



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
34251	1841 Do you dare: Bushranger's boys, The Lloyd, A	Penguin Books Australia	2014	9780143307563	When Captain Ross shoots Jem's dog, Jem dreams of retribution. So, when a bushranger takes the Captain's horse and clothes, Jem isn't a bit upset, although he is still stuck on the Captain's homestead, far from the only family he knows. But, Alfie, the cook's son, and his mate, Tommy, an Aboriginal boy, become Jem's staunch supporters, even when his decisions aren't so smart. Join the three boys as they hole up in a secret hideout, rescue a puppy and meet a real live bushranger.
35728	1844 Do you dare: Last horse race, The Moloney, J	Penguin Books Australia	2014	9780143307822	Within the rough and ready frontier settlement of Moreton Bay, which later became the city of Brisbane, Toby and his mates roam free, and linger at the fringes of the grown-up world. They are particularly interested in horse racing. But, it's a dangerous world and when Toby decides to take part in a race through the streets, he doesn't realise it will be a matter of life and death.
18878	1931 Do you dare: Tough times Mitchell, S	Penguin Books Australia	2014	9780143308010	During the Great Depression, when his father loses his job, Tom Parker sets out to save his family from eviction. He confronts bullies, financial hardship and prejudice but his determination and never-say-die attitude is as strong as his loyalty to his family.

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44506	300 minutes of danger Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781760154035	George is trapped in a falling aeroplane, with no engine and no pilot. Milla is covered with radioactive waste and her hazard suit is running out of air. Otto is in the darkest depths of the ocean, where something hungry is circling. Ten dangerous situations, ten brave kids and thirty minutes to escape.
9727	Alice's food A-Z Zaslavsky, Alice	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9781922179388	Dip in and taste, in this edible adventure. Packed to the brim with funny food facts and clever cooking tips, as well as kid-friendly recipes, this book is ideal for the fact-hungry, the food-obsessed or those who just like to mess about in the kitchen.
7000	Animalium Broom, Jenny & Scott, Katie (ill)	Templar Publishing	2014	9781783700608	Welcome to the virtual museum. Wander the six galleries, which present the animal kingdom - Invertebrates, Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds and Mammals. Each chapter features a different branch of the tree of life, from the simple sponge to the enormous elephant.
26566	ANZAC heroes Gill, Maria & Ivancic, Marco (ill)	Scholastic New Zealand	2016	9781775433637	From nurse and pilot to soldier and spy, find out about thirty ANZAC heroes, who risked everything, left everything and lost everything as they participated in World Wars I and II.
46921	ANZAC sons: Five brothers on the Western Front Marlow Paterson, Allison	Big Sky Publishing	2015	9781925275148	The Great War was a senseless tragedy that brought sorrow to families all over the world. This is the story five brothers who served, compiled from over five hundred letters and postcards, written from the battle front. From the training grounds of Victoria, Egypt and England, to the Western Front battlefields, this compelling, true story was compiled by the granddaughter of a surviving brother. This is a story of mateship, bravery and sacrifice, and a heartbreaking account of a family torn apart by war.
15481	Apprentice witch, The Nicol, James	Chicken House	2016	9781910655153	Arianwyn fails her witch's assessment. To the delight of her arch-rival, Gimma, Arianwyn is awarded the dull bronze disc of an apprentice and, in disgrace, sent to protect the remote, dreary town of Lull. But, Arianwyn's new life is far from boring. Dark spirits and strange creatures creep out of the wood. And just as Arianwyn starts to get her feet under her, shadows start to creep into her own magic.
10192	Artie and the grime wave Roxburgh, Richard	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760292140	Artie and his best friend, Bumshoe, have stumbled upon a Cave-of-Possibly-Stolen-Stuff, and a gang of shady characters, including scary Mary, fang-toothed Funnel-web and the devious Mayor Grime. Artie and Bumshoe's attempt to solve the mystery sparks a chaotic chain of events that involves kidnapping, puppy-dog cutlets, modern art and pioneering the sport of the bungee-wedgie.
3000	Auggie & me Palacio, R J	Corgi Books	2015	9780552574778	Three different characters - Julian, the bully, oldest friend Christopher and classmate, Charlotte - give an insight into how August (Auggie) Pullman, a facially disfigured boy, touched and transformed their lives. A companion book to Wonder.

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6357	Awful Auntie Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2014	9780007453610	Stella Saxby is the sole heir to Saxby Hall. But, awful Aunt Alberta and her giant owl will stop at nothing to get it from her. Luckily, Stella has a secret, and slightly spooky, weapon up her sleeve.
15466	Barney and the secret of the whale French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2016	9780732299446	Barney Bean is keen to make his fortune and he hears a secret. A sailor's secret about the treasure of the colony. But, Barney wonders how chasing whales can make you rich, and whether an adventure at sea is worth leaving everything he loves.
1915	Beetle boy Leonard, M G & Sarda, Julia (ill)	Chicken House	2016	9781910002704	When his dad mysteriously goes missing from his job as Director of Science at the Natural History Museum, Darkus Cuttle moves in with his eccentric uncle. Next door live two lunatic cousins with an enormous beetle infestation. But, the beetles are anything but ordinary. They're an amazing, intelligent super species, and they're in danger of being exterminated. Darkus and his friends must save the beetles. But, they're up against the mad scientist of fashion and haute couture, Lucretia Cutter, who has dastardly plans for the bugs.
21855	Being Jack Gervay, Susanne & Wilcox, Cathy (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2014	9780732296148	Jack is in Year 6 now and still loves his photography, surfing and crazy family. Things are going well for him, particularly at school where he isn't bullied any more. But, he notices that his best friend, Christopher, is starting to miss school, hiding out and avoiding everyone. When a football match turns ugly and Jack and Christopher witness some unfair dirty play, they know that, again, the bullying has to stop.
24183	Beth: the story of a child convict Wilson, Mark	Lothian Books	2016	9780734416773	After being caught stealing on the streets of London, Beth is sent to Australia as a child convict on the First Fleet. Through Beth's story, we discover the unbearable hardships those first convicts suffered, not only on the long journey to Sydney Cove but also in the two years of near-famine following their arrival. A story inspired by the life of the youngest female convict with the First Fleet.
14259	Bird Martin Vidal, Beatriz	Simply Read Books	2015	9781927018644	Let your imagination fly in this evocative, wordless picture book.
45953	Birds of prey close up Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742033341	Take a closer look at these amazing predators. They use their keen eyesight, curved beaks, sharp talons and powerful legs to hunt, capture and kill their prey.
3585	Black Lotus, The Fanning, Kieran	Chicken House	2015	9781909489929	Ghost, Cormac and Kate are junior recruits of the Black Lotus, an underground school for ninjas. When a powerful weapon is stolen, the three of them must battle through sixteenth-century Japan and present-day New York to stop a power-hungry shogun from destroying the city. Betrayal and the testing of friendships combine in a battle for world supremacy.

