



5-6 Booklist by Author - 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.

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|---------|--|--------------------------------|------|---------------|--|
| 924190 | Lloyd, Megan Wagner & Nutter, Michelle Mee (ill) Allergic | Scholastic Australia | 2021 | 9781761128523 | At home Maggie is the odd one out. Her parents are preoccupied with the new baby they're expecting and her younger brothers are twins and always in their own world. Maggie thinks a new puppy is the answer but when she goes to select one on her birthday she breaks out in hives and rashes. She's severely allergic to anything with fur! Can Maggie outsmart her allergies and find the perfect pet? |
| 866313 | Balfe, Abigail Different sort of normal, A | Puffin Australia | 2021 | 9780241508794 | The true story of one girl's journey growing up autistic, and the challenges she faced in the 'normal' world. |
| 1010483 | Bancks, Tristan Scar Town | Penguin | 2023 | 9780143791812 | A town submerged by a now leaking dam. What will emerge? Three inquisitive kids find more than they bargain for and have to make decisions that could affect more than just their own lives! Will and his friends were already dealing with BIG challenges but nothing has prepared them for the mysteries that lie ahead. |
| 1019625 | Barton, Ashleigh & Davis, Sarah (ill) Solomon macaroni and the vampire vacation | University of Queensland Press | 2023 | 9780702266300 | Solomon is traveling to Paris with his cousins and his Uncle Dracula. To help cheer up their Uncle Dracula, the mischievous cousins steal the Mona Lisa with the help of Mademoiselle Bon-Bon. But things don't go quite as planned. |

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| 1017960 | Bayly, Sami How we came to be: Creatures of camouflage and mimicry | Lothian Books | 2023 | 9780734421371 | Discover the secrets behind some of the natural world's most unusual creatures of camouflage and mimicry. Find out about the chameleon who changes colour to communicate with its friends, the burrowing owl who copies the sound of a fiercer animal to protect itself from threats, and the harlequin filefish that has come to smell like coral to blend in with its surroundings. You'll be amazed by how these clever creatures use disguise and imitation to find food, send out warning signals and, most of all, avoid predators! |
| 1019735 | Brallier, Max & Holgate, Douglas (ill) Last kids on earth and the monster dimension, The | Farshore | 2023 | 9780008638115 | Jack is an amazing zombie slaying master of cool with an awesome cosmic hand to prove it. He is reporting from the Apocalypse once again. Thrull, the Destructor of Worlds, has everything he needs to complete the Tower and bring back Rezzoch who wants to destroy the world. Jack and his friends are stronger than ever and travelling further than ever. Saving the world doesn't end at home. So hop in. Next stop is the Monster Dimension . |
| 875694 | Briggs, Adam & Moon, Kate & Sarra, Rachael (ill) Our Home, Our Heartbeat | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2020 | 9781760504168 | Adapted from Briggs' celebrated song 'The Children Came Back', Our Home, Our Heartbeat is a celebration of past and present Indigenous legends, as well as emerging generations, and at its heart honours the oldest continuous culture on earth. |
| 876370 | Bunting, Phillip Gentle genius of trees, The | Scholastic Australia | 2021 | 9781760975173 | What could we clever humans ever learn from trees? Take an unashamedly anthropomorphic wander through the woods to learn a few life lessons from our foliaged friends. The Gentle Genius of Trees is a small forest of facts exploring the brilliance of trees, from photosynthesis, to symbiosis and the wood-wide web. |
| 846245 | Carless, Victoria Gus and the starlight | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2022 | 9781460760642 | Gus Able and her family are on the run, from her mum's ex-boyfriend and from desperate ghosts who want her mum's help. When they end up in a small town running an old drive-in movie theatre called the Starlight Gus hopes this is the fresh start they need. Despite living in a smelly old caravan, the Able family work hard to make the Starlight a success, but the current owner seems to be working against them. Gus wonders if this new town could be the forever home she's been wanting for so long. |

