French-born Australian artist Mirka Mora, to underrepresented creators such as Jaune Quick-to-See Smith and Xenobia Bailey, this empowering alphabet picture book features a variety of genres-painting, drawing, sculpture, and more. Whether your're an art aficionado or finger-painting virtuoso, this vibrant collection or diverse women artists is perfect for you.
470	Women in medieval times MacDonald, Fiona	McGraw Hill	1999	9780872265691	7-9	A study of the role of women in Roman and medieval periods in history.

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5190	Women in science: 50 fearless pioneers who changed the world Ignotofsky, Rachel	Penguin	2017	9781607749769	5-6	Do you love science? Do you love technology? Do you love engineering? Do you love maths? Well, let's check out 50 famous women scientists from the ancient and modern world. Like the Greek mathematician, philosopher, and astronomer, Hypatia; Marie Curie, a physicist and chemist; biologist Rachel Carson; primatologist Jane Goodall; and lots more famous women scientists!
5317	Women in sports: 50 fearless athletes who played to win Ignotofsky, Rachel	Penguin	2017	9781607749783	5-6	Do you love sports? Well, let's check out 50 famous women athletes like tennis player Billie Jean King; gymnast Simone Biles; skateboarding pioneer Patti McGee; Toni Stone, the first woman to play baseball in a men's professional league; the Bloomer Girls; Skate Bettys and lots more famous female athletes!
471	Women of Camelot: queens & enchantresses at the Court of King Arthur Hoffman, Mary	Orchard Books	2000	9780864154095	7-9	The stories of nine women of Camelot are illustrated and written in modern language.
9612	Wonder dog, The Freeman, Pamela & Stanley, David (ill)	Koala Books	2002	9780864614216	3-4	Luke's parents just don't understand about how much a real dog can love you. They buy him the robotic wonder dog that never makes a mess or barks and never needs to be fed. Eventually, Luke's parents find out why a real dog is better.
40229	Wonder garden, The Broom, Jenny & Williams, Kristjana S (ill)	Wide Eyed Editions	2015	9781847806475	3-4	Open the gates of the Wonder Garden to explore five extraordinary habitats. Trek through the Amazon Rainforest, home to an incredible variety of plants, animals and birds. Travel to the Chihuahuan Desert, where conditions are fierce and the fearsome survive. Dive in the Great Barrier Reef, where the weird and miraculous exist together. Creep into the Black Forest, a dark and densely wooded region. Stand on the roof of the world, the Himalayan Mountains, to encounter majestic wildlife that is remarkably good at camouflage.

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1019833	Wonder of little things, The: Young readers edition Copley, Vince & McInerney, Lea	ABC Books	2024	9781460714843	9plus	Welcome to my story. I didn't learn a lot in school, not in the classroom, anyway. But I learned a lot from life. "Always remember you're as good as anybody else", Vince's mother, Kate, often told him. And he was, becoming a champion footballer and premiership-winning coach. But change was in the air, and Vince wanted to help make life better for his people too. At every step, Vince found light in the darkness, the friendly face in the crowd, the small moments that make the world go round. Welcome to the wonder of little things. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 or above.
	Wonder series Palacio, R J				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.
9553	Wonder thing, The Hathorn, Libby	Penguin	1996	9780140557541	3-4	You have to guess what the wonder thing is in this book. Lovely pictures and riddles to help you.

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7883	Wonder Woman: Warbringer Bardugo, Leigh	Penguin	2017	9780141387376	7-9	Diana longs to prove herself to her legendary warrior sisters. But when the opportunity finally comes, she throws away her chance at glory and breaks Amazon law, risking exile, to save a mere mortal. Even worse, Alia Keralis is no ordinary girl and with this single brave act, Diana may have doomed the world. Alia just wanted to escape her overprotective brother with a semester at sea. She doesn't know she is being hunted. When a bomb detonates aboard her ship, Alia is rescued by a mysterious girl of extraordinary strength and forced to confront a horrible truth: Alia is a Warbringer - a direct descendant of the infamous Helen of Troy, fated to bring about an age of bloodshed and misery. Together, Diana and Alia will face an army of enemies, mortal and divine. determined to either destroy or possess the Warbringer. If they have any hope of saving both their worlds, they will have to stand side by side against the tide of war.
40973	Wonderful things you will be, The Winfield Martin, Emily	Random House Children's Books	2015	9780385376716	K-2	When I look at you and you look at me, I wonder what wonderful things you will be.
660706	Wonderful wisdom of ants, The Bunting, Philip	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781743834084	3-4	Have you ever wondered about the world of ants? The answers to life's biggest questions can be found in the smallest places, once you're ready to look. It's amazing what you can learn from the world of the ant.
886440	Wonderful Wizard of Oz, The Baum, Frank L & Sebag-Montefiore, Mary (adapt) & Alvarez Gomez, Lorena (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2022	9781474999038	3-4	A superb adaptation of Dorothy's adventures for newly independent readers. Enjoy Dorothy's journey in Oz, as she travels along the yellow brick road with the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Lion, before coming safely home again.
1299761	Wonderful world of carnivorous plants, The Houghton, Suzanne	CSIRO	2025	9781486319527	3-4	Have you ever heard of a meat-eating plant? Or a plant that traps spiders and flies? Welcome to The Wonderful World of Carnivorous Plants, where sticky leaves and slippery stems are just some of the fascinating ways some plants capture their food. Explore the unique features and adaptations of these plants and the important role they play in our environment.

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37649	Wonderling, The Bartok, Mira	Walker Books	2017	9781406370645	5-6	Have you been unexpectedly burdened by a recently orphaned or unclaimed creature? Worry not! We have just the solution for you! Welcome to the Home for Wayward and Misbegotten Creatures, an institution run by evil Miss Carbunkle, a cunning villainess who believes her terrified young charges exist only to serve and suffer. Part animal and part human, the groundlings toil in classroom and factory, forbidden to enjoy anything regular children have, most particularly singing and music.
1409682	Wonders under the moon: A collection of night-time creatures Snaith, Tai	Thames & Hudson	2025	9781760764166	3-4	What happens in the animal kingdom when the moon is out? There are the Party Animals who love to get festive and make lots of noise. Watch out for the Biters and Bloodsuckers, Nimble Night-time Ninjas and Prickly Personalities ... you might also want to avoid the Slimeballs and Slippery Characters. These are just a few of the quirky groupings artist Tai Snaith uses to categorise her favourite animals from around the world. Discover the habits, traits and fantastic features of over 200 night-time creatures. Including facts and information about the curious nocturnal animals found inside, Wonders Under the Moon is a delightfully illustrated field guide for all the aspiring explorers, artists, environmentalists and taxonomists.
705661	Wonderscape Bell, Jennifer	Walker Books	2020	9781406391725	5-6	When Arthur, Ren and Cecily investigate a mysterious explosion, they find themselves trapped in the year 2473. Lost in the Wonderscape, an epic in-reality adventure game, they must call on the help of some unlikely historical heroes to play their way home before time runs out.
25070	Wonderstruck Selznick, Brian	Scholastic US	2011	9780545027892	5-6	Ben and Rose secretly wish their lives were different. Ben longs for the father he has never known. Rose dreams of a mysterious actress whose life she chronicles in a scrapbook. When Ben discovers a puzzling clue in his mother's room and Rose reads an enticing headline, both children set out alone to find what they are missing. Set fifty years apart, Ben's story is told in words while Rose's story is told in pictures.

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1423973	Wondrous tale of Lavender Wolfe, The Foxlee, Karen & Heiduczek, Martina (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761182020	5-6	Lavender Wolfe is a clapperdudgeon and pickpurse, with a magical secret. She is all alone on a wharf when she is snatched by Big Agatha and thrown into the galley of a pirate ship, The Good Marchioness. Disguised as a boy (for only boys may live in the galley) and renamed Hans Whitby, Lavender has to make her home among the kitchen rats. However, The Good Marchioness is no ordinary ship. Captained by Odyessia Pleasant, a fierce pirate with long blonde hair, violet eyes and a bird's wing in place of an arm, the crew are on a desperate voyage - to find and return stolen treasure before all those who sail within the cursed pirate ship are turned to sand. Lavender included. Lavender is quick-witted and sharp as a tack, and as her magic starts to be revealed she finds herself coming under the arresting gaze of Captain Pleasant. Will Lavender help break the curse? Or will she be just another victim of this story within a story, her true identity lost to the sands of time?
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.
97599	Wonky donkey, The Smith, Craig & Cowley, Katz (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781869439262	K-2	I was walking down the road, and I saw a donkey ... hee-haw. And he only had three legs. He was a wonky donkey ... In this very funny, cumulative song, each page tells us something new about the donkey. There is much fun to be had trying to predict the new word for each clue given.
6180	Woo's wonderful world of maths Woo, Eddie	Pan MacMillan	2018	9781760554217	9plus	Join Eddie Woo, award winning teacher and star of the Woo-tube channel) as he tells us how he came to love maths. Eddie mingles anecdotes with facts to bring the world of maths to life and make it fun, even for the most sceptical maths student. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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6620	Wood angel Bow, Erin	Chicken House	2011	9781906427603	7-9	Plain Kate lives in a time afraid of magic. She has a gift for carving 'lucky' wooden-charms and is known as Witch-Blade. Her unusual gift attracts dangerous attention in a place where witches are burned. When her village falls on bad times, suspicion falls on Kate and, scared for her life, she seeks the help of a mysterious stranger. In exchange for her shadow, the stranger will assist her, but Kate becomes part of a terrifying plan, darker than she ever dreamed.
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.
15434	Woolly jumper, the story of wool Hooper, Meredith & McEwen, Katharine	Walker Books	2003	9780744565720	K-2	Through cumulative text and simple illustrations, children are introduced to information about wool production. The book traces the wool from the sheep's back to the boy's back.
15332	Woolly jumpers Hilton, Nette	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734407573	5-6	When his family move to the country, Mike is convinced that life will be very boring. Two renegade sheep, a snake and some chooks soon prove him wrong.
12481	Woolly stops the train Amery, Heather & Cartwright, Stephen(ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	1999	9780746034682	K-2	Mrs Boots, Sam, Poppy, Rusty, the dog, and Ted, the farmhand, have to save the day when naughty Woolly encourages all the other sheep to stand on the line and stop the train. They come up with a novel idea that is very exciting for sheep.
18694	Woolvs in the sitee Wild, Margaret & Spudvilas, Anne (ill)	Penguin	2006	9780670041671	7-9	A boy living alone must face his greatest fear, the woolvs (wolves). A dark, brooding story with strong illustrations. Ideal for visual literacy.

