



K-9 Booklist - New

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

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

PRC ID	Title/Author	Publisher	Year	ISBN	Level	Annotations
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.
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.

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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.
	Alex Rider series Horowitz, Anthony				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.
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?
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.

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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.
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?
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.
903305	Amanda Commander: The yellow dress (ill) Vass, Coral & Cooper Smith, Heidi	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.
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?
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?

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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.
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.
1019831	Andromache between worlds Bergmoser, Gabriel	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2024	9781460759103	5-6	All fourteen year old Andromache Peters wants is a normal life. But normal is pretty near impossible when your parents were famous adventurers who saved the world, and nobody will let you forget it. On top of this, Andromache's father has been missing and presumed dead since she was two, and her mother has retreated into grief ever since. But then a mysterious stranger reveals that Andromache's father is alive and trapped in a parallel world. To try to save the father she never knew, Andromache is thrown into a daring journey across the universe. This will be a journey so strange and dangerous that it will forever transform Andromache's life into anything but normal.
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.
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 sleepest mammals, Animal Facts By the Numbers provides readers of all ages with the ultimate animal trivia knowledge.

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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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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).

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1075805	Australia: Country of colour Racklyeft, Jess	Affirm Press	2023	9781922863881	5-6	<p>With its vivid red dirt, big blue skies, wild green bushland and golden sandy beaches, Australia is a country of extraordinary colour.</p> <p>Here is a celebration of the stunning plants and animals of this colourful country, from vibrant pink Flame Peas to startling blue Fairy Wrens, electric yellow Billy Buttons, glossy black Tasmanian Devils, and many more.</p> <p>Come and take a closer look at nature's paintbox and the rainbow of life that lives in Australia, from one of our best-loved picture book creators.</p>
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.
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.
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	<p>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 Skulduggery Pleasant and Valkyrie Cain drive into Termoncara, they discover a town with a drak past and a people haunted by darker secrets.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
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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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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.

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1078782	Being Jimmy Baxter Lloyd, Fiona	Puffin Australia	2023	9781760148515	5-6	<p>It's not eggsactly easy being Jimmy Baxter 'cause:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. <p>AND there's new jobs, bad-at-school brains and a whole lot of trouble called Duke.</p> <p>But then ... there's Mac.</p> <p>But then . . . there's Mac.</p>
774435	Best mum, The Harrison, Penny & Davey, Sharon (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2021	9781922326225	K-2	<p>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?</p>
892367	Bev and Kev Germein, Katrina & Foot, Mandy	Little Book Press	2023	9780645027051	K-2	<p>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?</p> <p>A heart-warming tale about learning to love yourself and the value of a true friend.</p> <p>Shortlisted for the 2023 CBCA Picture Book of the Year Award.</p>
1019868	Bidhi Galing: Big rain Heiss, Anita & Campbell, Samantha (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2023	9781761105258	5-6	<p>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.</p> <p>Learn history through Wiradyuri language and marvel at the beautiful illustrations in this book.</p>
923455	Big cat Racklyeft, Jess	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761066580	5-6	<p>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.</p>

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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...
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!
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?
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?

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982995	Bonesmith Preto, Nicki Pau	Hodder & Stoughton	2023	9781399722353	9plus	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
944242	Bookseller's apprentice, The Mellor, Amelia	Affirm Press	2022	9781922400871	5-6	<p>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?</p>

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995953	Borderland Akhurst, Graham	University of Western Australia Press	2023	9781760802646	9plus	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
941501	Bored: Evie dreams big Stanton, Matt	ABC Audio - Enterprises	2023	9780733342066	5-6	<p>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.</p>
754441	Bowerbird blues Parker, Aura	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781760269609	5-6	<p>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?</p> <p>The official story chosen for ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime 2024, to be celebrated all across Australia and New Zealand! This book is on the 5-6 booklist for 2024 only, and will return to the K-2 booklist in 2025.</p>