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9757	Black Sunday McHugh, Evan	Omnibus Books	2016	9781743627990	Nipper only wants to be one thing, a lifesaver. In his world, they're larger than life, walking, talking heroes. Nipper's too young but he starts to train in secret, challenging himself in the Bondi surf. But, his secret comes to light one hot Sunday in 1938, a day that has become infamous in Australia's history. Based on a true story.
34248	Book of Australian birds Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742034010	Australia is a large country with a wide range of climates and habitats. Our island continent is home to animals not found anywhere else. Many of these are birds and they are among the most recognisable creatures on Earth. Welcome to the fascinating world of Australian birds.
31568	Book of Australian minibeasts, The Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742034126	Australia is a large country with a wide range of climates and habitats. Our island continent is home to spiders, bugs, beetles and all sorts of other creepy-crawlies not found anywhere else. Welcome to the fascinating world of Australian mini beasts.
24511	Boomerang and bat Greenwood, Mark & Denton, Terry (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781743319246	In 1868, a determined team of Aboriginal stockmen set off on a journey across the world to take on England's best cricketers. Led by star all-rounder Johnny Mullagh and wearing caps, embroidered with a boomerang and a bat, the team delighted crowds with their exceptional skills. The men were the first Australian cricket team to tour England and this is their story.
895	Botanicum Wills, Kathie & Scott, Katie (ill)	Templar Publishing	2016	9781783703944	This museum is open all hours. It houses an extraordinary collection of plants, from tiny algae to fascinating carnivores. Gloriously coloured fungi and lichens are here, too. Find out why some plants are green and others are not, how some plants live in water while others are suspended in mid-air, and how some plants feed on flesh. Plants give us some of our biggest, smallest, oldest and smelliest forms of life on Earth. Experience a virtual museum through this fascinating and beautiful book.
2735	Boy who sailed ocean in an armchair, The Williamson, Lara	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2015	9781409576327	Eleven year old Becket Rumsey is all at sea. In the middle of the night, his dad has run away with him and his brother, Billy. They've left everything behind, including their almost-mum, Pearl, who gives great hugs. Their father tells them they need not contact Pearl, not even to say goodbye, and that they're starting at a new school after their holiday. Becket just wants is his family to be whole again. With lots of stories, one thousand paper cranes and a snail, Beckett is determined to make his wish come true.
33951	Butterflies close up Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2014	9781742033044	Butterflies undergo one of the most amazing transformations experienced by any living creature. Take a closer look at these beautiful, flying insects.

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34385	Circle Baker, Jeannie	Walker Books	2016	9781406338010	Each year, bar-tailed godwits undertake the longest migration of any bird. They fly from Australia and New Zealand to their breeding grounds in the Arctic, and then back again. The godwits follow invisible pathways that have been followed for thousands of years, while braving hunger and treacherous conditions to reach their destination.
13788	Coral reef book, The Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742034140	Coral reefs have existed for millions of years and are found in tropical waters around the world. These ecosystems are home to a diverse range of animals and plants. Australia's Great Barrier Reef is the longest barrier reef in the world, stretching for more than two thousand kilometres. Find out about the beautiful, colourful and richly diverse world of coral reefs.
2969	Countdown to danger: Bullet train disaster Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781760159627	You're strapped tightly into your seat on the bullet train. The mountain track is so steep, the aisle is a staircase. As the train accelerates at top speed, a passenger slips out of his seat and begins to fall to the back of the train. He will probably die. It's time to decide whether to unstrap yourself to save him or stay in your seat. Countdown the minutes towards your survival or demise.
8261	Countdown to danger: Shockwave Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781760159634	You're swimming through the ocean, trying to escape dangerous mercenaries who have planted a bomb on the mainland. Behind you, getting closer, is the largest shark you've ever seen. An explosion rips out from the shoreline and a massive wave flings you closer to the stunned shark's open mouth. You don't have much time and you need to get to land. It's time to decide whether to keep swimming or climb onto the shark's back and ride to shore.
2975	Crenshaw Applegate, Katherine	HarperCollins Children's Books	2015	9780007951185	When Jackson's father becomes ill and cannot work, the family is struggling to pay the rent or buy food. When it seems they could lose everything and face homelessness, Crenshaw, Jackson's imaginary cat, comes back into his life to help them.
9785	Crystal run, The O'Flanagan, Sheila	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2016	9781444927061	When Joe accidentally runs through a portal, he lands in a camp training teenagers to become Runners. Each cycle, three Runners are sent to place the power sources that will secure the shield that protects their land and keeps the enemy away. Once this is done, a toxin is released into their bodies and the Runners die. No one is permitted to return through the shield and nobody can remain in enemy territory. It's Joe's turn on the next Run. He is desperate to return to Earth.
2982	Cyclone French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781743623596	On Christmas Eve in 1974, tropical cyclone Tracy devastated the city of Darwin. It caused massive destruction and trauma. This is the story of the city's indomitable spirit and life after the cyclone.