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	Word hunters series Earls, Nick & Whidborne, Terry (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.
21243	Word smith Kok, Stephen & Dedelis, P.R & Freeman, Peyton (ill)	TL Creative	2018	9780994289940	3-4	Victoria has the power to create words and we all know what power words can have. But when one of her words has repercussions beyond her wildest plans Victoria must use her skills as a word smith to make things right again. But will she be able to put things back the way they were or has life been irreversibly altered forever?
783671	Word smith: The competition Kok, Stephen & Dedelis, P.R & Freeman, Peyton (ill)	TL Creative	2020	9780994289988	5-6	The war of words is coming up. Victoria is the very best Word Smith in the city. But will she be knocked off the top place by the competitive Mei Lei?
14611	Word spy, The Dubosarsky, Ursula & Riddle, Tohby (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2008	9780670072279	7-9	Come with the Word Spy on an entertaining journey through the English language. Find out where the alphabet came from and what anagrams stand for. Make up your own palindromes and impress your friends by speaking Pig Latin. Includes cartoons, riddles and special codes to solve along the way. Lots of information that's fun to read.
1424084	Words apart Lucido, Aimee & Corcutt, Phillippa (ill) & Corcutt, Rachael (ill)	HarperCollins US	2025	9780358729914	5-6	Olive collects words. Rare words, common words, fancy words, funny words. She expresses herself by writing poetry, making crossword puzzles, and creating dictionary definitions for what she refers to as "neologisms." Her sister, Mattie, could not be more different. Mattie struggles with words and so instead prefers pictures, expressing herself through cartoons and sketches. Despite their differences, the two girls are inseparable. Or at least, they were. After their dad moves away and Olive develops her first crush, the sisters' dynamic changes. Olive wants to spend more time with people who aren't related to her, but Mattie doesn't want anything to change. When their dad starts acting suspiciously and Mattie's grades begin to fall, the sisters' relationship fractures. Olive and Mattie must discover that love isn't always how we envision it.

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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 aswell.
2847	Words in deep blue Crowley, Cath	Pan MacMillan	2016	9781742612386	9plus	This is a love story. It is the story of Howling Books, where readers write letters to strangers, to lovers, to poets. It is the story of Henry Jones and Rachel Sweetie. They were best friends once, before Rachel moved to the sea. Now, she's back, working at the bookstore, grieving for her brother, Cal. She's looking for the future in the books people love and the words they leave behind. Mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
833169	Work it, girl: Rule the music scene like queen Beyonce Knowles Moss, Caroline & Erkas, Sinem (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2021	9780711249462	5-6	Young Beyonce Knowles was a shy girl who dreamed of being a star. With bravery and detemination, she has elevated herself from dance student to international icon. Now she's inspired millions through the power of her voice.
39186	Workhouse, a Victorian girl's diary 1871 Oldfield, Pamela	Scholastic UK	2008	9781407104805	5-6	It's January 1871 when Edith, the sheltered daughter of a wealthy widow, pays her first eventful visit to the workhouse for the poor. There, she meets Rosie, a rebellious, quick-tempered orphan who is always getting into trouble. Edith soon finds herself drawn into Rosie's wild schemes and both their lives are never the same again.
846184	World awaits, The Roberts, Tomos & Nomoco (ill)	Farshore	2021	9780008502058	3-4	We all know the feeling of waking up and not wanting to face the day. But what of the potential that slips away when we shut out the world and its boundless possibilities? Evan our smallest actions, a king smile or thoughtful word, contribute to a powerful global goodness. For our world to be truly magnificent, every single one of us has a part to play ...
	World Book Bolt series Various				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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12685	World heritage sites in Australia: Sydney Opera House, Gondwana Rainforests, Blue Mountains and more... Millen, Ellen	Redback Publishing	2017	9781925630152	5-6	From the ancient Willandra Lakes, through to colonial buildings, natural sites and the world renowned Sydney Opera House, New South Wales is the proud custodian of some of Australia's most iconic World Heritage Sites. Discover how these sites are managed so that the competing demands of tourists, wilderness and wildlife are all satisfied while still preserving the sites for the future.
751040	World of Roald Dahl, The Woodward, Kay & Blake, Quentin (ill)	Penguin	2020	9780241447970	3-4	Welcome to the wondercrump world of all things Roald Dahl, filled with fantastic facts, exciting extras, quirky quizzes and much more!
7264	World of Ruby Red Shoes, The: A book about Ruby's day Knapp, Kate	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2019	9781460756935	K-2	The jolliest time of my whole day is when I hear it's time to play! As Ruby shares the fun and busyness of her life, this book looks at key times in a day and in a subtle way highlights the importance of routine, and also balance in our lives, including time for meditation and reflection.
587911	World of Ruby Red Shoes, The: A book about Ruby's feelings Knapp, Kate	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2019	9781460756928	K-2	When I feel happy, all the world seems light, like sunshine and daffodils, all golden and bright. With so much awareness around mindfulness and mental health in young children, this is the perfect book to start gentle conversations about why we can feel the way we do, and how some of our more confronting feelings can be managed.
22605	World of supersaurs, The: Raptors of paradise Burridge, Jay Jay & West, Chris (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781786968074	5-6	Enter a place where dinosaurs and raptors are not extinct but co-exist with humans. As Bea Kingsley adventures to remote Indonesia with her grandmother and godfather to see these marvellous creatures, she encounters more excitement than she was expecting. The 11 year old mystery of her missing parents begins to unravel as Bea and her family fight for survival.
587885	World soccer records Cooley Peterson, Megan	World Book	2018	9780716693468	K-2	Explore the exciting world of soccer in this series of books. Learn the rules, who are the famous players and which is the best team. Get ready to get in on the action.

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12468	World that we want, The Toft, Kim Michelle	University of Queensland Press	2005	9780702234828	3-4	Nine different habitats and forty-five fascinating creatures feature in this spectacular portrayal of the rare and fragile beauty of North Queensland.
59493	World War 1: 1914 - 1918 Brasch, Nicolas	Pearson Education Australia	2009	9781740705981	5-6	See history through the eyes of the everyday Australians who lived it, featuring interviews, diary and journal entries, newspaper articles and official documents, sometimes presenting differing points of view.
	World War I tales series Deary, Terry				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.
2681	World's best Karlson, The Lindgren, Astrid & Ross, Tony (ill)	Oxford University Press	2009	9780192727732	5-6	On the ordinary roof of an ordinary house lives an extraordinary man called Karlson. He's the world's best at everything, or so he says. Best of all, he has a propeller on his back and can fly.
1337818	World's worst alien, The Primmer, Alice & Blunt, Fred (ill)	Walker Books	2025	9781529519655	3-4	When alien "Sky" creates planet Earth as part of a school project, she's delighted by her success. Those dinosaurs roaming about the place are top-mark material! Then humans sweep in and it's farewell dinosaurs, hello destruction. This disappointing evolutionary twist calls for drastic measures: Sky, the laziest student in class, is going to have make an effort, go down to Earth and fix humanity
32614	World's worst pirate, The Dreiling, Katrin & Worthington, Michelle (ill)	Little Pink Dog Books	2017	9780994626912	K-2	Pirates are swashbuckling, treasure hunting, buccaneers of the seven seas. But if your mother is the Pirate Captain and you can't stand on deck without getting seasick that makes William 'The World's Worst Pirate'. When the ship is attacked, can he use his own special talent to save the day?
	World's worst series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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18453	World-wide waste Trafford, Caren	Etram Pty Ltd	2006	9780958187824	5-6	Through humour, environmental waste issues are discussed featuring simple, easily understood text and cartoon-style drawings.
67847	Worlds next door Wessely, Tehani (ed)	FableCroft Publishing	2010	9780980777017	5-6	Let your imagination wander and wonder. Science fiction, fantasy, humour and horror feature in twenty-five diverse, short stories by well-known and new Australian authors.
35058	Worldshaker Harland, Richard	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2009	9781741757095	5-6	Worldshaker, a gigantic mobile city, is cruising the world, wreaking ecological havoc. It's a relic of Victorian England, with a Queen and class system of lords above and Filthies below. Col has been chosen as the next Supreme Commander but with the escape of a girl, Filthy Col's safe, elite world is about to fall apart.
4743	Worm Greenberg, Nicki	Windy Hollow Books	2016	9781922081605	K-2	Worm lives underground, munching through the earth. Life is pretty predictable. Then, one day, everything changes.
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.
5378	Worm loves worm Austrian, J J & Curato, Mike (ill)	Balzer & Bray	2016	9780062386335	K-2	When a worm meets a special worm and they fall in love, they want to get married. Their friends want to know who will wear the dress and who will wear the tuxedo. But, it doesn't matter because Worm loves Worm.
9505	Worm's eye view Trafford, Caren	Etram Pty Ltd	2001	9780646415888	5-6	The history of the humble worm is traced by Wilbursaurus Junior, Wilbur Worm, from the time of the dinosaurs, including a period during the Industrial Revolution when worms were under threat of extinction.
9502	Worms Morgan, Sally	Thameside Press	2001	9781930643130	3-4	Worms can be found almost everywhere and they are an important part of nature's food cycle. The book shows the lives of worms in detail, from eggs and larvae to fully grown adults.
1201743	Worms are our friends D'Alia, Toni & Purnell, Mimi (ill)	Bright Light Books	2024	9781761212994	K-2	Worms Are Our Friends invites readers into stunning garden to admire the hard work of one tiny worm, and to marvel at the essential role it plays in nature.
8395	Worms, the mechanics of organics Bollard, Kellie	National Library of Australia	2011	9780646535593	K-2	In this funny and informative rhyming story, find out about worms that can convert garden waste and food scraps into nutrients to feed your garden.