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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.
1048699	Break Miller, Kayla	Walker Books	2024	9781760655198	5-6	<p>"Spring Break is full of possibilities...but not for Olive.</p> <p>This year, Olive is leaving her friends and all of their exciting vacation plans behind to visit her dad at his new apartment in the city.</p> <p>Goober is thrilled to spend a whole week with their father and has a long list of activities for their time together. Olive, on the other hand, still remembers the hurt of their dad moving halfway across the world. She would rather spend time with her friend Bree or scrolling through her new phone to keep up with everything she's missing back home than catch up with him.</p> <p>As the week winds on, the normally easygoing Olive finds feelings of loneliness and resentment throwing her out of whack. Is there any hope of salvaging the visit-or will Olive's Spring Break be a Spring Bust?</p>
916661	Breathe in and out Stradling, Jan & Robaard	ABC Books	2023	9780733342387	K-2	<p>Big Ted is having one of those days ...</p> <p>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."</p>
1021250	Britannica all new children's encyclopaedia Llyod, 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!


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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.
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?
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.
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.
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.
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.

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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?
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.
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.
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.
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.

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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!
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.
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.
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.

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857907	Clash 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.
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 .
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.
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...
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.

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941502	Cool code, The Langeland, Dierdre & Mai, Sarah (ill)	Clarion Books	2022	9780358549314	5-6	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
959198	Cosima Unfortunate steals a star Noakes, Laura & Sorrentino, Flavia (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2023	9780008579135	3-4	<p>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.</p>
1019824	Countdown to yesterday Marr, Shirley	Penguin Random House Australia	2024	9781761340598	5-6	<p>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?</p> <p>What would you do if you had six memories to go back to? How would you choose?</p>
849620	Cranky chicken Battersby, Katherine	Lothian Books	2021	9780734420954	3-4	<p>Meet Cranky Chicken, so many things make her cranky, "Why is the dirt so dirty?"</p> <p>Meet Speedy the worm, a happy fast worm.</p> <p>Two lonely creatures who just need that right friend.</p>
1000864	Cranky chicken: party animals Battersby, Katherine	Lothian Books	2022	9780734420985	3-4	<p>Cranky Chicken is super high on the crank-o-meter. How can speedy worm help?</p> <p>What adventures will they get up to now as it's Cranky Chicken's birthday?</p>

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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.
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.
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. "

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901576	🕒 Dancing barefoot Boyle, Alice	Text Publishing Co	2022	9781922458711	9plus	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
1019693	Daring tale of Gloria the great, The Harvey, Jacqueline & Scott, Kate Isobel	Puffin Australia	2023	9781761043284	K-2	<p>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.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Gloria is a one-of-a-kind chicken. Laugh along at Gloria's antics in this quirky tale that celebrates individuality.</p>
1019755	🕒 Dark Heir Pacat, C.S.	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760875763	9plus	<p>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?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>

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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.
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.
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.
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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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.
	Diary of a wimpy kid series Kinney, Jeff				5-6	+++++Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
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!
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.
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.

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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?
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?
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?
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."
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?


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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.
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.
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	<p>Something BIG has come knocking on the gates of Dungeon Academy! The undefeated Waterdeep Dragons have arrived for the Tourney of Terror games, which happens every fifty years and features every monster's favorite sport: Goreball! The Dungeon Academy Flumphs are outnumbered, outsized, and outmonstered! But our hero, Zelli Stormclash (a forbidden human, secretly disguised as a minotaur), is no stranger to impossible odds. Just a few weeks ago, Zelli and her crew, the Danger Club, came face-to-face with a maniacal necromancer and his army of undead!</p> <p>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.</p>
1019917	Dungeons and drama Boyce, Kristy	Delacorte Press	2024	9780593647011	7-9	<p>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.</p> <p>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...</p>
977705	E-boy5: Superhuman army Do, Anh & Baez, Marcelo (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761065668	5-6	<p>Somewhere deep in the ocean lies the key to superhuman strength.</p> <p>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?</p>

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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 alone race them. Until two fearless and intrepid best friends make history, racing across Australia and beating the land speed record... with Barney the dog in tow. The amazing true story of Jean Robertson and Kathleen Howell who helped map Australia.
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.
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...
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 Coovinda 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...

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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.
	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.
	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.
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.
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?

