



5-6 Booklist by Title - 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.

PRC	Title/Author	Publisher	Year	ISBN	Annotations
41505	100 things to know about food Baer, Sam & Firth, Rachel & Hall, Rose & James, Alice & Martin, Jerome	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2017	9781409598619	This informative book is filled with 100 fascinating facts about food: from how to grow a burger in a laboratory, to how many bees it takes to fill an orchard with apples. It contains bright, enticing illustrations, detailed facts on each page, an index and glossary, as well as internet links to specially selected websites which contain more information.
3094	100 women who made history: remarkable women who shaped our world Caldwell, Stella & Hibbert, Clare & Mills, Andrea & Skene, Rona	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2017	9780241257241	From queens to scientists to artists to sportspeople, this book provides fascinating facts about the women who have impacted history. Including the stories of women who were famous at the time, and ordinary people whose impact has become known as time progresses, 100 Women Who Made History is an engaging insight into their impact on the world.
	About animals series NEW SERIES 2018 Davey, Owen				Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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4263	Agent nomad: Deadly magic Melki-Wegner, Skye	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9780143780403	After their mission in London, Nomad, Riff, Phoenix and Orbit are back at HELIX, training to master their magic. But things have changed. Nomad's secret is out. Her peers know she is a Witness; a sorcerer with the rare ability to read others' magic. This causes ripples at HQ, especially when it means that Steel, the most popular cadet in her class, is no longer the centre of attention. But there are greater threats than new rivals. When the cadets are sent to New Zealand to investigate a top-secret case, they find themselves in more danger than they bargained for. With no one to trust and time running out, it's a race to stop the Inductors before they have enough power to destroy HELIX for good.
4911	Amazing animals of Australia's national parks Newton, Gina. M.	National Library of Australia	2017	9780642278883	The animals of Australia are amazing. Find out what some of them look like and where you might see them. Whether you're on a trip to a national park or relaxing in a comfortable spot, you'll love dipping into this book. It includes 55 national parks and reserves and is full of up-to-date fascinating facts for more than 120 animal species, large and small.
4757	Animal eco-warriors Gill, Nic	CSIRO	2017	9781486306213	Meet the super dogs, hero rats and cyborg bees keeping our environment safe. Come on an action-packed adventure with an amazing mob of animal eco-warriors as they use their special talents to help solve our planet's environmental problems! From the nosy noses of biosecurity beagles at airports to rats learning to sniff out landmines in war-torn landscapes, animals are using their unique abilities to help make the world a better and safer place. With fantastic colour photos of animal eco-warriors at work, this book is full of fun facts on how animals are helping humanity work towards a more sustainable future. There are also plenty of tips on how you can make a difference to the planet. Join the animals eco-warrior team today!
3734	AniMalcolm Baddiel, David	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2016	9780008185152	Malcolm doesn't like animals. Which is a problem because his family loves them. Their house is full of pets. What the house is not full of is stuff Malcolm likes. Such as the laptop he wanted for his birthday. The only bright spot on the horizon is the Year 6 school trip, to...oh no! A farm! Over the next few days, Malcolm changes. He learns what it's really like to be an animal. A whole series of animals, in fact. It does make him think differently. And speak differently. And, um, smell differently. But will he end up the same as before?
1011	Animasaurus: Incredible animals that roamed the Earth Turner, Tracey & Russell, Harriet (ill)	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408884850	From gigantic sharks to giant sloths, meet the beasts of the past. Find out about the fascinating prehistoric creatures that once walked, swam and hunted our planet. Compare these with living animals, to discover creatures from throughout Earth's history.

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4016	Applesauce weather Frost, Helen & Bates, Amy June (ill)	Candlewick Press	2016	9780763675769	When the first apple falls from the tree, siblings Faith and Peter know that it is applesauce weather. And that means that Uncle Arthur should be here. It seems like he needs a little more time to grieve. This is the first year without Aunt Lucy after all. This is a heartfelt tale about the strength and love of family and the power of a good story.
42514	Aquatica: a beginner's field guide Balchin, Lance	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2017	9781760404147	Welcome to future Earth. Despite repeated warnings, the environment has become polluted to such an extent that many areas of the globe have become uninhabitable and wildlife is now extinct. From the ashes, a new style of 'wildlife' is created. Wildlife that will not remain harnessed by humankind.
3867	Atlas of oddities: discover the amazing and diverse world we live in Gifford, Clive & Worrall, Tracy (ill)	Egmont Childrens	2016	9781405281362	Living on the planet are more than 7 billion people, all with their own interests, traditions and ways of life. And the extraordinary scenery, from the icy poles to scorching hot deserts, lush tropical rainforests, giant rocky caves and canyons, remarkable rivers, lakes and seas, also provides a home to a phenomenally wide range of different animals and plants. This unbelievable round-the-world adventure will take you through all of our continents and countries, and on the way you will get to see just how diverse the world can be. The beautifully illustrated maps feature key aspects, such as borders, capital cities and major rivers, and are perfect for engaging young readers.
	Ball stars series NEW SERIES 2018 Lawrence, David				Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
4573	Batsford books of Music for children, The Rumens-Syratt, Rebecca	Batsford	2016	9781849943093	Music is great because it means we can sing along to our favourite songs, play instruments with our friends and read sheet music- it's like a secret code. With this book you will be a marvellous musician in no time.
35605	Bear Grylls Survival skills handbook: Knots Grylls, Bear	Weldon Owen Publishing	2017	9781783422982	This survival skills handbook is perfect for all young explorers, adventurers, and general lovers of the outdoors. Learn the art of knots, from tie loops, lashes, hitches and many more to help in various situations. This hand book includes illustrations, and step-by-step instructions and tips from Bear Grylls himself.