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1396273	Wormwood Abbey Baehr, Christina	Christina Baehr	2023	9798868395758	7-9	As a Victorian clergyman's daughter, Edith Worms has seen everything--until a mythical salamander tumbles out of the fireplace into her lap. When a letter arrives from estranged relatives, Edith is swept away to a crumbling gothic Abbey in the wilds of Yorkshire. Wormwood Abbey isn't just full of curious beasts and ancient family secrets: there's also a tall, dark, and entirely too handsome neighbour who is strangely reluctant for her to leave. An unexpected bond with her prickly cousin Gwendolyn gives Edith a reason to stay in this strange world--especially when it turns out that Edith herself may have a role in guarding her family's legacy. But not all of the mysteries of Ormdale are small enough to fit in her lap ... and some of them have teeth.
14908	Worry Tree, The Musgrove, Marianne	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2007	9781741662313	3-4	Juliet's a worrywart and no wonder. Her little sister, her parents and her Nana are all behaving strangely, and her best friends are fighting over her. Juliet can't fit in any more worries. When she makes a special discovery behind the wallpaper in her new bedroom, Juliet realises she might just be able to solve some of life's big problems.
705098	Worse things Murphy, Sally & Davis, Sarah (ill)	Walker Books	2020	9781760651657	5-6	When you're part of the team the sideline is a place of refuge of rest of reprieve. But when you're out of the team the sideline changes. Suddenly it's the loneliest place of them all. After a devastating football injury, Blake struggles to cope with life on the sideline. Jolene, a gifted but conflicted hockey player, wants nothing more than for her dad to come home. And soccer-loving refugee, Amed, wants to belong. On the surface, it seems they have nothing in common. Except sport. A touching and inspirational story about the things that bind us all.
9249	Worst band in the universe, The Base, Graeme	Penguin	2000	9780140565874	5-6	A poetic narrative involving Sprocc, an alien, and his struggle for freedom of expression.
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.

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472	Worst team ever, The Gwynne, Phillip & Smith, Craig (ill)	Penguin	1999	9780141305103	5-6	Country boy, Jimmy, boasts about his prowess in the game of Australian Rules football and is accepted into a city team.
901063	Worst week ever: Monday Amores, Eva & Cosgrove, Matt	Scholastic US	2024	9781760979034	5-6	Have you ever had a bad week? Justin Chase sure has and this is it! His mum has just married a vampire. His dad is driving a giant toilet on wheels. His cat has probably been abducted by aliens. A psychotic bully is making his first day at a new school miserable. And right now, he's hanging off the edge of a 10-metre high diving tower in front of his entire class, wearing nothing but rapidly disappearing crocheted swimmers. And it's only... Monday!
982877	Worst week ever: Wednesday Amores, Eva & Cosgrove, Matt	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781760979058	5-6	Justin Chase sure has, and this is it! Monday really socked, Tuesday blew up, but now it's Wednesday! His cat is still mysteriously missing. He's an unintentional internet sensation. And right now sharks are circling as he's stranded in a heart-stopping, skin-crawling, jaw-dropping, seriously shocking S.O.S situation with his unbelievably annoying arch-enemy!
	Worst witch series Murphy, Jill				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.
15114	Would you rather ... Burningham, John	Red Fox	1999	9780099200413	K-2	Lots of fun about what to choose. You can decide whether you'd rather dance with a goat, tickle a monkey, help a witch make a stew or help Santa deliver presents.
21065	Would you rather be a tadpole Worth, B & Ruiz, A (ill) & Mathieu, J (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2011	9780007433094	3-4	Look on and beneath the surface of a pond with the Cat in the Hat. He'll tell you all you need to know about the fascinating creatures that live there.
69312	Wow human body Walker, Richard	Dorling Kindersley	2010	9781405353465	5-6	Crammed full of amazing photographs, graphics and information about the human body, its parts and how they work.
51816	Wow Space Stott, Carole	Dorling Kindersley	2010	9781405353472	5-6	Crammed full of facts and photographs about gargantuan galaxies, astounding asteroids and big black holes. Everything you want to know about what's out in space.
473	Wow: amazing science facts & trivia Holper, Paul & Torok, Simon	ABC Books	2002	9780733307478	5-6	A collection of scientific facts in chapters, illustrated with cartoons.

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22076	Wow: Earth Dorling Kindersley	Dorling Kindersley	2009	9781405341578	5-6	A visually amazing encyclopaedia all about Earth. Crammed full of incredible stuff to dip into, from magnificent meteorites to cool caves, crystals and coral reefs, all revealed in an exciting and totally different way. It's like a museum, a search engine and the world's most exciting geography field trip, all rolled into one.
22018	Wow: the visual encyclopaedia of everything Dorling Kindersley	Dorling Kindersley	2008	9781405322485	5-6	Through visually stunning graphics and photographs, discover everything you've ever wanted to know about nature, the human body, science and technology, space, earth, people and places, history, art and culture. Every spread explores an encyclopaedic subject in a unique way. Pour over amazing images and pick up fascinating facts and figures in bite-sized chunks.
1424106	Wowee! Look at that tree! Knight, Ben	Scholastic Australia	2026	9781761723810	K-2	Not every tree grows straight and tall. Some twist and turn, some lean and fall. This is the story of one small tree who chose to grow a little differently.
1423980	Wrapping things Burgess, Linda & Tapper, Hilary Jean (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781991142009	K-2	Rosie likes to wrap things. Her crayons, a parcel for Granny, some flowers. What other special things might be wrapped up, waiting for her?
474	Wreck Baillie, Allan	Penguin	2003	9780140387964	7-9	A story of survival about two children who discover a rusty freighter on their beach after a cyclone. It appears to be calling them but it could just be a trap.
4459	Wreck Ferris, Fleur	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2017	9780143784319	7-9	Tamara Bennett is going to be the first journalist to strictly report only good news. Finished with high school, Tamara is ready to say goodbye to her sleepy little town and part-time job at the local paper. But things take an unexpected turn when Tamara arrives home to find her house ransacked and her life in danger. What is the mysterious note her attacker wants - and why is he willing to kill for it? A tragic boating accident five years ago holds the clue that could keep Tamara alive. But how can she find the truth when she can't tell who's lying?

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1285333	Wreck of seabirds, A Olson, Karleah	Fremantle Press	2024	9781760996505	9plus	When Briony first meets Ren, he is standing in the freezing sea at the edge of their tiny town. Ren hasn't been home for a decade but has returned to be with his dying father. Briony won't leave, hoping that Sarah, her missing sister, will one day reappear. But Sarah and her friend Aria have been stranded on a desolate island far off the coast. The longer they're trapped there, the less alone they seem. How many secrets in this town have been swallowed by the brooding sea? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
9294	Wrecked: mysteries and disasters at sea Bassett, Jan	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	1996	9781864480894	7-9	True stories about mysteries and disasters at sea.
41815	Wreckers Hearn, Julie	Oxford University Press	2011	9780192729293	7-9	In 1732, a mysterious box is taken from the Cornish sea and hidden in the wall of the nearby cliff-top manor house. A century from now, sixteen years after London is destroyed in an apocalyptic attack, five teenagers spend the night in the abandoned house. They discover the box and take it home. What lay within is only dormant, waiting for the time when it would be released upon the world. And that time is now.
614686	Wreckers' revenge, The Jorgensen, Norman	Fremantle Press	2019	9781925815450	7-9	Red Read never sets out to find trouble, but trouble sure has a way of finding him. After a disagreement with his cruel schoolteachers, Red is expelled and sentenced to a horrifying punishment. However, he is whisked to safely by the infamous smuggler Captain Black Bowen, who will take him on an adventure involving crazed wreckers, killer diseases and lost treasure.
587867	Wrestle! Mars, Charlotte & Newell, Maya & Skattebol-James, Gus & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760296810	3-4	I love wrestling. When I grow up, I want to be just like my wrestling heroes: big and tough, with really huge muscles. The only problem is, my mums don't like fighting...
8075	Wrestlefest fever Roy, James	Word Weavers Press	2002	9781877073052	3-4	Tom and Harry are wrestling fans but their Dad has left it too late to get their tickets. A chance meeting lets them attend the night of the Wrestlefest.
9200	Wringer Spinelli, Jerry	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2003	9780007156016	7-9	The violence of the pigeon shoot disturbs Palmer and contrasts with his reaction to bullies and to pets.
475	Wrinkle in time, A L'Engle, Madeleine	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	1998	9780440498056	5-6	Meg, her brother, Charles, and Calvin, their best friend, search for Meg's scientist father. An unearthly visitor takes them on a fantastic voyage to rescue him.