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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.
1019752	Faint of heart, The Wilson, Kerilynn	Greenwillow	2023	9780063116221	7-9	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>And it may rip June's own heart in two.</p>
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
977819	Feelings are wild Williams, Sophy & Scott, Gavin (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180262	K-2	<p>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.</p> <p>A warm and playful counting book to help little kids understand their big feelings.</p>
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.

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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.
995873	Finding Papa Pham Krans, Angela & Bui, Thi (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2023	9780063060968	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.
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.
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.

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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.
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.
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?
1019859	Football superstars: Pogba rules Mugford, Simon & Green, Dan	Welbeck Publishing	2021	9781783126323	3-4	Find out how a boy from the Paris suburbs went from youth superstar to one of the best playmakers in the game of football and became a World Cup winner. Read about every one of Paul Pogba's key stats, little-known facts and complete the quizzes. This illustrated biography will have you wanting to read more of the Football Superstars series.
1019697	Footy tail, A Johnston, Alexander & Dreise, Gregg	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180316	5-6	<p>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.</p> <p>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!</p> <p>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!</p>

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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.
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.
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.
	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.
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.
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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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?
	Funny kid series Stanton, Matt				5-6	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
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?
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.
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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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...
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.
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 - if William to live, July must die.
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.
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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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!
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.
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.
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.
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.

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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.
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.
1019810	Greatest in the world, The Clanton, Ben	Farshore	2022	9780008646547	K-2	<p>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.</p> <p>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?</p>
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.
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 <u>whoever will watch!</u>
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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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.
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.
	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.
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?

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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.
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!
958039	Henna wars, The Jaigirdar, Adiba		2022	9781645675730	7-9	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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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.
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!
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.
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?
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

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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.
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.
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.
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!

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967407	Hunger for Thorns, A Wilkinson, Lili	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760526948	9plus	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 Sickelhurst, 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 Sickelhurst, either. And every good story is sure to have a monster.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.</p>
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!
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.
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.

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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!
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?
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.

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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?
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.
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.
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.

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1019764	In my blood it runs Hoosan, Djuwan & Anderson, Margaret & Turner, Carol & Douglas, Blak (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2023	9781761263774	7-9	<p>This is the story of Djuwan Hoosan, a 10-year-old Arrernte and Garawa boy. A wise, funny, cheeky boy. A healer.</p> <p>Out bush, his healing power (Ngangkere) is calm and straight. But in town, it's wobbly and wild, like a snake.</p> <p>He's in trouble at school, and with the police. He thinks there's something wrong with him.</p> <p>Djuwan'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.</p> <p>So he can be proud of himself.</p>
1019641	In my garden Mayes, Kate & Ainslie, Tamsin (ill)	ABC Books	2023	9780733340253	K-2	<p>In our gardens are where we belong.</p> <p>Planting, watching, growing, dreaming.</p> <p>In our gardens something out of nothing comes.</p> <p>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.</p>
1019843	In the secret place Crew, Gary		2023	9780645714937	7-9	<p>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...</p>
1019631	In times of bushfires and billy buttons Herrick, Steven	Ford Street Publishing	2023	9781922696366	7-9	<p>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.</p> <p>For Ethan, Audrey and their friends, it's time to choose what's important and what to leave behind.</p>
1019912	Inheritance: A visual poem Acevedo, Elizabeth & Pippins, Andrea (ill)	Quill Tree Books	2022	9780062931948	7-9	<p>A beautiful adaptation of Elizabeth Acevedo's famous spoken-word poem with captivating illustrations.</p>

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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.
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.
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).
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.

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1019748	Juniper's Christmas Colfer, Eoin	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2023	9780008475543	5-6	<p>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.</p> <p>Celebrate the holiday season with a narrative filled with hope, magic, and the quest to rescue Santa Claus.</p>
992258	Just like everyone else Hagger-Holt, Sarah	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781801315784	7-9	<p>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.</p>
916669	Keeping up with the Dachshunds Fitzgerald, Carla & Challenger, Rebel (ill)	Larrikin House	2022	9781922503756	K-2	<p>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.</p>

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903246	Killing code, The Marney, Ellie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526535	9plus	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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?
	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.