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| 1019706 | Carter, Reece Lonely lighthouse of Elston-Fright, The | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761066795 | Flip Little is extremely proud of his family history - the official lightkeepers of Elston-Fright; the lighthouse keepers. When the light is missing, it is up to Flip to restore the protection the lighthouse has always offered to the people of the town. But, the light is not the only thing that goes missing! There are mysteries and secrets to uncover, and magic and magical beings to combat. But will help come from the most unexpected place? Can Flip and his friends Corpse and Girl save their friend and restore the lost magic before it's too late? |
| 886014 | Chainani, Soman Rise of the School for Good and Evil | HarperCollins Australia | 2022 | 9780008508029 | Together, they watch over the Endless Woods. Together, they choose the students for the School for Good and Evil. Together, they train them, teach them, prepare them for their fate. Then, something happens. Something that will change everything and everyone. Who will survive? Who will rule the school? The journey starts here. With magic, surprises and daring deeds at every turn, courage and loyalty will be put to the test, only to lead you to the very beginning of the adventures that are The School for Good and Evil. |
| 1019743 | Clutterbuck, Charlotte Twin stars | MoshPit Publishers | 2023 | 9781923065093 | 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? |
| 1019628 | Collins, Paul & McMullen, Sean This spells trouble | Ford Street Publishing | 2023 | 9781922696311 | Winston is fourteen and apprenticed to the wizard Faramond. Winston's problem (well, one of them) is that he is much brighter than his master, bringing him to the attention of the evil High Sorceress, Yolantha. She needs Winston to help her secure the Imperium Key and access to a world of magical slaves. He wants to stop her and free the magical creatures already in his world. Can Winston and his companions thwart Yolantha's evil plans? |

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| 977698 | Comer, Karen Sunshine on Vinegar Street | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761180132 | Freya has moved with her mother from a regional area to the inner city of Melbourne. She has left behind her two best friends, her basketball team and the world she loves the most. She is stuck and needs to develop resilience for a whole lot of issues that come her way: school, kids, netball, eleventh floor apartment and just being the new girl on the block. What is the connection between Freya and the illuminated skipping girl on the side of her building? Can Freya figure out how to belong on Vinegar Street? |
| 1019719 | DiCamillo, Kate & Morstad, Julie (ill) Puppets of Spelhorst: A Norendy tale, The | Walker Books | 2023 | 9781536216752 | Spelhorst, an old and lonely sea captain, encounters a puppet which resembles a loved one from his past. He unexpectedly purchases the set of puppets and puts a story in motion just as his own story is about to end. The puppets change hands and have unexpected adventures as they wonder just when their story will begin. |
| 977705 | Do, Anh & Baez, Marcelo (ill) E-boy5: Superhuman army | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761065668 | Somewhere deep in the ocean lies the key to superhuman strength. Ethan's powers will be put to the ultimate test when he, Penny and Gemini find themselves in a desperate race to reach the mythical power source before Agent Ferris and his army of androids. Will they make it in time to seize the Grapes of Atlantis? |
| | Do, Anh & Baez, Marcelo (ill) Rise of the Mythix series | | | | 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. |
| 1019709 | Earle, Phil Until the road ends | Andersen Press Ltd | 2023 | 9781839133169 | When Peggy rescues a stray dog from near-death, a beautiful friendship begins. Nothing but the looming war can part them. Peggy is evacuated to safety and Beau is left behind in London, where he becomes an unexpected war hero. Night after night, as bombs rain down and lives are destroyed, Beau searches the ruins, rescuing countless survivors. But then tragedy strikes and Beau sets off on an incredible journey to find his beloved Peggy. |
| 995900 | Firth, Alex & Martin, Jerome & James, Alice et al. 100 things to know about the unknown | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2023 | 9781803705286 | A colorful information book filled with 100 fascinating and mind-blowing facts. Scientists and historians have discovered a lot about our past, our future and how the world works, but SO MUCH remains unknown. |