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	Deadly D & Justice Jones series NEWS SERIES 2017 Prince, Scott & Hartley, 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.
4719	Dog lost Ramage, Jan & Simmonds, Brian (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2015	9781922081612	A wandering dog, a cattle dog, a dog that loves the land. With master by his side, the wilderness is no stranger. Until the storm comes.
21749	Dog, Ray, The Coggin, Linda	Hot Key Books	2015	9781471403194	Twelve year old Daisy has just died in a car crash. But, in a twist of fate and through a heavenly bureaucratic mistake, Daisy ends up in the body of a dog. She may now be inhabiting a dog's body but, inside, Daisy is still very much Daisy - bouncy, loyal, positive and energetic. Daisy's only thought is to somehow reunite with her parents, who she knows will be missing her. This is how she meets Pip, a boy who is homeless and on his own journey.
20711	Dr Karl's big book of amazing animals Kruszelnicki, Dr Karl	MacMillan	2016	9781743547434	From creepy crawlies and the world under the water to the biggest, longest, loudest, sleepest and stinkiest animals of all. Here are lots of facts to astonish, puzzle and perplex, codes to crack, things to draw and colour, odd ones out, and differences to spot,
40734	Dragonfly song Orr, Wendy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760290023	The firstborn baby daughter of a priestess is cast out and, after raiders kill her adopted family, she is abandoned, anonymous and mute. Called No-Name, the cursed child, she is raised a slave. At twelve, she learns that her real name is Aissa, the dragonfly. Every year, the Bull King takes two young children to brave the bloody bull dances in his royal court. None has ever returned. But, for Aissa, it is the only escape. She is resilient, resourceful and fast but, to survive the bull ring, Aissa will have to learn the mystery of her true nature.
	Dragonkeeper series Wilkinson, Carole				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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35460	Dropping In Havel, Geoff	Fremantle Press	2015	9781925162219	Sticks and Ranga live on the same street, go to the same school and love skateboarding and PlayStation. When new kid James arrives in his wheelchair, Sticks isn't sure they can be friends. But, Sticks quickly discovers that while Cerebral palsy stops James from doing some things, it hasn't dulled his sense of humour, and he's pretty brainy, too. The one thing James can't do is skateboarding. But, a beat-up old couch, a couple of skateboards and a steep hill might solve the problem.
	Dummies Junior series NEW SERIES 2017 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.
9961	Elephant man Di Fiore, Mariangela & Hodnefeld, Hilde (ill) & Hedger, Rosie (trans)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760292201	Joseph doesn't look like other people. His skin is thick and lumpy, his limbs are oddly shaped, and his head has a big, bony lump. People call him Elephant Man and scream in terror when they see him. But, inside, Joseph longs for a friend to understand him. Based on the famous, true story of Joseph Merrick.
11696	Elizabeth and Zenobia Miller, Jessica	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781925355031	Timid Elizabeth and her unusual, fearless friend, Zenobia, arrive at Witheringe House, the old manor where Elizabeth's father and his beloved sister, Tourmaline, lived as children. Peculiar things begin to happen, especially in the forbidden East Wing. Sometimes, the flowers and vines of the wallpaper seem to be alive. A mirror has a surface like the water of a pond and an old book tells a different story after midnight. Zenobia is thrilled by the strangeness but Elizabeth is not so bold. Until she makes a mysterious and terrifying discovery.
	Ellyse Perry series NEW SERIES 2017 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.
	Exploding endings series NEW SERIES 2017 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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3857	Explore Australia: the kid edition Scott, Janine	Explore Australia	2015	9781741174908	A travel guide for kids covering destinations and activities all around the country. Packed with fun facts, beguiling history and tips on what to see and do, the guide is organised into state chapters, highlighting the top attractions in each capital city and a range of holiday regions. There are also sections on weird place names, how to read maps and Aussie road signs.
1847	Family with two front doors, The Ciddor, Anna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781925266641	Nomi is one of nine children living in Poland in the 1920s. Their family is so large, they need to live across two apartments. Their father is a Rabbi and there are many customs to follow, many revolving around food. But, the biggest adventure of all is when big sister Adina is told she is to be married, at the age of fifteen, to someone she has never met. Based on the author's real family, the Rabinovitches dance, laugh and cook their way through an extraordinary life in 1920s Poland.
10763	Figgy and the President Janu, Tamsin	Omnibus Books	2016	9781742991559	Figgy and Nana love to talk about their future. Nana wants to be President of Ghana. Deciding on a career isn't as easy for Figgy but, then, she lands the role of a lifetime as an actress in a film. When Figgy's Mama shows up, sick and expecting a baby, and Nana's father takes him away, Figgy has more important things to think about, and some growing up to do.
22546	Five children on the Western Front Saunders, Kate	Faber & Faber	2014	9780571310951	The sequel to 'Five children and It' is set on the eve of the First World War. The five children have grown up and the war will change their lives for ever. The sand fairy has become a creature of stories until he suddenly reappears. The siblings are pleased to have something to take their minds off the war but, this time, the Psammead is here for a reason, and his magic might have a more serious purpose.
	Fizzlebert Stump series NEW SERIES 2017 Harrold, A F & Horne, Sarah (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.
8576	For keeps: Treasury of stories, poems and plays, A Various	NSW Department of Education	2016	9780731387465	A treasury of stories, poems and plays celebrating one hundred years of The School Magazine. Discover some of the finest writing and illustration from the pages of the longest running children's magazine in the world. Meet larrikins and chatterboxes, brave hearts and lost souls, best mates and wise elders. Encounter ghosts and fairies, monsters and aliens, a cranky parrot and a talking carrot.