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1019689	Kip of the mountain Gourlay, Emma	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9781922033093	3-4	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.
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.
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?
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 Foxy, Boxy and Rocky conquer their fears and successfully come to their rescue?

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903253	Last kids on earth and the forbidden fortress, The Brallier, Max & Holgate, Douglass (ill)	Penguin Random House Australia	2022	9780008582340	3-4	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.
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.
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.
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.

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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.
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.
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..."
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.
	Little Ash series Barty, Ash & McGaughey, Jasmin & Godwin, Jade (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.
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.

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	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.
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?
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?
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.
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?

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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.
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.
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.

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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.
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.
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.
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.
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.

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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.
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.
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.
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.
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.

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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?"
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.
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.
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!

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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.
941514	Minecraft stoneword saga: To bee or not to bee Eliopoulos, 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 Stoneword Library are disappearing - and a splinter of the Evoker King has taken on the form of a bee colony with a hive mind! Could there be a connection with the rip they've seen growing bigger and darker in the Minecraft sky? And will their actions make things better or worse?
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?
1019714	Mini and Milo: The big flappy ears Mino, Venita & Curtin, Natashia	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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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?
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.
941510	Monkey who fell from the future, The Welford, Ross	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780008544744	7-9	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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...</p>
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.
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?
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.
1019642	Most delicious soup and other stories, The Ruiz Johnson, Mariana & Harvey, Rosalind (trans)	Berbay Publishing	2023	9781922610683	K-2	<p>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.</p> <p>Come along for five little adventures!</p>

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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.
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!
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
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!
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?
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.

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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.
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
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?
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.
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.
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.
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?

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1013504	Occasionally happy family, An Burke, Cliff	HarperCollins US	2021	9780063286672	7-9	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
707956	Odd 1s out, The: The first sequel Rallison, James	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781760973377	7-9	<p>An original collection of stories from YouTube sensation James Rallison, filled with funny stories including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The upside of the robot uprising - Questionable pizza toppings - Strange yet completely reasonable fears - Inventions that don't exist, but should
903392	Odd fish, the Jones, Naomi & Jones, James (ill)	Farshore	2022	9780755504428	K-2	<p>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?</p>
959202	Odds, The: Power of being odd Stanton, Matt	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780733340659	3-4	<p>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.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Going into this mysterious building was easy, but will leaving be just as easy?</p>
950150	Odelia and the Varmint Moore, Jenny & Pagenelli, Elisa (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2023	9781922326713	3-4	<p>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.</p>

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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?"
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.
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.
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.

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978216	One of us is back McManus, Karen M.	Penguin	2023	9780593485019	9plus	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Everyone's a target. And now that someone unexpected has returned to Bayview, things are starting to get deadly.</p> <p>Simon was right about secrets - they all come out in the end. And Bayview has a lot it's still hiding.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
845528	One red shoe Gruss, Karin & Krejtschi, Tobias (ill)	Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd	2014	9780987109965	7-9	<p>You're about to go to a place where thousands, even millions, of kids live every day.</p> <p>You're about to enter a war zone.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>What could you possibly have in common with the kids who live there?</p> <p>You're about to find out...</p>
949389	Open your heart to Country Seymour, Jasmine	Magabala Books	2022	9781922613769	3-4	<p>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.</p>

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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.
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.
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.
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!
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?
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.

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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.
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 suddenly acting like she has a secret? And why has my best friend ditched me for the most popular (and meanest) girl in school? Penny chronicles these and other questions in a journal she writes to her dog, Cosmo. Find out how Penny deals with her worries because there's a lot to be worried about in fifth grade, and even more to laugh about!
1019790	Penny draws a school play Shepard, Sara	Text Publishing Co	2023	9781922790408	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.
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.