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| 977575 | Fraser, Rebecca Sea glass | HarperCollins Australia | 2023 | 9781761111075 | Cailin's holiday plans are ruined when she and her mum go to stay with her eccentric grandfather at Whitefoam Cove. She barely knows him and reminders of her father are everywhere. Then, just when Cailin and her grandfather are really connecting, disaster strikes. |
| 916634 | Garnish, Jodie Spectaculars, The | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2022 | 9781801312547 | When three figures arrive at Harper's window in a flying canoe, they inform her that she is a Spectacular - a magical performer, gifted with special powers from the stars. Harper is thrilled to be part of the Spectaculars' travelling theatre and boarding school but, before long, she and her new friends are plunged into great danger that threatens everything and everyone they love. |
| 1019825 | Godwin, Jane & Walker, Anna (ill) Life song, A | Puffin Australia | 2023 | 9781761047640 | When you are born, you make up a song It doesn't rhyme, and it isn't long A song of everything you hold dear It's your own tune, it's loud and clear And your whole world is in it..." |
| 1019766 | Goodes, Adam & Laing, Ellie & Hardy, David (ill) Walk with us | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761065071 | Harvey and Mum are heading to their favourite park for a walk on Cammeraygal land. 'Time to awaken the ancestors,' says Uncle Boris. 'Every time we sing or acknowledge Country, the ancestors are listening.' What do you know about the Country where you live? Inspired by the Uluru Statement from the Heart, Walk With Us is an invitation to go on a journey of learning and appreciation - with family, with friends, and with our nation - together. |
| 977754 | Gordon, Kate Temora and the wordsnatcher | Wombat Books | 2023 | 9781761110122 | Temora Murphy doesn't fit in with other girls or with her mother, until a birthday wish brings escape through magical books that appear at the bottom of her garden. On her twelfth birthday she makes another wish that transports her to an another world. Inhabitants of this world have long been waiting for her and they appreciate her arrival. When other apprentices catch a magical disease it seems a monster thought long dead could be responsible. Temora realises she must face the darkness to save everyone. |

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| 903298 | Gordon, Kate Xavier in the meantime | Yellow Brick Books | 2022 | 9780645218091 | Xavier knows he has depression. But he also knows he has friends and family who support him. When Xavier thinks of a way to support kids like him he knows he will need lots of help to make his plan succeed. Life is full of challenges and Xavier, with the help of his best friend Astor, knows he can make a difference! |
| 977252 | Gould, Jordan & Pritchard, Richard (ill) Wylah the Koorie warrior: Custodians | Fremantle Press | 2023 | 9781761180040 | Wylah has already accomplished the unbelievable feat of uniting the five Guardians, but her journey is far from over. Together with her megafauna friends, she must travel through the treacherous and forbidden Valley of the Spirits to face off against the Dragon Army. Can Wylah defeat the perils that lay ahead and become the ultimate Koorie Warrior? |
| 1019712 | Greenwood, Mark & Lessac, Frane (ill) Our country: Where history happened | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781760653576 | History is out there. In every corner of Australia, the past is waiting to be discovered. Find it in ancient rock art and a haunted convict prison. Explore a cave that echoes with the spirit of resistance. Search for a tree blazed with a fateful message. Visit the site where a legend was born. <u>Our country is calling.</u> |
| | Griffiths, Andy & Denton, Terry (ill) The treehouse series | | | | 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. |
| 1017873 | Hawke, Rosanne & White, Lyn (ed) Alex: Through my eyes | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781760877002 | Thirteen-year-old Alex lives on a drought-affected property in South Australia with his mum, his dad, his kelpie dog Tangi and colt Jago. For years it hasn't rained enough for them to put a crop in. And while all the farmers in the area are suffering, Alex's dad is struggling more than most. As the drought stretches on, Alex helps his mum with the farm work while longing for the father he once knew. When Bonnie moves in on the neighbouring property with her camel-training family, even feral dogs and a missing classmate cannot stop the newfound friends' passion to make a difference to the environment and their community. Will Alex's dad recover - and will the rains ever return? |