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1919	Forward march Mattingley, Christobel & Kennett, David (ill)	Omnibus Books	2016	9781742990804	On ANZAC Day in Australia, people of all ages and nationalities gather at war memorials for the dawn service and line city streets to watch the march. This national day of mourning and commemoration honours the men and women who returned from war, and those who did not.
2675	Four-fingered man, The Jones, Cerberus	Hardie Grant Egmont	2015	9781760120283	When Amelia's parents decide to reopen an old hotel, she and her new friend, Charlie, quickly discover that there's more to The Gateway than meets the eye. Not only is it creepy, cavernous and run by a cranky caretaker called Tom, but the guests aren't your typical human visitors.
9765	Fourteenth summer of Angus Jack, The Storer, Jen & Gifford, Lucinda (ill)	ABC Books	2015	9780733334436	Since moving to Australia with their father, Angus Jack and his sister, Martha, have moved house constantly. They end up living next door to a peculiar old lady called Reafen, who runs a second-hand shop, full of strange and weird objects. To Angus and Martha, Reafen seems harmless enough. But, Reafen draws Angus into her world of ancient feuds, Wild Magick, the secret dealings of vikings and goblins, and all those who have lived in the Old Realm.
6684	Freddy Tangles: Champ or chicken Brand, Jack & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760110352	Freddy Tangles is in trouble with everybody, again. New boy, Hugo, initially very popular, has become a bully and turned Freddy's friends against him. Freddy will have to do something spectacular to prove he's no chicken and win back his friends.
8068	Freddy Tangles: Legend or loser Brand, Jack & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760110345	Freddy Tangles and his friends are in danger. No one is scarier than the big bully, Sid Malone. Freddy must come up with a plan but this will be difficult because he's even afraid of his little sister.
12013	Frieda, a new Australian Musgrove, Marianne	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742991146	Frieda, her sickly mother and her father travel from Germany to Australia, looking for a better life. Nervous and excited about Adelaide, a drought-stricken town with hordes of flies and barefoot children, Frieda is keen to make friends. But, as the First World War takes hold, the Germans are now seen as the enemy. Rumours begin to circulate that Frieda's father is a spy. Frieda has her own battles to fight. She begins to wonder whether she should change her name and hide all trace of her culture.
41059	Frogs closeup Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742033990	Frogs go through an amazing transformation during their life cycle and are well adapted to living on land and in water. Take a closer look at these incredible amphibians.
6648	Gangsta Granny Walliams, David	HarperCollins Children's Books	2011	9780007371440	Ben is bored beyond belief after he is made to stay at his Grandma's house. She's the boringest Grandma ever. All she wants to do is to play Scrabble and eat cabbage soup. But, there are two things that Ben doesn't know about his Grandma. They involve an international jewel thief and stealing the Crown Jewels.

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6346	George Gino, Alex	Scholastic US	2015	9780545812542	When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But, George knows she's a girl. She secretly calls herself Melissa and loves to read her hidden stash of magazines, with ads for lipstick and perfume. George desperately wants to win the role of Charlotte in her class's production of Charlotte's Web so that her mum will finally see her as a girl, and accept that she's transgender. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan, not just to be Charlotte but to let everyone know who she is, once and for all.
32671	Get coding Whitney, David & Beedie, Duncan (ill)	Walker Books	2016	9781406366846	In this fun guide to coding for beginners, learn how to develop real coding skills by following step by step instructions and completing six exciting missions. Code your own website, app and game, and learn html, CSS and JavaScript.
4357	Grandpa's great escape Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2015	9780008135195	Jack's Grandpa wears his slippers to the supermarket, serves up tinned tongue for dinner and often doesn't remember Jack's name. But, he can still take to the skies in a speeding Spitfire and save the day.
13821	Gumnut babies: 100 years Gibbs, May	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2016	9781460752555	Celebrate the publication of May Gibbs's first book, Gumnut babies, in 1916. This collector's book includes seven stories - Gumnut babies, Gum-Blossom babies, Flannel Flowers and Other Bush Babies, Boronia babies, Wattle Babies, Nuttybub and Nittersing, and Chucklebud and Wunkydoo.
7940	Guys read: Terrifying tales Scieszka, Jon (ed) & Grimley, Gris (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2015	9780062385574	A bone-chilling collection of eleven original ghost stories, perfect for sharing around the campfire, reading under the covers with a flashlight and scaring your friends' pants off. A creepy-fun read, if you're brave enough.
4130	Here comes trouble Bates, Dianne	Dragon Tales Publishing	2015	9780992523961	Nine year old Sam is always in trouble. He has a kind heart but more challenges than most children his age. After getting into trouble with the police, Sam thinks things can't get any worse. But, it seems that this is just the beginning.
4520	Historium Nelson, Jo & Wilkinson, Richard (ill)	Templar Publishing	2015	9781783701889	Welcome to the virtual museum. The galleries, which are based on the geographical location of the archaeological finds, include Africa, America, Asia, Europe, The Middle East and Oceania. See objects of beauty, objects of functionality, objects of war, objects of life, death and burial. As you wander from room to room, explore the magnificence of what civilisations have left behind over thousands of years of human history.
30126	Honey bees close up Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2014	9781742033440	Not only do bees provide us with honey and beeswax, they are responsible for much of the food we depend on every day. Take a closer look at these important insects.