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19020	Written portraits Forming circles	Green Olive Press	2013	9780987599810	9plus	Written Portraits is a national writing competition that showcases young Australian writing, providing young writers with the opportunity to express inner feelings and emotions associated with being a teenager. The theme of this anthology is portrait at home. The short stories in this powerful anthology are all written by teenagers who are from a range of backgrounds. Each story expresses the sense of belonging or displacement to home, place or others. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1088075	Wrong answers only Madden, Tobias	Penguin Books Australia	2024	9780143777403	9plus	Marco's always done the right thing. But now it's time for wrong answers only. Marco should be at university, studying biomedicine. Instead, he's been sent to live on a cruise ship in the Mediterranean with his estranged uncle, all because of a 'blip' everyone else is convinced was a panic attack. (Which it most definitely was not.) And even though Marco's trip is supposed to provide answers - about himself, about his family - all he finds on board the Ocean Melody are more and more questions. But then his best friend CeCe proposes a new plan- for someone who has always done the right thing, in every possible way, it's time for Marco to get a few things wrong. And hooking up with a hot dancer from the ship is only the beginning. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.
6269	Wrong book, The Bland, Nick	Scholastic Australia	2009	9781741693409	K-2	Nicholas Ickle is trying to tell a story but he keeps being interrupted by others, including an elephant, a queen, a pirate and even rats. As the intruders get increasingly ridiculous, Nicholas gets increasingly frustrated about not being able to tell his story.
476	Wunambi the water snake O'Brien, May L & Wyatt, Sue (ill)	Aboriginal Studies Press	2000	9780855752231	5-6	When the children disturb old Wunambi, the giant water snake, there is big trouble ahead.

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1038817	Wurrtoo Elisara, Tylissa & Finney, Dylan (ill)	Lothian Books	2024	9780734421982	3-4	Bushfire and the island's pig infestation make Kuula and Wurrtoo's adventure across the island dangerous and challenging.But Wurrtoo's desire to marry the Sky by climbing the tallest tree in the Forest of Dreaming on the Mainland is unstoppable and his unassuming heroic character and love of his world and his new best friend together with the Seven Sisters save the island from a terrible fate.
20627	Wuthering Heights Bronte, Emily	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2009	9780007326747	9plus	As the snow begins to fall, a man is forced to take shelter at the dark, foreboding Wuthering Heights. This house is haunted by memories and the dangerous story of Cathy and Heathcliff, who fell violently in love but could not be together. Cruelly separated by social class, fate, the actions of others and their own bitterness, Cathy and Heathcliff are united in an all-consuming passion that lasts beyond death. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
877962	Wylah the Koorie warrior Gould, Jordan & Pritchard, Richard (ill)	Albert Street Books	2022	9781761180033	5-6	Meet Wylah: warrior, hero and friend. Her adventures have been 40,000 years in the making! Wylah is brave, clever and strong-willed, and all her best friends are giant megafauna animals. But she isn't a warrior. Not yet, anyway. Then comes the day when her family is stolen by the dragon army, and her life is forever changed. She must find the courage to set out on a journey to save them. What will it take for Wylah to become a warrior, like her Grandmother before her? Introducing an unforgettable cast of characters, Wylah The Koorie Warrior is a heart-stopping and imaginative adventure, inspired by First Nations history and grounded in culture.
977252	Wylah the Koorie warrior: Custodians Gould, Jordan & Pritchard, Richard (ill)	Fremantle Press	2023	9781761180040	5-6	Wylah has already accomplished the unbelievable feat of uniting the five Guardians, but her journey is far from over. Together with her megafauna friends, she must travel through the treacherous and forbidden Valley of the Spirits to face off against the Dragon Army. Can Wylah defeat the perils that lay ahead and become the ultimate Koorie Warrior?

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1133720	Wylah the Koorie warrior: Protectors Gould, Jordan & Pritchard, Richard (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180798	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?
15074	Wynken, Blynken, and Nod Field, Eugene W & McPhail, David (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2004	9780439543033	K-2	Delightful illustrations bring this old rhyme to life. Three fishermen set out on a magical dream as they climb aboard a wooden shoe.
	X-zone series Various				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
8897	Xander's panda party Park, Linda Sue	University of Queensland Press	2013	9780702249983	K-2	Xander Panda is planning a party, with the help of Amanda Salamander.
903298	Xavier in the meantime Gordon, Kate	Yellow Brick Books	2022	9780645218091	5-6	Xavier knows he has depression. But he also knows he has friends and family who support him. When Xavier thinks of a way to support kids like him he knows he will need lots of help to make his plan succeed. Life is full of challenges and Xavier, with the help of his best friend Astor, knows he can make a difference!
885157	Xenoflight McKenzie, Nean	MidnightSun Publishing	2022	9780987226518	5-6	A delightful adventure fantasy set in rural Australia which follows 13 year old Carla on a journey to find her estranged father who she has never met. The story is full of mythical creatures who Carla meets along the way and the more creatures she meets the more questions she has about her past.
886451	Xtinct! T-Rex terror Stone, Ash	Hachette Australia	2022	9781408365694	3-4	When a freak accident at his mum's lab turns a fossil into a T-Rex, Jeevan hopes they can bring other extinct species back to life. But for the hunters prowling the forest, a dangerous dinosaur would be the ultimate prize... With the help of his new neanderthal friend and a pet dodo can Jeevan save the T-Rex?
587895	Yahoo creek: An Australian mystery Riddle, Tohby	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760631451	7-9	Throughout the first century or more of Australian settlement by Europeans, the pages of colonial newspapers were haunted by reports of a bewildering phenomenon: the mysterious yahoo or hairy man...

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34183	Yak and Gnu MacIver, Juliette & Chapman, Cat (ill)	Walker Books	2015	9781922077684	K-2	Yak and Gnu are best friends who love to row and sing. I wonder who they will meet on their journey down the river.
641668	Yakanarra day, A Yakanarra Community School	Indigenous Literacy Foundation	2013	9781378540602	5-6	A Yakanarra Day reflects the beautiful small community located in the foothills of the St George Ranges between the Fitzroy River and the Great Sandy Desert, in Central Kimberley, Western Australia. It was written and illustrated by the senior students of Yakanarra Community School and has been translated into Walmajarri, with the help of school teachers and local elders
641685	Yakanarra dogs, The Yakanarra Community School	Indigenous Literacy Foundation	2013	9781230189567	5-6	There are lots of dogs in Yakanarra. Hunting dogs, swimming dogs, spotty dogs and much more. The students of Yakanarra Community School have written and illustrated this gorgeous book that reflects the beautiful small community located in the foothills of the St George Ranges between the Fitzroy River and the Great Sandy Desert, in Central Kimberley, Western Australia. It has been translated into Walmajarri, with the help of school teachers and local elders.
7094	Yakanarra song book: About our place in Walmajarri and English Moora, Jessie Wamarla & Vanbee, Mary Purnjurr & Yakanarra Community School	Indigenous Literacy Foundation	2017	9780994465443	5-6	In this fabulous book are fourteen songs, ten in Walmajarri language about four in English, all beautifully illustrated by the kids from the Yakanarra Community School. There are songs about how the Walmajarri come to Yakanarra, their special places, the animals and birds and the sounds that they make, hunting, fishing and collecting bush food, and more. The songs, sung to the tunes of well known classics, were written to help the kids at Yakanarra speak Walmajarri, but this is a book to be treasured and enjoyed by everyone.
2945	Yakkinn the swamp tortoise: the most dangerous year Kuchling, Guundie & Gerald	Era Publications	1996	9781863742726	3-4	Australia's Western Swamp Tortoise, the world's rarest tortoise, is an endangered species. The baby tortoises' intense struggle for survival is revealed in this bittersweet story.
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.
18411	Yankee girl Rodman, Mary Ann	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2005	9780746067499	7-9	Alice Anne Moxley has moved to Mississippi in the deep South of America. The 'Yankee Girl' is taunted by the other girls at school but the first black student suffers much more. Alice wants to stand up for her but, at first, finds it is easier not to.

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6006	Yark, The Santini, Bertrand & Gapaillard, Laurent (ill)	Gecko Press	2018	9781776571727	3-4	The Yark eats children. But not any old children. He only likes to eat the good, sweet ones. Naughty children make him terribly ill. But one night he meets Madeleine and even though she is delightfully well behaved, he finds he would rather be her friend. Can The Yark avoid eating Madeleine?
7340	Yassmin's story Abdel-Magied, Yassmin	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9780857986153	9plus	At twenty-one, Yassmin worked on a remote Australian oil and gas rig. She was the only woman and certainly the only Sudanese born Muslim woman. When she was two, Yassmin moved to Brisbane and has been tackling barriers ever since. She founded Youth Without Borders, helping young people to work for positive change in their communities. This is the story of how she got there, where she's going and how she wants the world to change. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
995914	Yawn book, The Kim, Diana	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780358525936	K-2	Everyone yawns, but no one knows why. Find out some funny and fascinating facts about yawning.
1424055	Year in Fleurville, A: Recipes from balconies, rooftops, and gardens Sala, Felicita	Scribble Press	2021	9781925713299	3-4	In each garden, someone is tending to their produce. Maria is picking asparagus, Ramon's mum is watering the cucumbers, and a gaggle of kids are eating cherries fresh from the tree and even wearing some as earrings! Meet the many people in Fleurville, delight in their harvests, learn their recipes, and find comfort in the cycle of the seasons.
1262	Year it all ended, The Murray, Kirsty	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743319413	7-9	Armistice Day, 11 November, 1918 is also Tiney's 17th birthday and heralds a change for all. The family eagerly awaits the return of their only son and brother and mourns with friends and relatives of those who will not return. Life in Adelaide during the war has not been easy for families, but for those returning life will never be the same. The following years bring the Spanish flu epidemic, broken families and the beginnings of new ones.
3603	Year my life broke, The Marsden, John	Pan MacMillan	2014	9781742613352	7-9	Josh and his family have moved from a nice city house, to a boring street in the country. There are dangerous strangers in his backyard and bullets flying past his ears. At his new school everyone thinks he is hopeless and he has no clue about sport, like cricket, but they are in for the shock of their lives.
13317	Year of Billy Miller, The Henkes, Kevin	Greenwillow	2013	9780062268129	3-4	Some things to know about Billy: he's worried about starting a new grade at school, he had an accident over summer, his little sister is annoying, he can run really fast and this is his year.