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| 1019868 | Heiss, Anita & Campbell, Samantha (ill) Bidhi Galing: Big rain | Simon & Schuster | 2023 | 9781761105258 | Told from the point of view of Wagadhaany, a Wiradyuri girl who loved dancing, this is the story of the Great Flood of Gundagai in 1852. Wiradyuri heroes, Yarri and Jacky Jacky paddled bark canoes through raging floodwaters, risking their own lives to save countless others. Learn history through Wiradyuri language and marvel at the beautiful illustrations in this book. |
| 995977 | Hood, Susan & Dawson, Greg Alias Anna | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2023 | 9780063083905 | The inspiring true story of two jewish girls Zhanna and Frina who are from Ukraine during World War 2. A story about courage, talent and persistence to escape war and the power of music to help overcome the challenges through difficult times. |
| 1019697 | Johnston, Alexander & Dreise, Gregg Footy tail, A | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761180316 | Inspired by the South Sydney Rabbitohs, written by NRL star Alex Johnston and illustrated by celebrated First Nations artist Gregg Dreise, this rhyming picture book about an underdog team of bunnies who are up against the stronger teams of animals is a wonderful story of unity, togetherness, resilience and teamwork. A fluffle of Bunnies play at the park. They sprint and they tackle from dawn until dark, They always train hard, but it's never enough . . . the other teams are just bigger and stronger. It's tough! Join AJ and his teammates, Cody and Latrell, and the Bunnies on their triumphant footy journey from being the competition underdogs to unlikely winners, with a little help from some friends - especially a wise and confident Crow! |
| 777701 | Jonsberg, Barry H is for Happiness | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760527402 | Introducing Candice Phee: twelve years old, hilariously honest and a little... odd. But she has a big heart, the very best of intentions and an unwavering determination to ensure everyone is happy. So she sets about trying to 'fix' all the problems of all the people (and pets) in her life. |
| 1019703 | Jurevicius, Nathan Scarygirl: The origin story | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761069277 | Abandoned on a remote beach, Scarygirl doesn't know who she is or where she's come from. Blister, a kind and intelligent giant octopus, wants to keep her safe, but Scarygirl needs answers. Who is the strange man haunting her dreams? Will Bunniguru help her unlock the mysteries of her past? Can she trust the wily forest dwellers? Her journey takes her to the edge, and beyond... |

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| | Kinney, Jeff Diary of a wimpy kid 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. |
| 1019869 | Klassen, Jon Skull, The | Walker Books | 2023 | 9781529509571 | 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. |
| 992547 | Lai, Remy Ghost book | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761065477 | July Chen sees ghosts. But her dad insists ghosts aren't real. So she pretends they don't exist. Which is incredibly difficult now as it's Hungry Ghost month, when the Gates of the Underworld open and dangerous ghosts run amok in the living world. When July saves a boy ghost from being devoured by a Hungry Ghost, he becomes her first ever friend. Except William is not a ghost. He's a wandering soul wavering between life and death. As the new friends embark on an adventure to return William to his body, they unearth a ghastly truth -f or William to live, July must die. |
| 982313 | Lake, Nick & Gravett, Emily (ill) Locked out Lily | Simon & Schuster | 2021 | 9781471194849 | Lily requires regular hospital trips to treat a body which is failing her. This frustrates her greatly and also fuels her worry that the baby her mum is about to have will be easier to love and push Lily to the shadows. It is these shadows in her family home where Lily encounters the monstrous replacement parents who have a terrible plan for Lily. It is with great surprise that Lily discovers several animal companions to help her defeat the monsters in the shadows. |
| 941502 | Langeland, Dierdre & Mai, Sarah (ill) Cool code, The | Clarion Books | 2022 | 9780358549314 | Zoey has been homeschooled her entire life. So when her parents announce it's time for her to attend the local school, she's terrified about how she'll cope. In an attempt to fit in, Zoey develops an app called the Cool Code with a cute llama avatar that will tell her everything from what to say to what to wear based on pop culture algorithms she's uploaded. But when the app gives her ridiculous advice, awkwardness and hilarity ensues. With a few upgrades and a bit of debugging from the coding club, the app actually works. Zoey becomes really popular... and gets her pulled in all kinds of directions, including away from her real friends. |

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| 992541 | Lawrence, David & Dignam, Cherie (ill) Ruby and the pen | EK Books | 2023 | 9781922539380 | Ruby and the Pen is the story of a 12-year-old, cartoon-drawing girl who buys a pen from a mysterious market stall. She soon learns that the pen has a magical power: whatever she draws, happens! Initially the pen protects Ruby from the meanest girls at her new school, but over time the pen's power becomes dangerous. Soon, Ruby has problems galore and one big question to be answered - should she fix all of her problems with the stroke of a pen? |
| 1019824 | Marr, Shirley Countdown to yesterday | Penguin Random House Australia | 2024 | 9781761340598 | James' family is changing, and he doesn't like it. He wants to travel back in time and live in one of his favourite memories, but which one will he choose? How will he choose? And can his new friend Yan really build a time machine? What would you do if you had six memories to go back to? How would you choose? |
| 825622 | McKean, Megan Seasons in the city | Lothian Books | 2021 | 9780734420442 | Do you know springtime in Tokyo is cherry blossom season? Or that on the longest day of summer in Stockholm the sun stays up for 18 hours? Seasons divide the year and bring about changes in the world around us. Different seasons bring warm or cool weather; snow or extreme heat; wet, windy weeks or dry, dusty days; and even big weather events like super storms and twisting tornadoes. Throughout history people have welcomed new seasons with important rituals. Plenty of these traditions continue today, as the change in weather brings different occasions to celebrate and activities to enjoy all year round in many of the world's cities. Discover what different seasons look like in cities all around the world. |
| 885157 | McKenzie, Nean Xenoflight | MidnightSun Publishing | 2022 | 9780987226518 | A delightful adventure fantasy set in rural Australia which follows 13 year old Carla on a journey to find her estranged father who she has never met. The story is full of mythical creatures who Carla meets along the way and the more creatures she meets the more questions she has about her past. |