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3701	How to speak dolphin Rorby, Ginny	Scholastic US	2015	9780545676052	Lily's life seems to revolve around her half-brother, Adam, who has autism. She has little time for friends or activities. Her stepfather doesn't acknowledge that Adam needs to attend a special school and Lily has yet to get over the grief of losing her mother in a car accident. When Adam meets Nori, a young dolphin with cancer, they bond instantly. But, Lily wants to get real help for Adam and help Nori to regain her freedom, without betraying her family.
35705	Hunters and hunted Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2014	9781742033365	The animal kingdom is a dangerous place, especially at mealtimes. While hunters are out searching for their dinner, the hunted are using all sorts of tricks just to stay alive. Welcome to the frightening and dangerous world of the hunters and the hunted.
21272	Imaginary, The Harrold, A F & Gravett, Emily (ill)	Bloomsbury	2014	9781408852460	Rudger is Amanda's best friend. He doesn't exist but nobody's perfect. Only Amanda can see her imaginary friend. That is, until the sinister Mr Bunting arrives at Amanda's door. Mr Bunting hunts imaginaries. Rumour says that he eats them. And, he's sniffed out Rudger. Soon, Rudger is alone and running for his imaginary life. A boy who isn't there will have trouble surviving without a friend to dream him up.
1897	Incredible powers of Montague Towers, The Sunderland, Alan	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781760153649	Ageing superhero, the Cape of Justice, asks Montague's help to deal with his pursuers who are using cryptic messages. Over six days, Montague is endowed with a new super power each day - superpower, hypnotic power, invisibility, laser vision, flight and, finally, super speed. When Monty's nose twitches and he sneezes, the next superpower arrives. But, Monty doesn't time his sleuthing well, sometimes with disastrous results, as he searches for the evil Lord Bentwordle, who is trying to commit the crime of the century.
14962	Iris and the tiger Hall, Leanne	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781925240795	Twelve year old Iris is sent to Spain to ensure that her elderly and unusual aunt leaves her fortune and sprawling estate to Iris's scheming parents. From the moment she arrives, Iris knows something isn't right and that her aunt is hiding something. There's an odd feeling around the house, where time moves slowly and Iris's eyes play tricks on her. In the wild, untamed forest, a mysterious animal moves in the shadows. When Iris discovers a painting, she sets out to uncover the animal's real identity, putting her life in terrible danger.

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6089	Island of lost horses, The Gregg, Stacy	HarperCollins Australia	2015	9780007580279	When twelve year old Beatriz stumbles across a wild mare with strange markings, she can't believe it's real. Yet, from that moment on, the strongest connection grows between them, and Beatriz begins to uncover an incredible history. Centuries ago, Felipa and her horse, Cara Blanca, were running for their lives. As the fates of Beatriz, Felipa and their horses become entwined, Beatriz realises that the future of the world's rarest horses depends on her.
2930	Journey, The Sanna, Francesca	Flying Eye Books	2016	9781909263994	To escape the turmoil and tragedy brought by war, a family leaves their home and everything they know to embark on a very long journey,
2788	Julius Zebra: Bundle with the Britons Northfield, Gary	HarperCollins Australia	2016	9781406365870	From a smelly watering hole, deep in the heart of the Serengeti, to the ferocious clamour of the Colosseum, join Julius Zebra and his motley menagerie of friends as they gear up to be gladiators. Only if they win the love of the Roman crowds will they win back their freedom.
10258	Julius Zebra: Rumble with the Romans Northfield, Gary	Walker Books	2015	9781406354928	Meet Julius Zebra. We all know zebras are handsome, eat lots of grass and are always getting eaten by lions. Let's face it, they can be a bit boring and stupid, too. But, a tussle with a grumpy gladiator can change a zebra. So, cheer on our stripey hero, Julius, as he scraps for survival in history's deadliest theatre, the Colosseum. Just don't call him a horse or Debra.
18156	Laugh your head off again Various	Pan MacMillan	2016	9781743549872	Nine short and funny stories by some of Australia's award-winning writers of humour. Read about a mischief-making monkey, the perfect pie, a trouble-attracting Great Dane, an unlikely corn chip, a displaced King and lots of other funny things.
4873	Laugh your head off: Funny stories for all kinds of kids Various & Innocent, Andrea (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2015	9781743537879	Nine short and funny stories by some of Australia's award-winning writers of humour. Some stories have a funny twist at the end, others are based around hilarious situations. But, all are very amusing and very enjoyable.
23610	Lily in the mirror Hayes, Paula	Fremantle Press	2016	9781925163872	Lily loves all things dark and mysterious. So, when she discovers a magic mirror in a locked room, it seems like a dream come true. With a new friend who needs her help and an older brother who needs to get a life, Lily will require all eleven fingers at her disposal, plus a hefty slice of Grandad's chocolate cake, to fix a long-forgotten mystery that's very close to home.

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30678	Lizzie and Margaret Rose Rushby, Pamela	Omnibus Books	2016	9781742991528	In 1940, bombs are falling in London. Ten year old Margaret Rose survives a deadly raid but her family and home are destroyed. In faraway Townsville in Queensland, Margaret's aunt is ready to take her in but her cousin, Lizzie, is not so sure and certainly doesn't want to share her room. But, first, Margaret Rose must undertake a long and dangerous voyage to a strange country, also at war. She knows it's not going to be easy, and Lizzie's not about to make it any easier.
1638	Lots Martin, Marc	Viking Children's	2016	9780670078943	Come on a guided tour around the world and discover the many things that make each place unique. Sleepy sloths, colourful cows, prolific pastries, staggering skylines and teeming traffic; you'll be surprised what you find along the way. There' so much to discover, experience and learn from our planet.
39254	Mad about monkeys Davey, Owen	Flying Eye Books	2015	9781909263574	Find out about the many different types of monkeys, from the smallest Pygmy Marmoset to the largest Mandrill. Discover where monkeys come from, their social life and order, how they use tools, and how deforestation threatens their populations. You'll soon be raving mad about monkeys.
9844	Magrit Battersby, Lee & Daoud, Amy (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925081343	Magrit lives in an abandoned cemetery. She is as forgotten as the tiny graveyard that surrounds her. One night, a passing stork drops a strange bundle into the graveyard. Master Puppet, her friend and advisor, tells her it is an awful, ugly, terrible thing and she should get rid of it. But, Magrit has other ideas.
8470	Malkin Moonlight Cox, Emma	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408870846	Malkin is a small, black cat with a magnificent tail, who's destined to be a hero. He just doesn't know it yet. In his third life, Wild Malkin falls in love with Roux, a Domestic cat, who likes the comforts of home. Together, they explore the night and have adventures. When Roux's owners decide to move away, she chooses to become a Wild and stay with Malkin. Setting out to find a new home, they stumble across a recycling centre full of cats at war. An extraordinary adventure awaits as Malkin tries to bring peace to the land.
28379	Maps Mizielinski, Aleksandra & Mizielinski, Daniel	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2014	9781760065416	Travel the world without leaving home. Fifty two lavishly illustrated maps detail not only geographical features and political borders but also places of interest, iconic personalities, native animals and plants, local peoples, cultural events, and many more fascinating facts associated with each region. This book is a celebration of the world, from its immense mountains to its tiny insects, and everything in between.