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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?
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.
924588	Pow Pow Pig: Loch Ness Adventure Do, Anh & Cheong, Peter (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761068867	3-4	Hello, it's me - Pow Pow Pig! Me and the Z team are on a mission to save the world! But first we need to rescue the Loch Ness Monster. It's a good thing Ninja Kid and his buddy H-Dude have turned up to help!
886462	Pow pow pig: On the high seas Do, Anh & Cheong, Peter (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781761065675	3-4	Ahoy, me hearties! It's Pow Pow Pig. Me and the Z team are on a mission. We're trying to the save the world! But somehow we've ended up on the high seas instead... It's going take a swashbuckling effort to get out of this mess!
1013570	Pow Pow Pig: Snow Action Do, Anh & Cheong, Peter (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761068928	3-4	Hello, it's Pow Pow Pig! Me and the Z team are on a mission. We're trying to save the world! But somehow we've ended up at the North Pole instead. It's going to take a jolly big effort to get us out of this mess!
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?

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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.
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.
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?
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.

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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.
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!
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.
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.
916555	Ratbags: Naughty for good Harris, Tim & Gordon, Shiloh (ill)	Penguin	2023	9780143777441	3-4	Rats cause mayhem and chaos. They're ratbags and they love it! Unlike the other rats, Jigsaw loves rules and never causes trouble. He is the odd rat out. That is, until the new pizza restaurant opens. When Jigsaw becomes obsessed with pizza, he can't help but break the rules. Caught between new ratbag friends, pizza and what he know is right, can Jigsaw find a way to be a friend to the ratbags but not a ratbag himself?
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.

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941473	Revelle Smith, Lyssa Mia	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780063323360	7-9	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
	Rise of the Mythix series Do, Anh & Baez, Marcelo (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.
886014	Rise of the School for Good and Evil Chainani, Soman	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9780008508029	5-6	<p>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.</p> <p>Who will survive? Who will rule the school?</p> <p>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.</p>

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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.
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.
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.
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?
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?

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1019776	Safiyyah's war Khan, Hiba Noor	Walker Books	2023	9781839133138	5-6	<p>War comes to the streets of Paris and Safiyyah's life changes for ever.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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?</p>
1019690	Samosa rebellion, The Sekaran, Shanthi	HarperCollins US	2021	9780063051546	7-9	<p>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.</p> <p>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?</p>
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?
1010483	Scar Town Bancks, Tristan	Penguin	2023	9780143791812	5-6	<p>A town submerged by a now leaking dam. What will emerge?</p> <p>Three inquisitive kids find more than they bargain for and have to make decisions that could affect more than just their own lives!</p> <p>Will and his friends were already dealing with BIG challenges but nothing has prepared them for the mysteries that lie ahead.</p>

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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...
	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.
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't wait to see all of the amazing art in the city of lights. Exotic food, a foreign language and a different culture are just some of the tricky things Jordan and his friends are navigating.
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?
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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825622	Seasons in the city McKean, Megan	Lothian Books	2021	9780734420442	5-6	<p>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?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Discover what different seasons look like in cities all around the world.</p>
977579	Secret science society in space, The Hoopmann, Kathy & Montano, Josie & Finn, Ann-Marie (ill)	Wombat Books	2023	9781761110092	3-4	<p>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?</p>
1019621	Secret sparrow French, Jackie	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9781460760468	7-9	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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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.
871491	Seventh most important thing, The Shelley Pearsall	Random House Children's Books	2015	9780553497311	7-9	<p>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.</p> <p>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. . . .</p>
1019716	Shearer McMullin, Neridah & Tomkins, Michael (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760653163	K-2	<p>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!</p> <p>An astounding true story, about the greatest shearer in the world!"</p>
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.

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903382	Sideways orbit of Evie Hart, The Kamaleddine, Samera	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9781460762653	5-6	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
903334	☉ Silence that binds us, The Ho, Joanna	HarperCollins US	2022	9780063059344	9plus	<p>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.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.</p>
1017918	Silver linings Nannestad, Katrina	ABC Books	2023	9780733342257	5-6	<p>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?</p>
790532	Sing me the summer Godwin, Jane & Lester, Alison	Affirm Press	2020	9781925972924	K-2	<p>Splash into summer with this glorious love letter to the seasons.</p>
	Skulduggery Pleasant series Landy, Derek				7-9	<p>Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.</p>

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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.
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.
903337	Sleep through the night Stephen, Byll & Stephen, Beth & Howe, Simon (III)	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.
902604	Smart cookie, The John, Jory & Oswald, Pete	HarperCollins Children's Books	2021	9780063208360	3-4	This cookie has never felt like a smart cookie no matter how hard she tries, especially in comparison to all the clever cupcakes and brilliant rolls in the bakery. Will a dash of creativity and a sprinkle of confidence be enough to help her learn that perfect scores and having all the answers aren't the only ingredients for intelligence
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.
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.