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| 902463 | McMullin, Neridah & Hicks, Astred (ill) Evie and Rhino | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2022 | 9781760654207 | <p>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...</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Will the tragedies of their pasts finally be put to rest?</p> |
| 1019684 | McWilliams, Beverley Spies in the sky | Pantera Press | 2023 | 9780645624533 | Royal Blue is a royal racing pigeon from a long line of champions. Every morning he wakes and spends the day training, but there's a war growing and things are changing. One day the King himself comes to the loft and selects Blue for a special assignment. Blue needs to find the courage to leave his secure home to be a war pigeon and face dangers he never could have imagined, and will he survive to return to his family? |
| 1019794 | Melki-Wegner, Skye Deadlands, The: Hunted | Walker Books | 2023 | 9781529516241 | When the Fallen Star struck, some dinosaurs survived, but grew alert. They learnt to speak. To dream. To wage war. As the last dinosaur kingdoms continue to fight, Eleri, the disgraced son of a prince, is banished to the merciless Deadlands for saving an enemy soldier. To survive the dangers of the scorched desert he joins a herd of other young exile. But when Eleri and his fellow misfits discover the horrific truth behind the war, the unlikely heroes must do all they can to save their kingdom from a secret plot that could destroy them all. |
| 944242 | Mellor, Amelia Bookseller's apprentice, The | Affirm Press | 2022 | 9781922400871 | Loaded with tricks, riddles, magic and mayhem this race-against-time adventure is set in Melbourne in 1871. Twelve-year-old Billy Pyke has a talent for sorting things out, whether it's his chaotic family home or the busy book stall at Paddy's Market, where he works for Mr Cole. When his new friend Kezia warns him of a sinister magician called the Obscurosmith, Billy is shocked by her stories of magical deals gone horribly wrong. Then, on the night of the fire, Billy realises that if the Obscurosmith is to be stopped, he'll have to do it himself. The duel begins but, even with Kezia help, will Billy's magic be enough? |

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| 903281 | Moore Ramee, Lisa Something to say | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9780062836724 | Something to say is a delightful fiction story about eleven year old Jenae set in high school. Jenae likes to be alone and is happy with that until Aubrey comes to her school. Will Jenae find her voice and overcome her fears of public speaking and stand up for what she believes in. This story highlights the importance of being a good friend and gaining confidence when you least expect it. |
| 849498 | Moses, Alexa Michaela Mason's big list of camp worries | Scholastic Australia | 2021 | 9781743838761 | A heartwarming story about a year 5 student who suffers from major anxieties. She is about to embark on the stage 3 camp of a lifetime but could think of nothing worse. She has created a BIG LIST of all the reasons why she should not attend. If that isn't enough, there is a drought in their hometown and Michaela is desperately encouraging everyone to save water. What if it never rains again? What if the town runs out of water and they won't be able to shower or wash their hands anymore? What if there are spiders at camp? What if an escaped prisoner breaks into camp? There are so many what ifs in life - how is Michaela Mason ever going to relax and enjoy life? Making lists is one way to help Michaela deal with so many challenges. |
| 1017918 | Nannestad, Katrina Silver linings | ABC Books | 2023 | 9780733342257 | Nettie Sweeney is the youngest in her family and wishes they had a Mum. When her new Mum finally arrives, it seems like the Sweeney family have it made. But tragedy strikes and nothing will ever be the same again: Nettie attempts to help fix things but will her actions lead to disaster? |
| 983001 | Norton, Catherine Fortune maker, The | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2023 | 9781460763155 | Maud Mulligan is 12 years old and her life in the slums of London is going from bad to worse. Fortune telling is all the rage but Maud wonders if it's better not to know what's coming. When she is suddenly pulled into the car of a rich and commanding woman, Maud must use all of her wits, determination, new found friends and special gift to take hold of her own destiny. |