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26246	Bear Grylls: Spirit of the jungle Grylls, Bear	Pan Macmillan London	2016	9781509828623	Mak and his family are in India. Things are going well until their raft is capsized on a wild river and Mak is separated and lost deep in the Indian Jungle. Can Mac survive long enough to find his way out of this strange, unfamiliar and dangerous landscape of bugs, bats, monkeys, snakes, bears, wolves, panthers and worst of all poachers? And if he can survive, will he really want to leave?
23503	Beast of Hushing Wood, The Wang, Gabrielle	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9780143309178	Ziggy Truegood feels a threatening presence in her tiny town of Hushing Wood, which is deepened by a recurring nightmare she has. When Raffi, an exotic young boy, and his grandfather come to town Ziggy's fears intensify. Unfortunately, her own wise and knowledgeable grandfather is ill, unable to help her. She wonders are the pair there to save her or to hunt her?
	Big bash league series NEW SERIES 2018 Various				Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
34429	Blossom Janu, Tamsin	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781742991641	Lottie is excited when a lost little girl arrives on her doorstep. Lottie, who only has Uncle Bobby in the world has always wanted a sister. Blossom isn't like other kids. She doesn't speak and is obsessed with her flower, refusing to go anywhere without it. Everything changes when Blossom gets sick and is taken away to hospital. Lottie with her friends must do whatever it takes to rescue her.
41497	Brambleheart Cole, Henry	HarperCollins US	2016	9780062245441	Twig is looking for who he will be in life. In the Hill, everyone studies a craft and becomes a Master's apprentice, but first you have to be good at something. Twig tries very hard in all his classes, but his imagination wanders to his favourite books or the delicious mayapples growing beyond the scavenge yard...and then, well, he loses his focus. Unsure if he'll ever amount to anything, Twig sets out on a journey to discover himself. However, instead of finding answers, he stumbles upon a dragon's egg which soon hatches. But when he learns that his secret might hurt others, he's forced to make a choice between his place in the world and the feelings in his heart. And will protecting his new friends help him discover who he is meant to be?

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43479	Bring it on Stanley, Jo	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2017	9781760409470	Sarah loves to crack jokes, but no one at her new school is laughing, not even her first day buddy Hanh. Even worse, no one at Milsborough West Primary surfs and that's Sarah's favourite thing in the world! Sarah is a big fan of Aussie Rules football, but she has never played. Will coach Shawna let Sarah join the Flyers and be part of the team?
14199	Charlie and the karaoke cockroaches Brough, Alan	Pan MacMillan	2017	9781743548448	"I didn't want the exterminator to be flattened by a flying sink. I just wanted a home for the cockroaches." Charlie is thrown into an adventure when his new friend Vivien hands him a mysterious box and makes him swear to look after it no matter what
4970	Chronologica: Incredible years that defined history, The Bloomsbury & Powell, Debbie (ill) & Hancher, Adam (ill)	Bloomsbury	2016	9781472932945	Chronologica is an informative and entertaining glimpse into history, beautifully illustrated and full of incredible facts. This book has a combination of both major and lesser known historical events, ranging from Napoleon Bonaparte, the first emperor of France, to Adolphe Sax, who patented the Saxophone. Chronologica is full of facts and figures, and will entertain history buffs and inspire some new ones.
	Coco Banjo series NEW SERIES 2018 Gemmell, N J				Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
4268	Coding for beginners using Python Stowell, Louie & Devolle, John (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2017	9781409599340	Coding for Beginners using Python incorporates the language, font and layout used in computer coding. It is a step-by-step instructional guide for getting started in the world of coding, and for creating games, drawings and more. This guide includes a helpful glossary, which is fantastic to explain some of the uncommon words used in coding. It also includes guides, and extra help and downloads that are available through the online links provided.
3107	Coding projects with Scratch made easy Setford, Steve & Woodcock, Jon	Penguin Books Australia	2017	9781740331852	Get ready to learn a whole new language: computer coding. Teach yourself how to create your own computer projects using this Scratch programming workbook. Perfect for beginners, with easy-to-understand, engaging instructions and no complicated jargon.
3642	Cogheart Bunzl, Peter	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2016	9781474915007	Lily's dad, the inventor, has gone missing. He may even be dead! But Lily doesn't believe it and her mechanical fox, Malkin, has heard whispers about a new invention her dad was working on before he vanished, that may hold the key finding him. But the mission to return Lily's father won't be easy or safe and just who are those creepy mirror-eyed men?