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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 mischievous cousins steal the Mona Lisa with the help of Mademoiselle Bon-Bon. But things don't go quite as planned.
1019791	Solve your own mystery: The Transylvanian express Jones, Gareth P & Forshaw, Louise (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760656591	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.
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.
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.
903387	Sour grape, The John, Jory & Oswald, Pete (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780063045415	3-4	How does a sweet grape with lots of friends and family become a sour grape alone with sour thoughts? This sour grape tells us how he became so sour and how his life changed by not being able to let go of a grudge.
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.
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.

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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.
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?
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?
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
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.

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1011981	Starsight Sanderson, Brandon	Orion	2019	9781473217904	9plus	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
992538	Stink: worst fairy ever McLachlan, Jenny	Farshore	2023	9780008524272	3-4	<p>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?</p>
1019781	Stuck up & stupid Rice, Angourie & Rice, Kate	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760658281	7-9	<p>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.</p>
977698	Sunshine on Vinegar Street Comer, Karen	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180132	5-6	<p>Freya has moved with her mother from a regional area to the inner city of Melbourne. She has left behind her two best friends, her basketball team and the world she loves the most. She is stuck and needs to develop resilience for a whole lot of issues that come her way: school, kids, netball, eleventh floor apartment and just being the new girl on the block.</p> <p>What is the connection between Freya and the illuminated skipping girl on the side of her building? Can Freya figure out how to belong on Vinegar Street?</p>

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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...
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.
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.
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!
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.

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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?
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...
	The bad guys series Blabey, Aaron				3-4	Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The treehouse series Griffiths, Andy & Denton, Terry (ill)				5-6	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.
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...
983448	There's no such book Dettmann, Jessica & Minton & Jake A (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2022	9781760509743	K-2	It'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.

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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.
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.
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.
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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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?
798307	Three Dark Crowns Blake Kendare	VIZ Media	2016	9780062385437	7-9	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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.
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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	Timmy Failure series Pastis, Stephan				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.
916538	Travelling bookshop, The: Mim and the disastrous dog show Nannestad, Katrina & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780733342240	3-4	Mim and her family and their travelling bookshop continue their adventures, landing just in time to prevent a dog show disaster!
1019915	Travelling bookshop, The: Mim and the vicious vendetta Nannestad, Katrina & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	ABC Books	2024	9781460716786	3-4	Mim, her family and their travelling bookshop continue their adventures through Europe. This time Flossy had brought them to the floating city of Venice. Will the Bookshop have just the right book for two families who have been enemies for generations?
855798	Travelling bookshop, The: Mim and the Woeful Wedding Nannestad, Katrina & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	ABC Books	2022	9780733341663	3-4	Flossy and the travelling bookshop have brought Mim, Nat and their dad to a charming Greek island because it is where they are needed most. Everyone is excited about the upcoming wedding, except the bride and groom. It's up to Mim to get the right book into the bride's hands so that she, like many others on the island, can be free to follow her dreams.
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?
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?