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| 890147 | O'Grady, Paul Eddie Albert and the amazing animal gang: The curse of the smuggler's treasure | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2022 | 9780008446871 | Eddie and best friend Flo are spending the Easter holidays on the Romney Marshes with Aunt Budge and all his animals - Butch the dog, Bunty the hamster and pirate goldfish Dan and Jake. When the terrible Rancid Twins arrive in town, set on uncovering the secret mystery of the smugglers' treasure, Eddie and Flo are drawn into a thrilling new adventure. Eddie must use his ability to speak to animals to enlist the help of two elegant alpaca, a friendly sheep called Doris and a famous film-star rabbit to save the day and reveal a treasure of epic proportions. |
| 754441 | Parker, Aura Bowerbird blues | Scholastic Australia | 2023 | 9781760269609 | I am a collector. Always looking, finding...and keeping! Bowerbird loves BLUE. Magnificent cobalt. Brilliant, vibrant blue! But something is missing. What could it be? 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. |
| 977760 | Plozza, Shivaun Meet me at the moon tree | University of Queensland Press | 2023 | 9780702266171 | Carina and her family have moved to a new home. She is determined to find a moon tree. She promised her father and she is determined to keep that promise. |
| 959176 | Pung, Alice & Ng, Sher Rill (ill) Millie Mak the maker | HarperCollins Australia | 2023 | 9781460716090 | Nine-year-old Millie Mak has discovered she has a superpower! Using everyday objects, Millie turns them into something beautiful. Through her creativity and clever thinking, Millie also deals with different friendships, tricky family challenges and learning about her world. There are detailed instructions at the back of the book so you can make the special objects Millie creates, and best of all, nothing needs to be bought! |
| 923455 | Racklyeft, Jess Big cat | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761066580 | Big Cat is mysterious. Big Cat is chaotic. Big Cat is lawless. Catherine is not. She likes things to be neat, tidy and orderly. But when the two meet, they discover they have more in common than they think and that sometimes the best adventures can be found in your own backyard. |

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| 1019918 | Roux, Madeleine & Probert, Tim (ill) Dungeon Academy: No humans allowed! | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9780063039124 | Welcome to Dungeon Academy, where monsters and creatures train for the dark world that awaits just beyond the dungeon walls! But Zellidora "Zelli" Stormclash is a bit... different. She's the one thing monsters and creatures of the Forgotten Realms fear the most: Zelli is a human! Knowing she'll never be accepted, Zelli's parents disguise her as a minotaur in hopes she'll blend with the academy's monstrous surroundings. Zelli does her work, keeps to herself, and becomes "invisible" to everyone. While in History of Horrible Humans class, Zelli learns of the great human adventurer, Allidora Steelstrike, who oddly resembles her. Could Zelli also be a Steelstrike? Seeking answers to her true lineage, Zelli embarks on a dangerous adventure. |
| 1019919 | Roux, Madeleine & Probert, Tim (ill) Dungeon Academy: Tourney of Terror | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9780063039148 | Something BIG has come knocking on the gates of Dungeon Academy! The undefeated Waterdeep Dragons have arrived for the Tourney of Terror games, which happens every fifty years and features every monster's favorite sport: Goreball! The Dungeon Academy Flumphs are outnumbered, outsized, and outmonstered! But our hero, Zelli Stormclash (a forbidden human, secretly disguised as a minotaur), is no stranger to impossible odds. Just a few weeks ago, Zelli and her crew, the Danger Club, came face-to-face with a maniacal necromancer and his army of undead! If this wasn't enough to raise scales Zelli's reoccurring nightmare of a dark entity annihilating her world may be more than just a bad dream. Something sinister is lurking in the halls of the academy, and only Zelli seems to notice. But when Zelli uncovers a dark past hidden beneath Dungeon Academy, she unlocks something that will concern everyone at school, every dragon at Waterdeep, and everything within the Forgotten Realms. |
| 995916 | Sanchez, Anita & Ford, Gilbert Rotten! Vultures, beetles, slime, and nature's other decomposers | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2022 | 9780358732884 | From sharks and vultures feasting on animal carcasses to worms, maggots, and dung beetles devouring decaying plants, decomposition is happening everywhere. Decomposition isn't always ugly and disgusting. And, believe it or not, it isn't always smelly. So unplug your nose! Get ready to take a <u>fascinating trip into the world of rotten.</u> |
| 903320 | Sheneman, Drew Goldilocks zone, The | Harper | 2021 | 9780062972361 | What makes Earth so special? Join Goldilocks and her best friend, Baby Bear, on an interstellar adventure to learn all about our solar system in this informative, hilarious, and 100 percent factual nonfiction picture book. |