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574235	Year of living awkwardly, The: Chloe Snow's diary Chastain, Emma	Simon & Schuster	2018	9781471160486	7-9	Chloe Snow is back again, this time in year 10. Her life is just as awkward and disorganized as it was last year. Her mother has run off to Mexico to write a novel and her dad is dating her English teacher. On top of all this, Chloe has missed out on both a date with the boy she has a crush on and a major part in the school musical. Through her diary entries we get a glimpse into her mind and how she deals with the challenges of being a teenager.
9579	Year on our farm, A Matthews, Penny & McLean, Andrew	Scholastic Australia	2003	9781862914414	3-4	A farm provides the perfect backdrop for the cycle of seasons in Australia. This picture book takes readers through a month by month description of activities and changes on a family farm.
677705	Year the maps changed, The Binks, Danielle	Hachette Australia	2020	9780734419712	5-6	The year is 1999, the year Winifred's world and perspectives are turned upside down. Her grandfather is in a rehabilitation home after a fall, and now her adoptive father's new girlfriend and her son, Sam, have come to live with them. What's worse, now there is a baby on the way. Where does she possibly fit in now? But when 400 Kosovar-Albanian refugees arrive in her town escaping their war-torn homes, she quickly begins to understand and appreciate the importance of family and compassion when she and the visitors experience a year of change that they will never forget.
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.
660431	Year we fell from space, The King, Amy Sarig	Text Publishing Co	2019	9781922268853	5-6	At 12 years old, Liberty already has a lot of changes in front of her, including her approaching start at high school, but her parent's separation and divorce makes it feel as if her life is crashing to earth. Neither of her parents speak openly about what is happening or why, which leaves Liberty to understand her dad's depression and her own reaction to this huge life change.

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2860	Yearbook Committee, The Ayoub, Sarah	HarperCollins Australia	2016	9780732296858	9plus	Final year and five lives. School captain, Ryan had it all until an accident snatches his dreams away. Newcomer Charlie is determined not to fit in. Nobody really notices Matty. But, at home, he holds everything together and has never felt so alone. The popular girl's best friend,Tammi, always bows to peer pressure. Gillian, the politician's daughter is learning the hard way that life in the spotlight comes at a very heavy price. Five unlikely teammates thrust together against their will. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
28126	Yellow Jacobson, Megan	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9780143573333	9plus	Kirra's so-called friends bully her, her mother has taken to alcohol ever since her dad left them for another woman and, now, a teenage ghost is speaking to her through a broken phone booth. Kirra and the ghost make a pact. She'll prove who murdered him almost twenty years ago if he makes her popular, gets her parents back together, and promises not to haunt her. But, things aren't so simple and Kirra realises that people can be haunted in more ways than one. Mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
8231	Yellow dress day Worthington, Michelle & Norsa, Sophie (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2012	9781921928291	K-2	Ava wears a different coloured dress for each type of day. A red dress for hot days, a purple dress for rainy days and a blue dress for cold days. One whistling, whirly, windy morning, leaves tumbled and danced in the back yard. Ava and her puppy wanted to go out and play. But, Ava's favourite coloured dress was missing.
8521	Yellow star Roy, Jennifer	Frances Lincoln	2009	9781845079086	7-9	In 1939, Sylvia is four years old when the Germans invade Poland and her family is forced into the Lodz ghetto, with more than a quarter of a million other Jews. Only twelve children survived the ghetto, and Sylvia was one of them. Her niece, the author, writes Sylvia's story in non-rhyming verse, using Sylvia's voice and perspectives.
689568	Yellow truck road train Tootell, Mandy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2020	9781760525811	K-2	Dad is waiting for the wet season to end so Yellow Truck Road Train can get back to work. There are cattle and donkeys to load, kangaroos to look out for, heat and dust, and always plenty to do. Come aboard Yellow Truck Road Train and experience life in the outback and on the road!

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12940	Yellow-eye Spillman, David & Wilson, Mark (ill)	Era Publications	2001	9781863746076	5-6	The Yellow-eye fish are becoming scarce. Neither the Impatjara Aboriginal community nor the Newmob white community can find the answer alone. Through communication, both cultures approach the problem together.
4728	Yellowcake Lanagan, Margo	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2011	9781742374789	7-9	Ten fanciful short stories offer vibrant snapshots of life. Each story is unique, covering a range of time periods and places, with weird and wonderful characters.
12569	Yertle the turtle and other stories Seuss, Dr	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2004	9780007173143	K-2	Three hilarious Dr Seuss stories in rhyming verse including the story of Yertle the turtle, the power mad king, plus Gertrude McFuzz and The Big Brag.
846270	Yesterday Crumb and the storm in a teacup Sagar, Andy	Hachette Australia	2022	9781510109483	5-6	Yesterday Crumb has always felt cursed because of the fox ears she was born with. She is forced to work in a circus as her parents are a complete mystery. When she is rescued by Miss Dumpling and her magical, walking teashop, Yesterday learns she is a strangeling who has lost her magic. Surrounded by fantastical customers, a flying teapot turtle and incredible friends Yesterday rediscovers her powers and finally starts to feel like she might belong. But a mysterious figure of darkness is working hard to make sure her new life comes crashing down by tricking her and placing a deadly shard of ice in her heart. Adventure and magic await in every teacup.
1289052	Yildaan: Our dreaming track Marshal, Uncle Bud & Yandaara (ill) & Smith, Hannah (ill) & Carmady, Elaine (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2025	9781761181382	7-9	Giinagay, welcome, I'm Uncle Bud. I'm a Gumbaynggirr man, an Aboriginal Elder from Nambucca Heads. This is my Country. I want to tell you about this place and about my Elders. I want everyone who comes here to know where they are. I want them to follow in the footsteps of our ancestors and be part of Yildaan, our Dreaming track.
660421	Yinti's desert dog Lowe, Pat & Pike, Jimmy	Magabala Books	2019	9781925936902	5-6	Spinifex the dingo thought that she would be killed, but she was adopted into Yinti's family. She learnt how to hunt and cared for the family she lived with. She travels with her new family and experiences adventures with them. This is the story of her family, her travels and adventures with them - all through her eyes and senses. A fabulous tale that shares how a dingo behaves and lives, while also sharing the lives of the family she bonds with. The next story of Yinti's life and family from a different perspective.
477	Yinti: desert child Lowe, Pat & Pike, Jimmy (ill)	Magabala Books	1992	9781875641017	5-6	Yinti, an Aboriginal child, growing up in the Western Australian desert, has no contact with white people until the last chapter of the book.

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12205	Yip snap yap Fuge, Charles	Koala Books	2001	9780864613103	K-2	A delightful picture book about a very boisterous dog. The excited puppy sounds surrounding each large painting demand to be read aloud, and loudly.
7079	Yirara mix book, The Yirara College	Indigenous Literacy Foundation	2015	9780992478056	5-6	Here are our deadly poems and stories. They talk about life, adventures, hard times and happy times. They are powerful, intelligent, funny and sometimes scary. You'll want to read them again and again. The Yirara Mix Book is a collection of short stories and poems from young Indigenous writers from Yarara College in Alice Springs.
92064	Yirra and her deadly dog, Demon Heiss, Anita	ABC Books	2007	9780733320392	5-6	Demon is a disaster zone, causing havoc wherever he goes. Yirra has to find a way to train Demon or she will be forced to give him away.
1568	Yobbos do yoga Gwynne, Phillip & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	Little Hare Books	2013	9781921714832	3-4	The neighbours have moved out and now there is no one living next door, peace and quiet at last, so Dad can do his yoga and be happy. Then Tubby, Ferret and King Wally Kahuna move in. They love throwing parties and playing air guitar. Worst of all, they are yobbos and everyone knows that yobbos and yoga don't mix.
4525	Yoga babies Cotton, Fearne, Dempsey, Sheena (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2018	9781925594072	K-2	Meet the yoga babies! Family life's hectic, but yoga helps everyone chill out, from Emily in the garden to Honey at bath time. And once you've seen what the yoga babies can do, why not give it a try?
7923	Yokki and the Parno Gry O'Neill, Richard & Quarmby, Katharine & Nelissen, Marieke (ill)	Child's Play International Ltd	2016	9781846439261	3-4	When a Traveller family experiences a run of bad luck, an imaginative boy called Yokki lifts their spirits with tales of a magical white horse. A traditional Romani tale.
15435	Yoko Wells, Rosemary	Hyperion Books	1998	9780786803958	K-2	Yoko takes sushi for lunch to school and is teased. On international food day, no-one will eat Yoko's sushi.
62251	Yoko's diary Ham, Paul (ed) & Edwards, Debbie (trans)	ABC Books	2013	9780733331176	7-9	A moving account of a young girl's life in Hiroshima in 1945. Through her diary, 13 year old Yoko documents life in Japan, a country on the brink of defeat at the end of the Second World War. Yoko is keen to do her duty and her daily accounts of life reveal the austerity and hardship, the extreme food shortages and rationing. It also shows the courage of those who died and survived the war and bombing of Hiroshima.