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	Matilda saga series NEW SERIES 2017 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.
1872	Me, Teddy McKimmie, Chris	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760291334	I am Teddy. This is my scrap book. It's about me growing up from a tiny puppy, with a boofy head and big, brown, melty eyes, to a big black labrador, weighing forty kilos, and still with a boofy head and big, brown, melty eyes. This is me, Teddy.
41350	Mechanica: a beginner's field guide Balchin, Lance	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760401085	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. Welcome to the world of Mechanica.
43423	Most magical girl, A Foxlee, Karen & MacKay, Elly (ill)	Knopf Publishing Group	2016	9780553512861	In 1867 London, twelve year old Annabel Grey is primed for a life as a proper young lady. But, when she is placed in the care of two ageing great aunts who run a magic shop, Annabel is thrust into a world of potions, broomsticks, wands and wizards. Evil Mr Angel and his terrifying dark magic extracting machine want to put an end to good magic for ever. The wizards have dreamt of Annabel, the most magical girl, to save London. But, Annabel doesn't even believe in magic or understand the strange powers inside her.
2886	Mrs Whitlam Pascoe, Bruce & Gibbs, Tracey (ill)	Magabala Books	2016	9781925360240	Marnie Clark adores horses and helps out at the local riding stables. She dreams of owning a horse but her Dad is out of work and the family is very poor. Through sad circumstances, Marnie is gifted Mrs Margaret Whitlam, a beautiful Clydesdale, who is bold, fearless and able to jump anything. From the very first ride, Marnie and Maggie get more adventure than they bargained for. Soon, Marnie is learning to negotiate newfound friendships, the pony club and how to stand up for what she believes in.
30982	My brother Huxley, Dee & Huxley, Oliver (ill) & Huxley, Tiffany (des)	Working Title Press	2016	9781921504853	When a grieving brother sets out to find his lost sibling, his quest takes him on an ethereal journey across land and sea. He visits fantastic, floating cities and medieval towns, vast open grasslands and eerie, silent forests. Eventually, he arrives in place of timeless beauty and light.

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	My life Tom Weekly series Bancks, Tristan & Gordon, Gus (ill)free				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.
	Not-for-parents series Scott, Janine & Rees, Peter (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.
	Olive of Groves series NEW SERIES 2017 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.
36204	Other Christy, The Phommavanh, Oliver	Penguin	2016	9780143505723	My name is Christy but nobody calls me that. In my class, there's another girl named Christie, who is popular and loud, and everyone likes her. I've become just the other Christy, the spare Christy. Just once, I'd like to be noticed and have a real friend. Someone I can bake treats for and who just gets me, and my weird, fussy Grandpa.
5500	Our home is dirt by sea Bates, Dianne (ed)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925081190	Poetry is magical and funny, and tells stories about life. This collection includes forty-five different kinds of poems, by thirty-five Australian poets. They share, reveal and confess parts of their life experiences in passionate, angry, absurd, moving and hilarious ways.
8643	Our stories: Australian Federation Brennan, Net	HarperCollins Australia	2014	9781922179944	Before 1901, the nation of Australia did not exist. Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia were six separate colonies under British rule. Find out how ordinary citizens became the first in the world to write and vote for their own Constitution, and how they came together to form the nation of Australia.
34638	Our stories: Australian flags and emblems Tayleur, Karen	Black Dog Books	2013	9781742031095	The story of Australia is told by the flags and the emblems we see around us. They display our past, our cultural heritage, our national treasures and the amazing diversity of each state. Find out about our rich history and what we value.

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30522	Our stories: Canberra, Federal capital Hawkins, Tracey	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9781922179319	In 1901, when the six British colonies of early Australia came together to form one country, a new capital city was proposed. Find out why Canberra was selected and how it became an important treasure trove of historical, artistic, sporting and scientific achievements. Discover Canberra, the federal capital of Australia.
31845	Our stories: Child convicts Brennan, Net	HarperCollins Australia	2013	9781742032238	In eighteenth century Britain, children were tried in court like adults. Some as young as nine were transported to the colonies. Their names may not be familiar but a child convict became the first person hanged in Australia, another is celebrated on our twenty dollar note and one would count a future prime minister as a descendant. Their stories are ones of survival and building Australia as a nation.
2958	Our stories: Protest in Australia Lawson, Sue	Black Dog Books	2016	9781922244543	Through protest, Australians have united to fight for change and have influenced the outcome of many causes. From human rights to the environment, this book traces Australia's proud history of protest.
31781	Our stories: Sportsmanship Brennan, Net	HarperCollins Australia	2016	9781742032337	Australia's passion for sport often defines our history, our traditions, our values and our identity. These are the stories of the sportsmen and women whose talents have stopped the nation. These are the moments when we threw our arms in the air and cheered.
28050	Pax Pennypacker, Sara & Klassen, Jon (ill)	HarperCollins US	2016	9780008124090	Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But, one day, the unimaginable happens. Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild. At his grandfather's house, three hundred miles away from home, Peter knows he wants to be with Pax. Despite the encroaching war, Peter strikes out on his own to reunite with his fox.
1862	Pearl-shell diver, The Crabbe, Kay	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760290474	Thirteen year old Sario lives with his family on a remote Torres Strait island. it's 1898 and the pearl-shell trade is at its height. When his father is coerced to join a white trader on his pearling lugger, Sario must go to work as a swimming diver to support the family. He's excited by the idea of walking on the sea floor but the competition is fierce and the only captain who will take him on runs the worst outfit in the fleet. And, there's the the constant danger of shark attacks and the storm of the century is approaching.
39693	Peter in peril Bate, Helen	Otter-Barry books	2016	9781910959572	Peter is just an ordinary boy, who loves playing football with his friends and eating cake. But, when war comes to his city, Budapest, Peter and his family have to go into hiding.
315	Pippi Longstocking Lindgren, Astrid & Ross, Tony (ill)	Oxford University Press	2015	9780192793799	A humorous story about a super strong, super rich pirate's daughter who has adventures with her two friends, a monkey and a horse.