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| 1013326 | Shepard, Sara Penny draws a best friend | Text Publishing Co | 2023 | 9781922790248 | Fifth grader and budding artist Penny Lowry has a multitude of worries - why does the cubby room always smell of farts? Why is my mum suddenly acting like she has a secret? And why has my best friend ditched me for the most popular (and meanest) girl in school? Penny chronicles these and other questions in a journal she writes to her dog, Cosmo. Find out how Penny deals with her worries because there's a lot to be worried about in fifth grade, and even more to laugh about! |
| 1019790 | Shepard, Sara Penny draws a school play | Text Publishing Co | 2023 | 9781922790408 | Penny Lowry is back with more worries and more challenges - what if I don't want a part in the school play? Why do we have to move to a new house? Why does everything keep changing? It's scary moving to a new house, especially one with a strange new neighbour and a bedroom with weird creaky sounds. Even scarier is the school play where everyone has to have a part - even Penny! Change is hard, but lucky for Penny, she has Cosmo the dog and good friends by her side. |
| 1019623 | Snape, Emily Game on: Glitched | EK Books | 2023 | 9781922539410 | Discovering another app on their babysitter's phone, Liam sends the brothers travelling through time. Landing in earlier versions of their home town, they find themselves in the Stone Age, Roman times, the Middle Ages and prehistoric times with dinosaurs. To return to their own time , they're going to have to solve riddles whilst dodging woolly mammoths, jousting knights and every kind of disgusting bodily fluid you can think of. Can they survive the dangers, solve the riddles and get back before the phone battery dies, and they're stranded in another time forever? |
| 941501 | Stanton, Matt Bored: Evie dreams big | ABC Audio - Enterprises | 2023 | 9780733342066 | Evie lives on Turtle Place, and she's bored. She is making plans, actual plans, to build her own house. Only, it seems that everyone else that lives on Turtle Place has an opinion they'd like to share. Frog and Milo want to build something totally different. Mr Santos is grumpy, Mrs Katz is spying on her, her sister is the most annoying person in the world, and her parents don't believe in her. But she has a plan, and she dreams big. |
| | Stanton, Matt Funny kid series | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 990355 | Steffensen, Victor & Steffensen, Sandra (ill) Looking after Country with fire: Aboriginal burning knowledge with Uncle Kuu | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2023 | 9781741177824 | For thousands of years, First Nations people have listened and responded to the land and made friends with fire, using this knowledge to encourage plants and seeds to flourish, and creating beautiful places for both animals and people to live. Join Uncle Kuu as he takes us out on Country and explains cultural burning. Featuring stunning artwork by Sandra Steffensen, this is a powerful and timely story of understanding Australia's ecosystems through Indigenous fire management, and a respectful way forward for future generations to help manage our landscapes. |
| 959170 | Sussman, Tami So that happened... but maybe you already knew that | Walker Books | 2023 | 9781760656010 | As Nutty plans and prepares for her bat mitzvah, she is suddenly beset with many more challenges than she expected. Not only are her parents having money troubles, but her best friend no longer feels like a girl. Follow Nutty as she tries to keep her family and friendships from falling apart. |
| 941474 | Tanner, Lian & Soweol Han, Sally (ill) Spellhound: A dragons of Hallow book | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2023 | 9781761180057 | What do a minch-wiggin, a Queen, and a rather large magical pup have in common? They need to find the dragon that has turned their worlds upside-down... even if it means revealing all they want to keep hidden! A delightfully pleasing whimsical fantasy novel for readers who love Cressida Cowell or Katrina Nannestad. |
| 1019839 | Tarshis, Lauren I survived the shark attacks of 1916: The graphic novel | Scholastic US | 2021 | 9781769112845 | Chet Roscow is finally feeling at home in Elm Hills, New Jersey. But Chet's summer is interrupted by shocking news. A great white shark has been attacking swimmers along the Jersey shore, not far from Elm Hills. So when Chet sees something in the creek, he's sure it's his imagination... until he comes face-to-face with a bloodthirsty shark! |
| 1019841 | Tarshis, Lauren I survived the sinking of the Titanic 1912: The graphic novel | Scholastic US | 2021 | 9781761128448 | George Calder must be the luckiest kid alive - he and his little sister, Phoebe, are sailing with their aunt on the Titanic, the greatest ship ever built! George can't resist exploring every inch of the incredible boat, even if it gets him into trouble. But one night while George is off exploring, a terrible boom shakes the entire boat. Soon the impossible is happening: The Titanic is sinking. George has always gotten out of trouble before. Can he survive this nightmare? |