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	Countdown to danger series NEW SERIES 2018 Heath, Jack				Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
41499	Danny da Vinci: The secret of the Mona Lisa Smith, Rosie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	ABC Books	2017	9780733326059	Danny da Vinci and his best friend Mick Angelo are artistic adventurers who share a passion for painting and sculpture. Every year the Duke of Milan holds an art exhibition, and this year the Duke has asked Danny's Uncle Leo to paint his portrait. Danny and Mick want to enter something in the exhibition too, something special. Danny's sister Lisa has an idea, but why should they listen to her? She's such a moaner!
3742	Diamond horse, The Gregg, Stacy	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2016	9780008124397	A priceless diamond necklace holds a secret- the stories of two different girls. Anna Orlov lives in a beautiful snowbound palace, home to a menagerie of wonderful animals: tigers, wolfhounds and horses, but also her cruel brother Ivan. So when Anna defies her father's wishes she has no idea of the dangers to come. Soon Anna, her tiger and her horse will be fighting for survival in the frozen wilds. Valentina is a circus performer with a very special horse and big dreams. A girl who sees beyond the bright lights of the big top. A horse with an incredible future...
	Diary of a 6th grade ninja series NEW SERIES 2018 Emerson, Marcus & Lee, David (ill)				Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
3335	Different dog, A Jennings, Paul & Kelly, Geoff (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760296469	I'll tell you something, Chase. Don't beg. Some people beg because they have nothing. But a dog should never do it just because someone says the word 'beg'. The unforgettable story of a boy who cannot speak and the day he finds his voice.
	DK findout series NEW SERIES 2018 Various				Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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43443	Dr Boogaloo and the girl who lost her laughter Nicol, Lisa	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2017	9780143782599	Dr Boogaloo was no ordinary doctor. Not at all like the one you might visit if you had a sore tummy. No, Dr Boogaloo was a very different type of doctor. He treated folks who suffered from rather unusual complaints. And how did he treat them? Why, with the most powerful medicine known to mankind...Music! Blue was no ordinary girl. For starters, her name was Blue. But what was truly extraordinary about Blue was the fact that she hadn't laughed for 712 days. Not a hee hee, a ho ho or even a tiny tee hee. According to Dr Boogaloo, music can cure anything. But no laughter was definitely a case for alarm. Can Dr Boogaloo compose a cure before Blue loses her laughter forever?
5064	Dragon with a chocolate heart, The Burgis, Stephanie	Bloomsbury	2017	9781408880319	All Aventurine wants to do is explore the world outside of her family's mountain cave. However, as a young dragon, her tough scales haven't fully developed yet, so the outside is too perilous (or so her family says). She is determined to fly on her own and prove them wrong by capturing the most dangerous prey of all- a human. But when that human tricks her into drinking an enchanted hot chocolate, Aventurine is transformed into a puny human girl- no sharp teeth, no fire breath, no claws. Still she's the fiercest creature in these mountains, and now she's found her true passion-chocolate!
7466	Eagle in the snow, An Morpurgo, Michael & Foreman, Michael (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2015	9780008134174	Barney's home in Coventry has been bombed along with most of the other houses in the street so he and his mother are on a train to Cornwall. But even a train is not safe as it comes under fire by a couple of Messerschmitt aircraft, only just escaping destruction in a tunnel. Barney's fear of the dark is gradually eased when a stranger begins a story as they wait for the all clear. And what a story it is. A young soldier in World War 1 became the most decorated Private of that war due to his bravery, loyalty and mateship. But one of his actions, at the time seen to be the right thing to do, turned out to have some terrible consequences. It is up to him to make things right.
4945	Earth to Daniel Rees, Gwyneth	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408883013	felt like a visitor from another planet instead of a normal human being who actually belonged on planet Earth. Daniel has moved and has to start at a new school. And to make matters worse, his mum is his new school principal! As if things are not bad enough, when his dad goes overseas, his mum starts to act really strange and does some really embarrassing things. Daniel wonders if this has anything to do with an illness that she had a long time ago. His mum needs help and it looks like Daniel has to be the one to save her.

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5078	Fall, the Bancks, Tristan	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2017	9780143783053	Sam is staying with his crime reporter father as he recovers from a knee operation when he is woken shortly after 2am by loud voices arguing in the flat above. Curious he opens the window to hear more clearly when suddenly a man-sized shape falls the six floors to the garden below. Sam goes to his dad's room to wake him, only to discover that he is gone. Fearful that it may be his father lying in the garden he struggles on his crutches downstairs only to discover that there is no one there. But someone is watching Sam and now Sam is in danger too.
3184	Feathers Cummings, Phil & Lesnie, Phil (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781760157357	The sandpiper stretched its wings in the chilling breeze. It knew it was time to leave...so it took flight. Follow the feathers as they fall along this exquisite journey of heartache, hope and home.
	Figgy series NEW SERIES 2018 Janu, Tasmin				Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
37994	Finding Gobi Leonard, Dion	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2017	9780008244521	Finding Gobi is the ultimate story of hope and friendship - proving time and time again, that dogs really are 'man's best friend'. In 2016, Dion Leonard, an ultramarathon runner, stumbled across a little stray dog while competing in a gruelling 155 mile race across the Gobi Desert. The pup earned the name 'Gobi' as she went step for step with Dion, keeping pace with him for nearly 80 miles. What Gobi lacked in size, she made up for in heart. Dion had always focused on winning, but as he witnessed the incredible determination of this small animal, he felt something inside him change. This is a story of a life changing friendship between one man and a little stray dog.
3947	Frankie Fish and the Sonic Suitcase Helliard, Peter & Vamos, Lesley (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2017	9781760128494	What do you do when your cranky-pants grandad builds a time machine and accidentally deleted the whole family? If you're Frankie Fish, you race against the clock to fix it! Twelve-year-old prankster Frankie must team up with his grumpy grandad to save the family after the old man accidentally stops himself from marrying Nanna- and wipes out the whole family. It's all down to Frankie and Grandad to put the past back together again. But can a young prankster and an old crank ever get along? And will Grandad's wonky time machine ever get them home?