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25417	Plague of unicorns, The Yolen, Jane	Zonderkidz	2014	9780310746119	James, an aristocratic son in medieval England, is sent to Cranford Abbey to study under the good monks. The abbey is falling into disrepair and, to make money, the Abbott sells cider made from the golden apples. But, the apples are constantly being eaten by a herd of marauding unicorns. When various methods fail to eradicate the unicorns, James must come up with a plan to eliminate them. He must become a perfect hero and risk his life to save the abbey and the monks, and, hopefully, find a way to return home.
4851	Prehistoric marine life in Australia's inland sea Clode, Danielle	Museum Victoria	2015	9781921833168	Step back to a time when Australia's red centre was flooded by a vast shallow ocean, the Eromanga Sea. While dinosaurs stalked the scattered islands that made up the Australian continent, giant marine reptiles ruled the waves. Plesiosaurs and ichthyosaurs swam in an inland sea filled with schools of ammonites. Pterosaurs flew overhead and giant carnivorous amphibians lurked in the rivers.
26143	Princess Parsley Rushby, Pamela	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742991610	Parsley Patterson's first year of high school is not turning out as she had expected. It's not only her name that's the problem. Parsley is targeted by Danielle and her mean group, and bullied about her hippie family and her Possum Creek address. But, just as she decides to keep her head down and try to ignore it all until it blows over, her father's announcement causes the spotlight to rest firmly again on Parsley.
13688	Quest of the sunfish: Escape to the moon islands McConnochie, Mardi	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760290917	When their father disappears, twins Will and Annalie set out on a perilous sea voyage to find him. They put their faith in a motley crew of runaways and a small sailing boat, the Sunfish. In a world transformed by a catastrophic flood, their ingenuity and friendships will be tested. Their biggest threat comes from the Admiralty, the all-powerful navy that rules the oceans. They're supposed to be the good guys but the deeper the Sunfish voyages into the Moon Islands, the more Will and Annalie realise that nothing is what seems.
46252	Ratburger Walliams, David	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2012	9780007453535	Things are not looking good for Zoe. Her stepmother, Sheila, is so lazy, she gets Zoe to pick her nose for her. The school bully, Tina Trotts, makes her life a miser, mainly by flobbering on her head. And, now, the evil Burt from Burt's Burgers is after her pet rat. I wonder what he wants it for.

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812	Raymie Nightingale DiCamillo, Kate	Walker Books	2016	9781406363135	When her father abandons the family, young Raymie Clarke hatches a plan. To gain her dad's approval and immediate return, she'll enter and win the Little Miss Central Florida Tyre competition. Raymie must do good deeds and learn to twirl a baton. She must also contend with the frequently fainting Louisiana and the fiery Beverley. As the competition approaches, loneliness, loss and unanswerable questions draw them into an unlikely friendship, and challenge each girl to come to the rescue in unexpected ways.
	Riddle Gully series NEW SERIES 2017 Banyard, Jen				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.
2895	Road to Ratenburg, The Cowley, Joy & Bishop, Gavin (ill)	Gecko Press	2016	9781776570751	Fleeing from their home in an abandoned building as it is demolished, Spinnaker Rat, his wife and four young begin a search for the legendary Ratenburg, a place where it's said rats can live in peace and comfort. But, only if they can survive the perils of the journey. The rats must rely on each other, making the most of each animal's strengths and understanding individual limitations. And, Spinnaker Rat, the father, learns more than he expected.
1875	Rockhopping Balla, Trace	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760112349	Join Clancy and Uncle Egg on a rambling, rockhopping adventure in Gariwerd (the Grampians), to find the source of the Glenelg River. A story about following your flow, and the unexpected places you may go.
8033	Roman quests, The: Archers of Isca, The Lawrence, Caroline	Orion	2016	9781510100268	Britannia AD 94. On the run from the Emperor Domitian, fifteen year old Fronto has joined the Roman army in order to find security and structure. He wants to be a good soldier but, when his younger sister, Ursula, is captured by a Druid called Snakebeard, Fronto must decide whether or not to leave the army to rescue her. Desertion is punishable by death.
4921	Roman quests, The: Escape from Rome Lawrence, Caroline	Orion	2016	9781510100237	In Rome in AD 94, the evil Emperor Domitian is busy killing those he suspects of being disloyal to him. When soldiers arrive to seize Juba's family home, his parents help him and his siblings to escape. They travel to their uncle's house in distant Britannia, on the edge of the known world, The children have never been outside on their own or done anything for themselves, having depended on slaves all their lives. Juba's daunting quest is to avoid capture and death, to find a safe haven and save the children.