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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 whilst protecting his sister, he is forced to flee, alone and defenseless. Separated for the first time in their lives, it will take all their skill and courage to survive apart. Will the twins ever see each other again?
916557	Two Can Play That Game Yong, Leanne	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761063374	7-9	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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?</p>
1019903	Two rabbits Ferenchuk, Lisa & Pittock, Prue (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2024	9781922539656	K-2	<p>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?</p> <p>Little Grey rabbit and Little Brown Rabbit are about to find out in this touching story of friendship and forgiveness.</p>
995984	Two sides to every story Feiner, Beck & Feiner, Robin	ABC Books	2023	9780733341618	K-2	<p>Cats or dogs? Living in the city or the country? Going to the pool or the beach?</p> <p>Life presents lots of questions and lots of choices.</p> <p>For Oscar, there's no question or choice he won't twist, tumble, turn inside out and explore every which way.</p> <p>This book invites you to be a mental gymnast and look at both sides of the story!</p>

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1013554	Two sparrowhawks in a lonely sky Lim, Rebecca	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180224	7-9	<p>What if you were forced to set sail for a country that didn't want you, to meet a father you couldn't remember?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
1019696	Ultrawild: An audacious plan to rewild every city on Earth Mushin, Steve	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760292812	7-9	<p>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.</p> <p>A tour-de-force of extreme problem solving for anyone who loves big ideas.</p>
1019818	Under the red shawl Conley, Vikki & Heiduczek, Martina (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2023	9781922326829	3-4	<p>Story of Salim and his Mama as they journey to a new place, make new friendships and their hope of making a new story.</p>
903321	Unexpected tale of the bad brothers, the Povey, Clare	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2022	9781474986502	5-6	<p>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.</p>

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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.
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.
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?
901579	Waiting for the storks Nannestad, Katrina	ABC Books	2022	9780733342271	7-9	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Until the Polish boy arrives.</p> <p>And the past comes back to haunt her.</p>

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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.
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.
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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977794	☉ We didn't think it through Lonesborough, Gary	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760526931	9plus	Jaime lives in Dalton's Bay with Auntie 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?
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?
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?
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.

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895351	<input checked="" type="radio"/> We who hunt the hollow Murray, Kate	Hardie Grant Egmont	2022	9781760508920	9plus	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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.
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	<p>If you are the kind of person who...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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. <p>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?</p>

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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.
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.
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.
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.
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.

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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.
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!
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?
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?
1039693	Wings of fire graphic novel series: Winter turning Sutherland, Tui T & Holmes, Mike (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781338730937	5-6	Daring mission... or deadly mistake. Winter has always been a disappointment to his royal IceWing family. Now he has a chance to save his sister, Icicle, from making a terrible mistake - if he can find her. Winter's new clawmates, Moon, Kinkajou and Qibli, insist on joining his dangerous journey. They don't understand that IceWings, the most superior of all dragon tribes, can fix their own problems. When their search leads the dragonets straight into Queen Scarlet's vicious talons, Winter is grateful to have some help. But even the bravest dragons can't follow him to the Ice Kingdom. There, he'll be alone to face the greatest threat of all: his own family.
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...

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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?
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?

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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	<p>Cora Bell is racing against time. With her beloved guardian, Dot, badly injured, Cora must face fearsome werewolves, gross beetle worms and a vengeful warlock in order to save her.</p> <p>But as questions about her long-lost parents arise, Cora and her fairy friends begin a search for the one person who might hold all the answers. The one person who disappeared the same night Cora's parents did...</p> <p>Will Cora finally discover the truth about her family? Or will the evil syphon return to finish what he started, and destroy Cora once and for all?</p> <p>The thrilling conclusion to the magical Cora Bell series.</p>
	Wolf girl series Do, Anh & Creagh, Lachlan (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.
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.
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? Even our smallest actions, a king smile or thoughtful word, contribute to a powerful global goodness. For our world to be truly magnificent, every single one of us has a part to play ...
983002	World's worst monsters, The Walliams, David & Stower, Adam (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780008581633	5-6	<p>"Dare you enter the world of MONSTERS?</p> <p>The beloved World's Worst series has captivated millions of readers. You've met the world's worst children, the world's worst parents, the world's worst teachers and the world's worst pets - but are you ready for the world's worst monsters?</p> <p>If you don't like ghosts, ogres, zombies, vampires, aliens, werewolves or mummies, DO NOT READ THIS BOOK.</p> <p>Laugh along to these ten terrifying tales of marvellous monsters, brought to you by David Walliams, and illustrated in glorious technicolour by Adam Stower.</p>

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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?
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.
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.
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.
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...