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3586	Frogkisser Nix, Garth	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760293512	Anya and her older sister Morven are the Princesses of Trallonia. But life is not easy for the royal sisters, especially since their evil step-step-father Duke Rikard has arrived with plans of ruling the kingdom for himself. Worse still, he is a clever and powerful sorcerer whose latest spell has turned Morven's boyfriend Denholm into a frog! While Morven doesn't seem to even care about losing her friend, it's now up to Princess Anya, Ardent the talking royal dog and a magically transformed newt to save both Denholm and the Kingdom from the ambitions of the wicked Duke Rikard. Steeped in fairy tale lore, this book is a celebration of fantasy writing.
4007	Funny kid for president Stanton, Matt	HarperCollins Children's Books	2017	9780733335976	Max is the class clown always making everyone laugh. He is running for class president but has no special talents. As the election draws near, Max with the help of his friend Hugo, tries to run a fair and honest campaign. But there are scandals and sabotage. Max decides that being the funny kid may just help him win.
6652	Giant's necklace, The Morpurgo, Michael & Smith, Briony May (ill)	Walker Books	2016	9781406357127	It's the final day of the holidays, and Cherry resolves to collect the last few shells she needs to complete her necklace. She's determined it will be fit for a giant. Then the clouds roll in and the sea becomes a writhing grey monster and Cherry is cut off from the shore. The only way to escape is through an old tin mine deep in the rocks, which hides a ghostly secret of those who have gone before.
4321	Giants, trolls, witches, beasts: Ten tales from deep, dark woods Phillips, Craig	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760113261	Some fairy tales are about fairies, others are about unicorns, but there's none of those in this book. This beautifully illustrated graphic novel brings together fairy tales of the darker, scarier kind from all corners of the world. Full of monsters, trolls and witches these retellings will enchant those new to the tales and delight returning readers with its full colour pages and lively re-crafting of these classic stories.
3823	Gigantic book of genes, The Hendry, Lorna	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742034102	Look at the people in your family, do they all look similar? How closely are you related to your cousins, a chimpanzee and a banana? Whose fault is it that you cannot roll your tongue? Find out in the Gigantic book of genes.
4876	Girl who rode the wind, The Gregg, Stacy	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2016	9780008124311	Twelve-year-old Lola is desperate to become a jockey. And when her grandmother takes her to Italy for the summer, it seems like those dreams are coming true. The ultimate street race, the Palio, awaits her! But as Lola learns more about the Palio, she discovers dark family secrets that has hung over their name ever since the Second World War. Can Lola prove herself against the toughest of riders? And can she heal the heartbreak that has haunted her family all these years?

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3025	Goblin mafia wars: Wanted dead or deader Green,D C	Ford Street Publishing	2016	9781925272208	Goblin Mafia Wars is action packed, monster filled adventure that will have you hooked from the opening pages. You will laugh and you will squirm as the race to save the world's last dragon's eggs and halt a full blown goblin war gets under way. Can the dragons be saved? And will earth be spared?
4953	Goblins & ghosties: Stories of darkness from around the world Pearson, Maggie	Bloomsbury	2015	9781472913692	If you like stories that are a bit dark and creepy or make you jump when things go bump in the night then this is the book for you. Filled with traditional tales from around the world about ghosts and ghouls, the biggest problem might be getting to sleep after reading them. Including twenty-five tales about vampires, demon dogs, ghosts, brownies werewolves and much more this is a great book for all lovers of fairy tales, folk tales, and ghost stories and for those who just love the scary stuff!
33722	Godwits, The Pickworth, Bruce & Robertson, Lorraine (ill)	Bullawai Books	2016	9780994611802	A boy in China is waiting. The godwits will soon land on his favourite beach. But things are changing and there are plans to build houses on this very beach. Wei is determined this will not happen. A new leader has been chosen to lead the godwits from Australia to Wei's beach. Will the birds make it and will the beach still be there. A book about one brave bird and one heroic boy.
5063	Harry Kruize, born to lose Collins, Paul	Ford Street Publishing	2017	9781925272628	Harry Kruize is feeling the weight of the world on his shoulders. His father has left, starting another family elsewhere and he is the target of bullying at school, leaving him friendless and lonely. A term-long class assignment involving the writing down of personal wishes and documenting how they might be fulfilled allows Harry to tell his innermost feelings. He has six seemingly impossible wishes ranging from a normal family life, a dog, a friend, a certain bully to stop using him as a punching bag and to be an author. All of these will never happen or will they?
4976	Henry and the guardians of the lost Nimmo, Jenny	Egmont Childrens	2016	9781405280877	The yellow letter arrived on a Saturday, otherwise Henry would have been at school. The envelope was such a bright, sunny colour, no one would have believed that it contained a bombshell. Less than 10 minutes after the arrival of the mysterious letter, Henry is on the run with his Auntie Pearl, possibly never to return home. Henry has a secret. He is twelve, but he hasn't aged a day since the moment he was thrust a hundred years into the future. Now his secret has put him in danger. His only hope is the protection of the Guardians of the Lost.