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| 1019840 | Tarshis, Lauren & Dawson, Scott I survived the sinking of the Titanic 1912 | Scholastic US | 2010 | 9780545206945 | Ten-year-old George Calder can't believe his luck -- he and his little sister, Phoebe, are on the famous Titanic, crossing the ocean with their Aunt Daisy. The ship is full of exciting places to explore, but when George ventures into the first class storage cabin, a terrible boom shakes the entire boat. Suddenly, water is everywhere, and George's life changes forever. |
| 37000 | Tarshis, Lauren & Dawson, Scott (ill) I survived the Japanese tsunami, 2011 | Scholastic US | 2013 | 9780545459372 | Ben has already suffered the loss of his Dad in a car accident, but a family trip to Japan holds even worse things for Ben, his Mum and brother - they arrive in time for the 2011 earthquake and tsunami. The devastation is immense, will Ben find his family again? Ben learns important lessons about survival and hope. He comes to understand that the Japanese will to be strong and patient in the face of disasters will get them through this terrible time and help Ben himself to move forward. |
| 10417 | Tarshis, Lauren & Dawson, Scott (ill) I survived the shark attacks of 1916 | Scholastic Australia | 2010 | 9780545206952 | Chet Roscow is ten and feeling lonely living with his Uncle Jerry in a new town. When news stories about shark attacks on the coast come out, everybody thinks it is a great joke. On the east coast of America in 1916 no one had heard of anyone being attacked by a shark before. Chet and some friends trick each other by pretending to be sharks. But when Chet is attacked by a real shark in the creek he has to find someone who believes him, before it is too late. |
| 1019733 | Walliams, David & Stower, Adam (ill) Blunders, The | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2023 | 9780008614393 | The Blunders are the most blundersome family in the blundering history of blunderdom. They live in Blunder Hall. When the Blunders are about to lose their home, how will they come together to save it? |
| 983002 | Walliams, David & Stower, Adam (ill) World's worst monsters, The | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2023 | 9780008581633 | 'Dare you enter the world of MONSTERS? 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? If you don't like ghosts, ogres, zombies, vampires, aliens, werewolves or mummies, DO NOT READ THIS BOOK. Laugh along to these ten terrifying tales of marvellous monsters, brought to you by David Walliams, and illustrated in glorious technicolour by Adam Stower. |

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| 916551 | Warber, Bernard & Hapka, Catherine Lyle, Lyle, crocodile: The junior novelization | Clarion Books | 2022 | 9780358755432 | When shy twelve-year-old Josh Primm finds a singing crocodile in the attic of his new home in New York City, he never expects to find moonlight adventures, friendship and so much fun! But not everyone in the neighborhood takes kindly to Lyle the crocodile, and Josh has to find his inner courage and show everyone that Lyle is extraordinary. Josh and his parents must fight to keep Lyle as part of their family. |
| 1019842 | Wilson, Mark Caroline | Windy Hollow Books | 2023 | 9781922081018 | You may have heard the name of Caroline Chisholm but her devotion to the poor and needy is a part of Australian history that is not often told. 'Caroline' is an inspiring retelling of the life of one of Australia's most famous women. Her selfless devotion to people in need changed the lives of many for the better and she is an inspiring hero deserving of recognition. |
| 995975 | Young, Caroline & Various (ill) Friendship survival guide | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2023 | 9781803704616 | If you are shy and have trouble making friends or seem to have trouble keeping them, this book is the book for you. This has lots of friendly advice to guide you through the ups and downs of friendship and how to navigate them. |