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2857	Yong: The journey of an unworthy son Brian, Janeen	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925126297	5-6	Thirteen year old Yong doesn't want to leave his home in China to travel to the Australian goldfields in Ballarat. But, as the firstborn son, he has no choice. On the long and treacherous journey, Yong strives to be an honourable son, while he and his father face many hardships and dangers. But, in his heart, Yong knows the shameful truth. His honour is a lie. Somehow, Yong must find the courage to face what lies ahead.
751003	Yorick and Bones Tankard, Jeremy & Tankard, Hermione (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780062854315	5-6	Poor Yorick, all but a skeleton, is woken by a mysterious potion spilt on the ground. Rescued by a little white dog, Bones, Yorick begins his life above ground, slowly realising life as a skeleton is not without some challenges.
903329	Yoshi and the ocean: A sea turtle's incredible journey home Moore, Linsay	HarperCollins Children's Books	2022	9780063060982	K-2	Based on the extraordinary true story of a turtle named Yoshi, who was released back into the wild after 20 years living at the Two Oceans Aquarium in Cape Town, South Africa. The story tells of the journey Yoshi took after her release, as recorded by her tracking device. Where was she going?
19522	You King, Stephen Michael	Scholastic Australia	2010	9781741696226	K-2	An ideal book to share with a child or any special person in your life. A simple, touching story about how the people we love make the world a beautiful place.
1389072	You & me and the peanut butter beast Griffiths, Andy & Hope, Bill (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2025	9781761269004	3-4	When the friends go down memory lane reminscing about adventures, things quickly get out of hand. What starts as a simple investigation abut whats over the fence becomes a hilarious adventure filled with surprises. Andy Griffiths' humour and wordplay make this story a delightful read for anyone who enjoys a bit of chaos with their peanut butter.
9373	You and me Murrawee Hashmi, Kerri & Marshall, Kerri	Penguin	1999	9780670883707	3-4	The river links the present with the past, as the narrator recreates her own past and the experiences of Murrawee, her 'elder sister', living on the banks two hundred years ago.
84304	You and me: our place Norrington, Leonie & Huxley, Dee (ill)	Working Title Press	2007	9781876288792	3-4	Uncle Tobias is the fisherman Elder of an Aboriginal family. The story follows a typical day on the beach for the mob, collecting bush tucker and celebrating with family. Uncle Tobias tells stories of the original use of the Land, and remains almost oblivious to the many changes that the coming of Europeans made to this beach locale.

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886461	You are 25% banana Brooks, Susie & Bloggs, Josy (ill)	Farshore	2022	9781405299084	3-4	Did you know that a grain of rice has more genes than you? Or that you're related to dogs, dung beetles and even daffodils? Luckily, even though you're 99.9% like a chimpanzee, you're still 100% YOU! The extraordinary world of genetics has never been explained so simply. You'll be amazed at what makes you YOU.
1307021	You are a wildlife warrior! Irwin, Bindi & Prasadam-Halls, Smriti & Kaulitzki, Ramona (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2025	9781761350962	K-2	Answer the call of the wild! Discover how you can join Bindi and Grace in their work to help save animals and protect their homes.
6020	You are awesome: Find your confidence and dare to be brilliant at (almost) anything Syed, Matthew	Wren and Rook Books	2018	9781526361158	7-9	This is a book for people who want to be awesome at something, but aren't sure how. Written by a two-time Olympian, who admits he wasn't born sporty, this book explains how to become successful at anything, it doesn't matter where you start or who you are. This is an exciting, uplifting, encouraging, inspiring, and amusing book that every student will enjoy. What are your dreams? What do you want to be awesome at? Read this book and discover how you can be the best version of yourself.
660371	You can change the world Bell, Lucy	Pantera Press	2019	9781925700527	5-6	Kids are on a mission to make our Earth a better, safer, happier place, and you can join in! Every day, we see a problem we would like to fix. A piece of rubbish in a green, grassy park. Plastic water bottles buried in the sand at the beach. A garbage bin overflowing onto the street, and much more. This book gives the reader simple and mostly free ways to better a more environmentally aware human.
902465	You can do it Rashford, Marcus & Anka, Carl	MacMillan	2022	9781035005598	5-6	Marcus Rashford the famous football player from England gives a empowering story of finding your identity and making a difference in the world. His powerful messages of being kind to yourself and others provides practical and empowering messages for young adults to be happy in their own skin.
855850	You can live on the bright side: The kids' guide to optimism Bell, Lucy & Hicks, Astred (ill)			9780648677031	7-9	This book contains amazing tips, tricks, and strategies to gently encourage and explain how to rise above and find hope and support when things are tough. Feel lighter and optimistic about the future, and more confident, empowered, and inspired to live a happy and healthy life.
32265	You can't catch me Bolton, Nicola	Nicola Bolton	2017	9780646977553	K-2	Two dogs spend their day chasing Blackbird while she darts from tree to tree collecting mulberries for her babies three. Will they catch her?

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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.
6059	You can't take an elephant on the bus Cleveland-Peck, Patricia & Tazzyman, David (ill)	Bloomsbury	2015	9781408849804	K-2	An elephant on a bus, a whale on a bike, or a hippo in a hot air balloon. It soon becomes apparent that none of these is a good idea, as a variety of animals cause total disaster trying to travel in or on unsuitable vehicles.
109950	You choose Goodhart, Pippa & Sharrett, Nick (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2003	9780552547086	K-2	A big catalogue of things to choose like where to live, what to eat, what pets we would like to have. Hundreds of different choices to discuss, imagine and enjoy.
	You choose 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.
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.
1976	You don't even know Lawson, Sue	Black Dog Books	2013	9781922179715	9plus	Alex Hudson is a good guy. He plays water polo, has a part-time job and does okay at school. Alex's life is made hell by his constantly baiting brother and awful father, with nobody to back him up, not even his own mother. Then the thing that anchors Alex is ripped away and his life seems pointless. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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616658	You don't know everything, Jilly P Gino, Alex	HarperCollins Australia	2018	9780545956246	5-6	Jilly P is just starting year 7 and is a confident and happy girl with good friends in real life and in the chat site devoted to her favourite fantasy books. When her baby sister is born deaf, she reaches out to her deaf and Black friend Derek for insight. Jilly begins to realise the diverse challenges others face and how difficult it can be to really understand others.
109957	You have ghost mail Blacker, Terence & Stower, Adam (ill)	MacMillan	2003	9780330396998	5-6	Matthew has a new computer and he finds that someone who died fifty years ago is trying to communicate with him through this technology. Every real adventure has its funny, scary and desperate turns but this one has a startling twist.
9636	You I've never known, The Hopkins, Ellen	Simon & Schuster	2018	9781481442916	9plus	Ariel has only a few small memories of her mother, who ran away years ago. Now aged, 17, she has lived in more towns than she can remember as her dad moves her across the country with alarming frequency. Finally settled with two friends, Monica and Gabe, Ariel wants to stay in one place. She is struggling with her feelings towards both her friends and aims to work out who she really is. On the other side of the country, Maya keeps a diary about her life, having run away from her own abusive mother and into the arms of a much older man, she is pregnant and practically alone. When both these worlds meet, both Maya and Ariel try to make sense of their lives. Usually ready by students in Years 9, 10 & above.
478	You kids, count your shadows: hairymen and other Aboriginal folklore in New South Wales Povah, Frank	self-published	1997	9780646346731	5-6	A collection of stories, taken from interviews, which gives an insight into the knowledge and ancient beliefs of the Aboriginal people in NSW.
587854	You must be Layla Abdel-Magied, Yassmin	Penguin	2019	9780143788515	9plus	With her long skirt and headscarf Layla certainly stands out at her new high school. Everyone thinks they know her, just from a glance. But do they? And does Layla really know herself? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, and above
15905	You must be skidding: the biggest losers of the car world Davis, Tony & Nagle, Shane (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2007	9781741661675	7-9	Whether it's a car with two, three or six wheels, with a motor scooter engine or a nuclear reactor, with the most stupid name or the most dodgy design,this book will tell you all you need to know about it. Featuring the lemons of the car world.

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923391	You need to chill! Dawson, Juno & Hughes, Laura (ill)	Farshore	2022	9780008488284	3-4	Sometimes people say to me: 'What happened to your brother, Bill?' That's when I look them in the eye and say: 'Hun, you need to chill.' When Bill can't be found at school one day, the imaginations of the other children run wild. Is he on holiday? Is he lost in the park? Has he been eaten by a shark?! It's up to Bill's sister to explain...
756904	You should see me in a crown Johnson, Leah	Scholastic US	2020	9781761121753	7-9	Liz Lighty has always believed she's too black, too poor, too awkward to shine in her small, rich, prom-obsessed midwestern town. But it's okay -- Liz has a plan that will get her out of Campbell, Indiana, forever: attend the uber-elite Pennington College, play in their world-famous orchestra, and become a doctor. But when the financial aid she was counting on falls through, Liz's plans come crashing down . . . until she's reminded of her school's scholarship for prom king and queen. There's nothing Liz wants to do less than endure a this whole horrific process, but despite her devastating fear of the spotlight she's willing to do whatever it takes to get to Pennington. The only thing that makes it halfway bearable is the new girl in school, Mack. She's smart, funny, and just as much of an outsider as Liz. But Mack is also in the running for queen. Will falling for the competition keep Liz from her dreams . . . or make them come true?
15376	You wouldn't want to be a slave in ancient Greece Macdonald, Fiona & Antram, David (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (Australia)	2001	9780750232531	5-6	Through humour, this book provides snapshots of ancient Greece from a slave's point of view.
833179	You'd be home now Glasgow, Kathleen	HarperCollins Australia	2021	9781460761557	9plus	Emmy is the good one. Not strong-willed like her sister or difficult like her brother, she takes up as little space as possible. While she's acting as her brother's guardian on his return from rehab, she's also expected to keep on top of her schoolwork and keep herself together after a terrible car accident in which she was badly injured. But Emmy has secrets, too. How long before it all falls apart? 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	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. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.
12125	You'll soon grow into them, Titch Hutchins, Pat	HarperTrophy	1992	9780688115074	K-2	Titch is already fed up with wearing hand-me-downs and being told, ""You'll soon grow into them, Titch"". But, when his baby cousin comes to visit, it's Titch's turn to hand his clothes down and get some new clothes of his own.
12128	You'll wake the baby Jinks, Catherine & McLean, Andrew (ill)	Penguin	2000	9780670891238	K-2	On a wet day, a young brother and sister try to play quietly so as not to wake the baby. Each game inevitably ends in noise.
29852	You're all my favourites McBratney, Sam & Jeram, Anita (ill)	Walker Books	2007	9781844285150	K-2	Mummy and Daddy Bear believe they have the most wonderful baby bears in the whole world. But, one day, the three small cubs begin to wonder which of them their parents like the best.
3860	You're different, Jemima Morley, Jedidah & Erasmus, Karen (ill)	Empowering Resources	2015	9780994501028	K-2	Jemima likes to sing loud, dance her own moves and use her imagination, but her teacher and the other kids think she is too 'different'. When Mrs Chuckles takes over teaching the class, Jemima discovers that being different is wonderful.
3792	You're history, mate Stafford, Paul & Nagle, Shane (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2008	9781741662764	5-6	Among all those legendary Australian bushrangers, stoic explorers and genius inventors, surely there must have been some losers. This book has all the dingbats, dropkicks, dills, duds and disasters in Australian history, from the explorer who claimed to have found an enormous reef of gold then lost it again to the ugliest, least successful and unluckiest colonial bushranger ever.
3062	You're only young twice Blake, Quentin	Andersen Press Ltd	2008	9781842708569	3-4	An almost wordless picture book. The bright, entertaining illustrations show how older people interact with the young in all sorts of situations, at meals, out of doors, keeping fit and sharing stories, not to mention enjoying music, art and special occasions.