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35596	How Lunchbox Jones saved me from robots, traitors and Missy the Cruel Brown, Jennifer	Bloomsbury	2015	9781681194417	Luke Abbott's school is the losing-est school in the history of losing. And that's just fine for him. He'd rather be at home playing video games and avoiding his older brother Rob and the Greatest Betrayal of All Time. But now he's being forced to join the robotics team, where surely he'll help uphold the school's losing streak. He'll also meet a colorful cast of characters, including: Mikayla, the girl who does everything with her toes; Jacob and Jacob, who aren't twins but might as well be; the sunflower seed-obsessed Stuart; and Missy the Cruel, Luke's innocent-looking bully since they were six-years-old. But it's an unlikely connection with a mysterious boy known only as "Lunchbox Jones" that will change Luke's life. Turns out, Luke and Lunchbox Jones have a lot more in common than just robots.
4962	Imagining the future Torok, Simon & Holper, Paul	CSIRO	2016	9781486302727	Get prepared for the fantastic future with this guide to the unbelievable and incredible inventions just over the horizon. Flying through time and flying in cars. Living underwater and living forever. Robot servants. 3D printed food. Wouldn't it be amazing if science fiction became science fact?
4961	Is this a poem? Stevens, Roger	Bloomsbury	2016	9781472920010	This book is full of many different types of poetry. There are advertising jingles, football chants and even raps. There are also some brilliant tips to help you write poetry of your own.
35607	Jehan and the quest of the lost dog Hawke, Rosanne & Stewart, Briony (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2017	9780702259609	Jehan has lost his home and family in a devastating flood in Pakistan. Lost and stuck in a tree he hears a dog barking. Jehan rescues the dog, Lali, and he's no longer alone, but she keeps paddling away from him, swimming further into the floodwaters. So Jehan is forced to follow her, but will the dog's quest lead them to safety, and to their families? Or to more danger?
2740	Last dragon charmer, The: Villian keeper McKay, Laurie	Harper	2015	9780062308443	Nothing is more important than slaying a dragon. It will make Prince Caden's father proud, and grant him the title of Elite Paladin like his seven older brothers. But there is one big thing standing in Caden's way: he has been mysteriously transported from his home in the Great Winterlands of Razzon to Asheville, North Carolina—a land with no magic and no dragons. Or so he thinks. When he learns of a missing girl who seems to know more about magic than she should, a math teacher who looks suspiciously like the most dangerous villain ever banished from Razzon, and a mysterious "She" feared by all the teachers at school, Caden begins to realize that there is unexpected and dangerous magic in this strange land. More important, there may just be dragons here, too. But what if Caden's destiny isn't to slay a dragon after all.

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1092	Lion: A long way home Brierley, Saroo	Penguin Books Australia	2013	9780143784760	It is hard to imagine being lost and not finding your way home again. Saroo Brierley became lost on a train in India at the age of 4. Not knowing the name of his family or where he was from, he survived for weeks on the streets of Kolkata, before being taken into an orphanage and adopted by an Australian couple. This is the story of Saroo's journey to finding his way back home, through his memories, using a map of India and poring over satellite images on Google Earth. This incredible true story is about one man's journey back to India to see if he could find his mother.
20479	Lost sapphire, The Murrell, Belinda	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925324112	Marli is staying with her dad in Melbourne, and missing her friends. Then she discovers a mystery- an abandoned mansion, Riversleigh, is to be returned to her family after many years. Marli sneaks into the locked garden to explore, and meets Luca, a boy who has his own connection to Riversleigh. In 1922, Violet is fifteen and lives at Riversleigh. Her life is filled with boating parties, picnics and extravagant balls. An army of servants looks after her family- including the young Russian chauffeur, Nikolai. Over one summer Violet must decide what is important to her.
3851	Lotterys plus one, The Donoghue, Emma	MacMillan	2017	9781509803194	Meet the Lotterys: a unique and diverse family featuring four parents, seven kids and five pets all living happily together in their big old house, Camelottery. Nine-year-old Sumac is the organizer of the family and is looking forward to a long summer of fun. But when their grumpy and intolerant grandad comes to stay, everything is turned upside down.
31810	M is for mutiny: History by alphabet Dickson, John & Emmerichs, Bern (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2017	9780994384119	A taste of the intriguing history of Australia and the many entry points for readers to explore further. In the late 18th century, ragtag groups of Europeans started to arrive in Australia. Most were convicts, some were soldiers, a few had just run out of choices. They blundered onto an ancient land that had been peopled for 60,000 years. They wanted to make it just like home. They cleared the land, they fenced it, they paved it, and they put buildings on it. All the while, the country's first peoples watched on, bewildered by these clumsy immigrants and their mysterious ways. Why did Sir Joseph Banks hate bananas? Did anyone like William Bligh? Who's afraid of Pemulwuy?

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39926	Marsh and Me Murray, Martine	Text Publishing Co	2017	9781925498011	There's a hill out the back of Joey's house. Hardly anyone goes there - it's not a beautiful place, just a covered-over old rubbish tip. But Joey likes it up there. It's his hill - somewhere he likes to go to wonder about life. He longs to be the best at something, to be a famous astronaut, or mountain climber, to stand out somehow. So when Joey discovers a tree house in an old peppercorn tree on the hill, he is annoyed that someone has invaded his special place. But he is also curious about who the intruder could be. But making contact isn't easy. The tree-house girl is wild and hostile and full of secrets. Joey needs to work out a way to win her over. And as he does, he finds a way to shine.
4098	May Tang: A new Australian Beikoff, Katrina	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781742990743	Born in the year of the snake, May Tang is a dreamer who will never be sensible and obedient like her elder sister Jie Jie or clever like her brother Peter. Her parents are worried by rumoured events in China, and May finds herself on her way to a new life in Sydney. It is so different that May wonders if she will ever be able to love her new country.
3752	Midnight gang, The Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2016	9780008188573	Tom is hit on the head by a cricket ball at boarding school and is promptly sent to hospital to recover from his injury. While there, he becomes involved with the adventures of The Midnight Gang, a gang of patients from the children's ward, who are under the strict control of the hospital's evil, children hating Matron and scarily deformed porter. Will the Midnight Gang accept Tom into the group and can they outsmart the wicked Matron and make all the gang's wildest dreams come true?
3078	Mr Bambuckle's remarkables Harris, Tim & Hart, James	Penguin Random House Australia	2017	9780143785859	When a new teacher arrives for the class in room 12B, the students are in for a surprise. Mr. Bambuckle is riding a unicycle and cooking his breakfast and already knows each student's name and background. He is just the teacher these students have always wanted, learning is fun and they do not even know they are doing it. Unfortunately, the principal is not so pleased and is doing all he can to replace Mr Bambuckle.
4189	My Australian story: Our race for reconciliation Heiss, Anita	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781760276119	It's 2000 and the Olympics are going to be held in Australia. In a year of surprises, enthusiastic runner Mel finds out that her hero Cathy Freeman is coming to talk at her school, and her family is heading to Sydney! It becomes an unforgettable journey to Corroboree 2000, bringing together all Australians as they march and sing to celebrate Australia's Indigenous heritage, and to acknowledge past wrongs.