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1423799	You've found Oliver Thao, Dustin	Pan MacMillan	2025	9781761563492	7-9	It's been a year since his best friend, Sam, died. Even though Oliver knows he won't get a response, he can't stop texting Sam's number, especially as the anniversary of his death approaches. Then one day, he accidentally hits the call button, and someone picks up.
479	Young bloods Wakefield, Kerry	Penguin	1997	9780140383805	5-6	Australian Rules football features in this story of Deet, a boy who decides to wreak havoc on the local football club.
620084	Young dark emu: A truer history Pascoe, Bruce	Magabala Books	2019	9781925360844	7-9	Using the accounts of early European explorers, colonists and farmers, Bruce Pascoe compellingly argues for a reconsideration of the hunter-gatherer label for pre-colonial Aboriginal Australians. He allows the reader to see Australia as it was before Europeans arrived - a land of cultivated farming areas, productive fisheries, permanent homes, and an understanding of the environment and its natural resources that supported thriving villages across the continent. Young Dark Emu - A Truer History asks young readers to consider a different version of Australia's history pre-European colonisation.
4932	Young magicians and the thieves' almanac, The Mohammed, Nick	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2017	9780141376998	5-6	Zack, Sophie, Johnny and Alex have their holiday all planned, they want to learn about card tricks and picking locks at the world famous Magic Circle Club. Suddenly their plans vanish in a puff of smoke when they have to deal with a difficult club president, a stagehand ghost and a crime right under their noses. Join these young magicians as they step inside an adventure that may or may not involve the search for a secret book and a set of impossible crimes.
17542	Young Murphy Crew, Gary & Wilson, Mark (ill)	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	2005	9780734407801	5-6	John Murphy was fifteen years old when he joined Leichhardt's ill-conceived expedition of discovery into northern Australia in 1844.
4977	Young Nick's head Hesse, Karen	Simon & Schuster	2001	9780689835087	9plus	Young Nick faithfully records the ordinary human achievements that make extraordinary those of the company of the bark, 'Endeavour', on Captain Cook's first epic voyage. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
9282	Young Oxford book of aliens, The Pepper, Dennis	Oxford University Press	2000	9780192781772	7-9	An excellent collection of classic and modern stories which speculate about the nature of aliens.

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	Young samurai series Bradford, Chris				7-9	Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to 10 more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
95784	Young Thomas Edison North, Sterling	Puffin USA	2009	9780142412107	7-9	Tells of the life of Thomas Edison, one of the greatest inventors, responsible for the phonograph, the first medium for recording music, motion pictures and the light bulb. Edison's life and work are of interest, especially as he was profoundly deaf.
9245	Young unicorns, The L'Engle, Madeleine	Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group Inc	1980	9780440999195	7-9	The Austin family find themselves endangered by the Alphabat gang's evil use of lasers.
22377	Young vikings, The Moloney, James	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781743811191	7-9	When his village is attacked, Hauk Johanson has no choice but to step up and lead the young Vikings on a quest for revenge. But there is one problem the young Vikings have never fought in battle. Can Hauk and his friends master the skills of sword and axe in time? Will the Gods be on their side? And does Hauk have what it takes to lead when the fate of an entire village lies in his hands?
	Youngest Templar series Spradlin, Michael P				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.
823235	Your birthday was the best! Hutchings, Maggie	Affirm Press	2020	9781925972535	3-4	A birthday party is usually a very fun event, but this birthday party is most fun for the guest of honour. The cockroach arrives univinted but is pretty sure he is the life of the party. After all, everyone seems to make so much noise when he shows up.

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1023681	Your brain is a lump of goo Ben-Barak, Idan & Nielsen, Christopher (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180156	3-4	Hi, I'm your brain. Here are some things you should know about me: I'm about the size of a pineapple. I sit behind your eyes. I look like a big walnut (but gooey). I'm not a computer. So what do I do? Oh, just about everything. A fun-filled book made by brains, about brains, for brains.
1893	Your mother didn't do that Holt, Sharon & Lovelock, Brian	Walker Books	2009	9781921150173	K-2	Mother kangaroos look after their babies in pouches, mother sharks sometimes eat their babies. Luckily for Holly her mother didn't do that.
684	Your skin holds you in Baines, Becky	National Geographic Society	2008	9781426303111	K-2	Take a look at the skin you're in. Find out fascinating facts about your skin and why it is so important.
1209842	Yours from the tower Nicholls, Sally	Andersen Press Ltd	2023	9781839133190	7-9	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?
8618	Yours sincerely, giraffe Iwasa, Megumi & Takabatake, Jun (ill)	Gecko Press	2016	9781927271872	3-4	In his African savannah home, Giraffe has everything he needs. But, as usual, Giraffe is bored. He'd love a friend to share things with. So, he writes a letter and sends it as far as possible across the other side of the horizon. There, he finds a pen pal called Penguin. Giraffe knows nothing about penguins and his letters are full of questions. Soon, a pen pal friendship begins as letters fly from horizon to horizon.
571112	Yours troolie, Alice Toolie Temple, Jol & Kate & West, Grace (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2018	9781760523756	3-4	Jimmy Cook (or Captain Jimmy Cook, if you don't mind) found Alice Toolie's diary in the Library. He read it, and it contained some not very nice things about Jimmy. Alice and Jimmy were both really mad with each other, so their teacher made them write letters to each other to apologise. Not so surprisingly, neither of them were really in the mood to say sorry. Alice and Jimmy find plenty to fight about in their letter book but they also, quite by accident, find they have more than a few things in common.

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644928	Yours troolie, Alice Toolie: The birthday wars Temple, Kate & Jol & West, Grace (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760875435	3-4	It's a catastrophe! Alice and her worst enemy Jimmy both have their birthday parties on the same day. How will their friends decide which party to go to? There is only one obvious solution- a cake-off, who ever wins gets to have their party. Come on a hilarious journey with Alice and Jimmy to see who makes the best cake.
18525	Yuck Manning, Mick & Grandstrom, Brita	Frances Lincoln	2005	9781845070885	K-2	Yuck looks at the variety of food lots of different babies have for supper. While a human might think a wiggly worm is revolting, a baby bird would prefer worms to warm milk.
648947	Yucky, disgustingly gross, icky short stories: Barf blast Berran, Susan	Big Sky Publishing	2018	9781925675245	3-4	A fun, barf-filled action-packed, seriously gross book by the author of the '"Freaky"' series So you know all of those really yucky disgusting and gross, icky things that we talked about in Book One? Well, guess what? There's more disturbingly gross stuff that your parents don't like talking about in Book Two! For example, if you "upchuck," will it land on your head? And where does your nose go when it runs? How did a "streaker" end up in the book?
83747	Yum, yum Bergman, Mara & Maland, Nick (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2009	9780340930564	K-2	Creak, crack, creak, crack. Lots of things are creeping through the window but Katie, James and their little dog, Harry, just don't see them.
36412	Yummy Cousins, Lucy	Walker Books	2009	9781406316216	3-4	These stories are treasures of the imagination. They are lively, bold and quite unforgettable. Favourite nursery stories are retold in bold language and with brilliant vibrant pictures.
480	Z for Zachariah O'Brien, Robert	Puffin Australia	1998	9780141300313	7-9	Set in the future after a nuclear war, a young girl believes that she is the last person left on earth. A deadly stranger proves her wrong.
22694	Zac & Mia Betts, A J	Text Publishing Co	2013	9781922147257	7-9	Zac is a country boy who's in hospital with leukaemia. In the room next door is an angry teenager who wants to seize a lot of emotional space. In the real world, Zac wouldn't, couldn't, be friends with her. But, in hospital, different rules apply and courage is needed. It begins with a knock on the wall.
	Zac Newton series Harrison, Paul & Davis, Rob (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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12341	Zac's PB Stanford, Michael	Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd	2003	9780733616624	5-6	Zac isn't sure if he is good enough to be a sports star. To find out, he goes to the Institute of Sporting Dreams where he discovers golf, baseball, basketball, tennis, soccer and the fact, it doesn't matter if you don't win as long as you do your best.
14985	Zachary Quack minimonster Dodd, Lynley	ABC Books	2005	9780733315800	K-2	Led by a dragonfly, an inquisitive duck goes exploring and gathers odd pieces of junk on his journey to the river.
871661	Zadie Ma and the dog who chased the moon Wang, Gabrielle	Penguin	2022	9781761046513	5-6	Zadie Ma is a girl who writes magical stories that sometimes come true. One day she starts to write about rescuing a poor unwanted dog called Jupiter. Can Zadie bring to life her most important story of all where she finds Jupiter, the dog of her dreams? This book will make you believe in the power of stories, courage and friendship, just like Zadie.
642929	Zanzibar Valckx, Catharina	Gecko Press	2019	9781776572564	3-4	Zanzibar wants to be written about in the local paper but he needs to have done something exceptional. When reporter Achille LaBlab knocks on his door, Zaanzibar is disappointed to learn he is very ordinary, but Zanzibar decides it is never too late to achieve greatness and he sets off on a quest to find something to do that will make him exceptional.
9435	Zat cat, a haute couture tail McLaren, Chesley	Scholastic Australia	2002	9780439273169	3-4	A scruffy stray cat finds his life changed when he disrupts a Paris fashion show and unwittingly creates a new style that makes him the rage of Paris.

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6837	Zebra's hiccups McKee, David	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2009	9781842709238	K-2	Zebra is a proud animal, reluctant to take advice or lose his dignity. When he gets the hiccups and loses his stripes, he realises that he just might need help from his friends.
9482	Zebras Giles, Bridget	Grolier Education	2001	9780717255016	3-4	Describes the habitat, physical characteristics, life cycle and behaviour of zebras, the striped member of the horse family.
587866	Zelda Stitch: Term 2: Too much witch Greenberg, Nicki	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2019	9781760523671	3-4	Zelda Stitch is trying to be a great teacher and to not use her magic, but trouble is brewing. She has a broken arm which alarmingly randomly lets off blasts of magic. One of her students has discovered she also has magical powers, and the PE teacher is seriously mean. With school camp quickly approaching will Zelda be able to become a hero or will she cause everything she cares about to vanish?
3033	Zelda's big adventure Alafaci, Marie & McGowan, Shane (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781925266382	K-2	Zelda has big plans. She wants to be the first chook in space. She leaves nothing to chance and packs food, fuel and a cosy nesting box. But, none of her friends wants to help with her plans.
15042	Zen shorts Muth, Jon J	Scholastic Australia	2005	9780439339117	3-4	These Zen tales involve a poor man giving gifts to a robber, a farmer who realises there are silver linings to dark clouds and a monk who must learn to let go of his burdens.
	Zen tails series Whitfield, Peter & Bevington, Nancy (ill)				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.
8787	Zenna Dare Hawke, Rosanne	Rhiza Press	2014	9781925139037	7-9	A secret spans five generations from Cornwall to Australia. When Jenefer moves to the old family home, she uncovers a secret from the past. She begins to wonder whether her great, great, great grandmother, a mother of nine, led a double life and what connection she had to Zenna Dare, the glamorous, young singer. Zenna Dare brings reconciliation in more ways than Jenefer could ever have imagined.

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835422	Zenobia Durr, Morten & Horneman, Lars (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2018	9780702260254	7-9	Zenobia was once a great warrior queen of Syria whose reign reached from Egypt to Turkey. She was courageous. No-one gave her orders. Once she even went to war against the emperor of Rome. When things feel overwhelming for Amina, her mother reminds her to think of Zenobia and be strong. Amina is a Syrian girl caught up in a war that reaches her village. To escape the war she boards a small boat crammed with other refugees. The boat is rickety and the turbulent seas send Amina overboard. In the dark water Amina remembers playing hide and seek with her mother and making dolmas and the journey she had to undertake with her uncle to escape. And she thinks of the brave warrior Zenobia.
6831	Zeroes Westerfeld, Scott & Lanagan, Margo & Biancotti, Deborah	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781925266955	9plus	Six teens have powers that set them apart. Ethan has a voice inside him that'll say what you want to hear, true or not. This is handy, except when the voice starts gabbing in the middle of a bank robbery. To help Sam, the group's leader pulls the scattered Zeroes back together. But, the rescue goes wrong and they must deal with dangerous criminals. In the chaos, they find Kelsie, who can take a crowd in the palm of her hand and tame it, or let it loose as she pleases. Mature themes. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above.
8194	Ziba came on a boat Lofthouse, Liz & Ingpen, Robert (ill)	Viking UK	2007	9780670028610	3-4	A moving story about a little girl whose family has lost almost everything. Ziba, her mother, and other women and children from a tiny village escape the approaching war in Afghanistan to travel in an overcrowded fishing boat to a new life and freedom.
5338	Ziggy and the moonlight show Litten, Kristyna	Simon & Schuster	2018	9781471145797	K-2	"Hoo hoo" Bird has lost her stripy chick! Ziggy the zebra wants to help, but with stripy flowers, feathers and fur everywhere they look, it's not easy. How will they find the chick and get home in time for the Moonlight Show?
	Zinnia Jakes series Gurr, Brenda & Leschnikoff, Nancy (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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23094	Zita the Spacegirl: Graphic Novel Hatke, Ben	MacMillan	2011	9781596434462	5-6	When her best friend is abducted by an alien doomsday cult, Zita leaps to the rescue and finds herself a stranger on a strange planet. Humanoid chickens and neurotic robots are shocking enough as new experiences go, but Zita is even more surprised to find herself taking on the role of intergalactic hero. Before long, aliens in all shapes and sizes don't even phase her. Neither do ancient prophecies, doomed planets, or even a friendly con man who takes a mysterious interest in Zita's quest.
58336	Zizzy Matthews, Penny & Snell, Danny (ill)	Omnibus Books	2010	9781862917972	K-2	Zizzy the sloth sees a blue patch through the rainforest canopy and travels with parrot to investigate the beautiful colour.
481	Zlata's diary Filipovic, Zlata	Penguin	1995	9780140374636	7-9	In 1991, just before her eleventh birthday, Zlata began keeping her diary and it becomes a mirror of the war in Sarajevo.
26569	Zobi and the zoox: A story of coral bleaching Wild, Ailsa & Reed, Avivia & Barr, Briony & Crocetti, Gregory	CSIRO	2018	9781486309603	5-6	With her home under threat from a warming ocean, Zobi, a brave rhizobia bacterium, teams up with a family of slow but steady zoox (zooxanthellae). As the coral bleaves, everyone begins to starve ... Can Zobi and the zoox work together to stave the day? A beautifully illustrated science-adventure story set on the Great Barrier Reef.
750939	Zoe, Max and the Bicycle Bus Herrick, Steven	University of Queensland Press	2020	9780702263002	5-6	The students of 5D are all getting to know each other and their new teacher who is a passionate cyclist. With their teacher's help, the students gradually get permission from their parents to ride to school each day, but not everyone is a confident rider and the road leading into the school is not safe due to a lack of bike lane. Zoe and Max think they might have a solution to this problem, but it might get them in trouble!
31929	Zog and the flying doctors Donaldson, Julia & Scheffler, Axel (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781407164953	K-2	Princess Pearl, Sir Gadabout and Zog the dragon are the flying doctors. There's much to do as they soar over the countryside, tending to mermaids, lions and unicorns. But, Pearl's uncle, the King, doesn't think it's fitting for a princess to be a doctor.
12215	Zoltan the magnificent Graham, Bob	Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd	1999	9780734400291	K-2	When Jack's family take a seaside vacation, his father is able to relax and join in the fun, even pretending he is an animal trainer called Zoltan the Magnificent. An illustrated story of family life.

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846117	Zombies vs the Illuminati Larkin, John & Lin, Matt (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2021	9781925804874	5-6	Three 12-year-old boys and the world's sassiest teenage girl join forces to defeat the zombie hordes before the world is plunged into a new Dark Age. The quartet's weapons of choice? A light-sabre that doesn't have any batteries, a sack of doorknobs, and a non-existent Pegasus. What could possibly go wrong?
12024	Zoo Browne, Anthony	Red Fox	1994	9780099219019	K-2	The human visitors to the zoo are nowhere near as splendid and positive as the animal inhabitants.
15165	Zoo album Morecroft, Richard & Mackay, Alison & Lloyd-Diviny, Karen (ill)	ABC Books	2004	9780733306006	3-4	A collection of stories and facts about actual animals living in zoos. Be informed about animals' personalities, behaviours and find out what their keepers say about them.
29817	Zoo house McKenzie, Heath	Scholastic Australia	2018	9781742767628	K-2	One morning young Oscar jumped up, wide awake, he headed for breakfast, but stepped on a snake! What will Oscar do when he wakes up to find his house is a zoo?!
3910	Zoo of magical and mythological creatures, The Bowring, Sam	Pan MacMillan	2009	9780330424752	5-6	Twelve year old Zackary s a disappointment to his parents, the King and Queen of Zedge. He as failed with the Artists, the Scholars and the Knights so is sent to work reckoning cutlery and kitchen utensils. When Zackary stumbles across an adventurous job as sorcerer's assistant in the Zoo of Magical and Mythological Creatures, he must survive the most dangerous and destructive creature the zoo has ever seen.
47250	Zoom D'Anthes, Sha'an	Lothian Books	2017	9780734417619	K-2	After breakfast, Scout the explorer and Beattie the space shuttle are off on an adventure, to discover the wonders of greater outer space.
7362	Zou Gay, Michel	Gecko Press	2009	9781877467202	K-2	Zou is a tiny zebra foal who rises early and is not deterred when his parents insist they are still asleep. He goes into the kitchen and prepares them some breakfast, including large bowls of coffee. And, then, disaster strikes and we find out just how resourceful Zou can be.
8476	Zou and the box of kisses Gay, Michel	Gecko Press	2011	9781877467745	K-2	Zou is going on his first trip without his parents and he is worried about missing out on his kisses. Mum and Dad find a way for him to take his kisses with him.

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877874	Zyla & Kai Forest, Kristina	Atom Publishing	2022	9780349003795	9plus	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? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.