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5099	New South Wales Tan, Linsie	Redback Publishing	2017	9780994624710	Dip into fascinating facts all about New South Wales. Did you know that there are about 100 plants and animals in NSW that are endangered or that people from over 220 countries live in NSW? Read these and many more interesting facts about NSW in this fascinating book.
3826	Numbers book, The Hendry, Lorna	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742034225	Numbers are amazing. They help us make sense of the world around us and we use them in lots of different ways every day. Find out just what numbers are in this fascinating book.
	Ottoline series NEW SERIES 2018 Riddell, Chris				Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
35606	Pip and Houdini Jones, J.C & Keys, Caroline (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760296056	After the death of her guardian, Sully, Pip has finally found a family who are planning to adopt her- at least they were until Pip gets into trouble AGAIN. Pip is sure she won't find a home with a regular family. There's only one place she might belong, and that's with the mother she has never met. With her faithful dog Houdini by her side, Pip sets off to find out what has happened to Cass. It's a journey filled with colourful characters, including a musical young woman and a friendly surfer. As Pip draws nearer to Byron Bay, is she prepared for what she will find when she gets there?
4456	Pippa's island: The beach shack cafe Murrell, Belinda	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2017	9780143783671	Pippa has just arrived at a new school, in a new town, and even living on a gorgeous island isn't cheering her up. Her arrival cause ripples at Kira Cove Primary School- but she soon starts to make friends with eco-warrior Meg, boho-chick Charlie, and fashionista and cupcake baker Cici. Pippa's mum plans to buy a rustic old boatshed and start a bookshop cafe. Pippa worries they'll use all their money in this madcap venture- until her new friends come to the rescue to help get the grand opening back on track.
3394	Podkin One-Ear Larwood, Kieran & Wyatt, David (ill)	Faber & Faber	2016	9780571328406	As the midwinter feast rolls on, the children gather to hear the storyteller tell tales of the Great warrior, Podkin one-ear. How will the greatest Rabbit that ever lived become the Hero? How will he escape the evil Gorm, and will the children be allowed to hear the end? An eternal story, and the start of a new adventure in the five realms of rabbits.
21483	Polly and Buster: Wayward Witch & the Feelings Monster, The Rippin, Sally	Hardie Grant Egmont	2017	9781760129019	In a world where witches can never be friends with monsters, Polly and Buster have managed to keep their friendship a secret. Until one day, when everything changes...

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13103	Radio Boy O'Connell, Christian & Biddulph, Rob (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2017	9780008183325	When Spike gets fired from hospital radio, he decides to launch his own show from a makeshift studio in his dad's shed, under the secret identity of Radio Boy. Spike quickly becomes an underground hit. But will he handle his newfound fame well? Is calling a homework strike a good idea? Will he impress Katherine Hamilton, the girl he wants to marry? Can he keep his identity a secret? The answers to these questions are inside this book. (SPOILER ALERT: mostly the answers are 'no'.)
4814	Ruben Whatley, Bruce	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781743810354	Ruben's dreams were of places that made no sense to him. Places that didn't exist. At least not anymore. Ruben lives in a safe place in a city that takes everything and gives nothing back. He begins to feel that he is in danger and ventures to Block City where he meets Koji. She too has been hiding from the dangers of the industrial city and its excesses. Ruben and Koji realise that if they combine their knowledge of how the city works they can find a way to escape . . . together.
5030	Say yes: Story of friendship, fairness and a vote for hope Castles, Jennifer & Seden, Paul (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2017	9781760294670	Once there were two little girls who were best friends. They did everything together. As they got older they weren't allowed to do the same thing anymore. Because they looked different. Because of the law. This is a story about the landmark 1967 Referendum, the two women who came together to change the law...and how the Australian people said yes.
21546	Scarlet and Ivy: Lights under the lake, The Cleverly, Sophie	HarperCollins Children's Books	2017	9780008218324	Locals say that at night the troubled souls buried in the ancient flooded graveyard no longer rest in peace...Twins Scarlet and Ivy Grey can't wait to sign up for the school trip and get away from lessons for a few days. But nothing is as it seems; the creepy lakeside hotel and the deep waters of Lake Seren hide dark secrets. Precious things disappear from their rooms, a malicious force leaves a trail of destruction and mysteries start to surface. If they ever hope to leave this place, the girls from Rookwood School must face the danger head on...
	See inside Usborne flap books series NEW SERIES 2018 Various				Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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4952	Serpents & werewolves: Stories of animal shape-shifters from around the world Don, Lari & Greenwold, Francesca (ill)	Bloomsbury	2015	9781472916341	Werewolves, talking snakes and cursed princes are the stuff of fairy tales. Stories that we have all heard and enjoyed but with a modern twist. Slimy, ugly frogs wanting a favour, playful sisters who tease their older brother, brides who cannot live with any secrets, and unusual household items that are best left untouched. Stories crafted to be read aloud and shared. Illustrated with simple silhouettes.
4069	Shop at Hoopers Bend, The Rodda, Emily	HarperCollins Australia	2017	9781460753668	Eleven-year-old Jonquil (known as Quil) Medway is a girl with more than an unusual name. Quil's parents died in a car accident when she was a baby and she now goes to boarding school. She spends her holidays with an aunt - or at camp, which is where Quil is heading when she decides to get off early at a train stop called Hoopers Bend. It is there that Quil meets Pirate, a chunky little white dog with black spots who immediately adopts her. Pirate has also adopted Bailey, a crabby older lady who has gone to Hoopers Bend to check out the shop that has been left to her by an uncle. There is something magical about the shop at Hoopers Bend though, and once it casts its spell on Quil and Bailey they are drawn together in an unlikely friendship. Together they join to fight to save the shop from developers.
3973	Short Goldberg Sloan, Holly	Scholastic Australia	2017	9781743816516	Julia is very short for her age, but by the end of the summer she'll realise how big she is inside, where it counts. This is the summer she gets cast as a munchkin in a production of The Wizard of Oz. Through some new friendships, and her turn in the spotlight, she finds that she may not be as tall as everyone else, but she more than deserves to hold her head high.
3890	Snot Chocolate and other funny stories Gleitzman, Morris	Puffin Australia	2016	9780143309222	Very Yummy Stories. Stop your mum picking her nose, read the secret diary of a dog, catch a bus and then let it go, discover how one slice of toast can make you the most popular person in school, start wearing a crown and give up eating pig-nostril gruel, use a wrecking ball to defeat a bully, show your big sister the very scary secret in your wardrobe, unleash the awesome power of chips, live in a house that gets wiped clean more often than a bottom. Funny stories from a favourite Australian author, Morris Gleitzman.
4996	Socks, sandbags and leeches: Letters to my Anzac dad Deeves, Pauline	National Library of Australia	2016	9780642278845	Ivy and her mother live in Australia, far away from where the Great War is raging. Ivy writes to her father, who is fighting overseas, all about life at home. About the socks and sandbags she and her friends make and the leeches they catch to sell to the hospital. The war keeps dragging on and she keeps on writing, hoping her dad returns safe.

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4944	Song from somewhere else, The Harrold, A.F. & Pinfold, Levi (ill)	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408853368	Frank doesn't know how to feel when Nick Underbridge rescues her from bullies one afternoon. No one likes Nick. He's big, he's weird and he smells- or so everyone in Frank's class thinks. And yet, there's something nice about Nick's house. There's strange music playing there, and it feels light and good and makes Frank feel happy for the first time in forever. But there's more to Nick, and to his house, than meets the eye, and soon Frank realises she isn't the only one keeping secrets. Or the only one who needs help.
4392	Spectacular Spencer Gray, The Fitzpatrick, Deb	Fremantle Press	2017	9781925164671	Spencer Gray is just an ordinary kid, but he manages to get into some pretty extraordinary situations. Playing soccer at school with his mates he accidentally uncovers a sinister operation and rescues a super-endangered marsupial, but in the process he risks becoming super-endangered himself.
4651	Startling story of Lachlan Macquarie, The: Founding father or failure Sedunary, Michael & Emmerichs, Bern (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2017	9780994384102	Lachlan Macquarie is celebrated for his inspired infrastructure building, as well as his enlightened treatment of convicts and emancipists. His treatment of the Aboriginal population, however, was far from enlightened. So how should history remember this towering figure of Australia's past- founding father or failure?
2931	Stick dog tries to take the donuts Watson, Tom	Harper	2016	9780062457158	Stick Dog and his team of strays are off on another outrageous canine caper. To snatch some breakfast treats for his hungry pals, Stick Dog will need to stop a moving truck, outfox a man on a telephone pole, and calm down a very caffeinated Karen. But that's not all. He'll also need to manage the greatest confrontation in history when his good friend Poo-Poo comes face-to-face with the ultimate enemy; a squirrel! With Stick Dog's smarts, daring, loyalty and patience he just might lead his buddies to the best breakfast ever.
5038	Stone man mysteries, The: Stone cold Yolen, Jane & Stemple, Adam & Zangara, Orion (ill)	Graphic Universe	2016	9781512411553	When a gargoyle comes to life and saves Craig from jumping to his death in the city of Edinburgh, Craig is pulled into a high paced world of murder, crime and mystery. A new crime fighting team that includes a hard-nosed priest, a demon gargoyle and a young boy is formed and they will need their wit, skills and a little luck to solve the mysterious murders that are plaguing the city's streets.

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4652	Super con-nerd Phommavanh, Oliver	Penguin	2017	9780143306535	Connor is happy to be a nerd, but when he reaches his selective school he finds there are better nerds, Super-nerds. His friends aren't around to support him and he hasn't any new ones. But slowly and because of an almost unwinnable challenge he finds new friends called the nerdy rejects, and he has time to pursue his real destiny- drawing comic books.
3968	Tale of rescue, The Rosen, Michael J. & Fellows, Stan (ill)	Candlewick Press	2015	9780763671679	When a blizzard traps a family outside in a whiteout, a cattle dog devises a stunning rescue in a moving, suspenseful, and gorgeously illustrated story.
4934	Tarin of the mammoths: Exile, The Sandhu, Jo	Penguin Books Australia	2017	9780143309376	Tarin longs to be a hunter, but his twisted leg means he is feared and bullied. After a disastrous mishap, Tarin is forced to leave his family and travel alone across wild, unknown land to save the Mammoth Clan. Battling the hostile and savage Boar Clan, a deadly illness, and treacherous terrain with twins Kaija and Luuka and their wolf cubs, Tarin realises that if they are to survive he must conquer his greatest fear- his inner self- and embrace the magic that is hiding within him.
23234	Ten pound pom Wilkinson, Carole & Anelli, Liz (ill)	Walker Books	2017	9781925381214	I don't want to come to Australia. I have just started grammar school. My best friend Sally goes there too. But it looks like there could be another war and Dad has convinced Mum to go. Because we're migrants, the voyage is costing Mum and Dad only 10 pounds each! My brother and I are travelling for free. It's a long way to Australia. What if we never come back to England?
	The Gateway series NEW SERIES 2018 Jones, Cerberus				Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The Royal Academy of Sport for Girls series NEW SERIES 2018 Sieveking, Laura				Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The secret histories series NEW SERIES 2018 French, Jackie				Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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5029	Timing the machine Crew, Gary & O'Sullivan, Paul (ill)	Harbour Publishing House	2016	9781922134530	Is H.G. Wells' legendary Time Machine still travelling into the past, the future, or lost somewhere in the here or now. Take the journey with Enoch as he tries to find out.
12620	Tracy Lacy is completely coo-coo bananas Lacy, Tania & McDonald, Danielle (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781760279820	I'm absolutely certain, well pretty sure, probably about 99.7% sure, that I maybe, nearly, might actually get through high school like a normal person. Follow the comedic horror of Tracy Lacy's discovery that her perfect plan for being normal is ruined, and the hilarious list of things to fix about herself, as she counts down the days to the start of high school. Is Tracy going to be able to overcome her completely coo-coo bananas-ness?
5056	Travel book, The Croft, Malcolm & Li, Maggie (ill)	Lonely Planet Publications	2017	9781743607718	Take a world tour through 200 countries with this travel book. It is packed full with thousands of amazing facts on wildlife, how people live, sports, hideous and mouth-watering food, festivals and a wide range of other quirky insights on every page. Every single country gets its own dedicated page, and a mixture of photographs and sensational illustrations bring each country to life.
41518	Usborne creative writer's handbook, The Daynes, Katie & Cullis	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2017	9781474922494	All the help you need to write better stories, blogs, scripts and poetry. Features lists of inspiring words and tips on editing and grammar. See how well-known writers put techniques into practice and try jotting out your own ideas on the blank pages at the back.
22698	Usborne Lift-the-flap: Periodic table James, Alice & Nielsen, Shaw (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2017	9781474922661	Everything in the entire Universe is made of just 118 elements - all listed together in a grid called the Periodic table. Delve inside this book to meet each one in great detail.
	Vet Cadets series NEW SERIES 2018 Johnson, Rebecca				Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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4756	What is poetry: The essential guide to reading and writing poems Rosen, Michael	Walker Books	2016	9781844287635	Over many years as a working poet, Michael Rosen has thought a great deal about what poems are, what they can do and the pleasure that comes from writing and reading poetry. In this invaluable handbook, he shares this knowledge and experience in book form for the very first time. Starting with a detailed analysis of a number of classic poems, he offers a real "writer's guide" to writing and performing poems, as well as a wealth of technical information and tips. He then takes a fascinating look at a selection of his own poems and explains how and why he wrote them. Complete with an appendix of poets and useful websites, and beautifully illustrated by award-winning artist Jill Calder, this is the only guide to poetry children and teachers will ever need.
3831	Who what when where why and how Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742034263	Have you ever wanted to know why does the wind blow or why do some people walk in their sleep, this is the book for you. Those tricky questions you have always wanted to be ask are answered here.
4006	Wombat warriors Wheeler, Samantha	University of Queensland Press	2017	9780702259586	When Mouse's parents head away to Ireland she is packed off to spend the winter in South Australia with her Aunt Evie. But what Mouse thought was going to be a dull winter turns into an adventure she never expected. When Mouse makes friends with the local wombats she couldn't be happier but as she learns more about her new surroundings she finds out that others don't feel as kindly towards the cuddly wombats as she does. Desperate to save the wombats from farmers whose fences the wombats destroy, Mouse begins a journey that will change not only her life but the lives of people and wombats everywhere.
38097	World's worst children 2, The Walliams, David and Ross, Tony (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2017	9780008259679	It appears there are more Worst Children in this world than was first expected. This is a collection of ten shocking short stories about children who are rude, disgusting and nasty. Children you are going to wish you never knew existed. Children you wish you would never have to meet. Stories that will make you snort with laughter and look at your classmates more carefully now.
3743	Wormwood mire Rossell, Judith	ABC Books	2017	9780733333019	When Stella Montgomery returned to the Hotel Majestic cold and wet but exhilarated by adventure, the Aunts were furious. Now they are sending Stella away to the old family home at Wormwood Mire, where she must live with two strange cousins and their governess. But within the overgrown grounds of the mouldering house, dark secrets slither and skulk, and soon Stella must be brave once more if she's to find out who - or what - she really is...This is the thrilling and magical sequel to multi-award-winning novel, Withering-by-Sea.

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4932	Young magicians and the thieves' almanac, The Mohammed, Nick	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2017	9780141376998	Zack, Sophie, Johnny and Alex have their holiday all planned, they want to learn about card tricks and picking locks at the world famous Magic Circle Club. Suddenly their plans vanish in a puff of smoke when they have to deal with a difficult club president, a stagehand ghost and a crime right under their noses. Join these young magicians as they step inside an adventure that may or may not involve the search for a secret book and a set of impossible crimes.