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7748	Run, Pip, run Jones, J C	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781743319222	Pip Sullivan's tenth birthday was a disaster, and that was only the beginning. With her beloved Sully in hospital and the welfare hot on her heels, Pip needs time, money and a place to stay. She's determined to stay one step ahead of Senior Constable Molly Dunlop. With help from her friends, including a psychic cat and a canine escape artist, Pip must survive on wits and luck to stay out of dreaded foster homes so she can help Sully get better.
27774	Secret cooking club, The Remington, Laurel	Chicken House	2016	9781910655245	Twelve year old Scarlett is the star and the victim of her mum's popular blog. The butt of school jokes, she's eager to stay firmly out of the spotlight. So, when Scarlett discovers the kitchen next door, left empty by an elderly neighbour in hospital, she begins to bake from the hand written recipe book she finds. As more people find out and Scarlett's confidence grows, The Secret Cooking Club is formed. Scarlett's life changes forever.
2972	Secrets we keep, The Weetman, Nova	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702254215	Clem Timmins has lost it all, her house, her possessions and her clothes. Now living in a tiny flat with her dad, she has to go to a new school, far from what she knows. On Clem's first day, she meets Ellie and, to fit in, Clem reveals a secret she immediately regrets sharing. When Clem receives a letter she doesn't want to read, it becomes clear that she can't run from her past forever, especially when the truth appears right in front of her face.
	Shoutykid series Mayle, Simon & Catlow, Nikalas (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.
28063	Sleeper and the spindle, The Gaiman, Neil & Riddell, Chris (ill)	Bloomsbury	2014	9781408859643	On the eve of her wedding, a young queen sets out to rescue a princess from an enchantment. She casts aside her fine wedding clothes, takes her chain mail and sword, and follows her brave dwarf retainers into the tunnels under the mountain, towards the sleeping kingdom. This is a queen who will decide her own future. And, the princess who needs rescuing is not quite what she seems.
3159	Small things Tregonning, Mel	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781742379791	An ordinary boy in an ordinary world. This wordless picture book tells the story of a boy who feels alone with his worries but who learns that help is always close by.
757	Smart about sharks Davey, Owen	Flying Eye Books	2016	9781909263918	It's time to learn some amazing facts about the sea's most feared, and most misunderstood, denizens of the deep.

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2772	Smuggler's curse, The Jorgensen, Norman	Fremantle Press	2016	9781925164190	Red Read's life takes a surprising and alarming turn when his mother sells him to an infamous smuggler, plying his trade off the north-west coast of Australia. From terrifying encounters with cut-throat pirates to battling the forces of nature in a tropical typhoon, from dining with head-hunting guerrillas to making meals of monkey stew, Red is in for a hair-raising adventure that may cost him his life.
	Star of Deltora series NEW SERIES 2017 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.
7912	Stella by starlight Draper, Sharon M	Atheneum Books for Young Readers	2016	9781442494985	In 1932, ten year old Stella lives in the segregated South of the United States. Some stores she can go into, others she can't. Some folks are right pleasant, others less so. To Stella, it sort of evens out, and the Klu Klux Klan hasn't bothered them for years. But, one late night, Stella and her little brother see something they're never supposed to see, something that is the first flicker of change to come. As Stella's community and her world are upended, she decides to fight fire with fire. She learns that ashes don't necessarily signify an end.
4058	Story of life: Evolution Scott, Katie (ill)	Templar Publishing	2015	9781783704446	A graphic guide to evolution and life forms, starting with the first single-cell organisms and ending with modern life forms. Explore extraordinary land, sky and sea creatures, from algae to Archaeopteryx and Pterygotus to Tyrannosaurus Rex. Each life form, whether tiny bacteria or ice-age megafauna, represents its period in earth's history and shows life's incredible diversity.
33584	Stupendously spectacular spelling bee, The Abela, Deborah	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925324822	India Wimple is a brilliant speller. When her family tries to convince her to enter the Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee competition, India is reluctant. She remembers the stage fright she got in the school play and she certainly doesn't want to repeat that experience. And, there's also Summer Millicent, who's determined to win and isn't afraid to step on anyone who gets in her way.
27549	Superhero street Earle, Phil & Ogilvie, Sara (ill)	Orion	2016	9781444013887	Michael Mouse lives in a very chaotic household, with younger brothers, a set of twins and a set of triplets. His father is a magician, struggling to keep the household afloat. Mouse sees himself as an aspiring superhero but, when his father suddenly leaves home, Mouse must do more to help around the house. Michael Mouse begins to think he'll never get his chance to be a superhero.

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45552	Tale of two diggers, A Gillam, John & Fletcher, Yvonne & Durell, Paul (ill)	Returned Services League (RSL)	2016	9780646952260	Digger, a mischievous pup, ran away from home seeking adventure. He became the soldiers' mascot and, during World War I, Digger's adventures were not quite what he expected. He was wounded and befriended by Sergeant James Martin. When he returned home, Digger hated loud noise and certain smells, which reminded him of war. For his bravery and long service, Digger was presented with a silver engraved collar. Based on a true story.
1885	Teresa, a new Australian Abela, Deborah	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742990941	During the war, Teresa and her family survived the bombing of their home and went hungry during the long siege of their island. But, life in peace time is still hard. Her parents want a better life and apply to migrate to Australia. But, after the long voyage to Sydney, there are more testing times ahead for Teresa as she tries to learn Australian ways, avoid the bullies and do well at school. She is not about to let anything stop her from making her family and her nanna, back in Malta, proud of her.
	The Hidden series NEW SERIES 2017 Tanner, Lian				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 treehouse series Griffiths, Andy & Denton Terry				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.
3756	Their great gift Coy, John & Huie, Wing Young (photo)	Lerner Publishing Group	2016	9781467780544	Through the eyes of children from many different backgrounds, find out what it would be like to emigrate to the United States of America.
1801	Theophilus Grey and the traitor's mask Jinks, Catherine	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760113612	In eighteenth-century London, twelve year old Philo Grey is a linkboy. He collects information to sell. One of his best customers pays good money for intelligence about the Jacobites, who are plotting to overthrow King George. But, spying on the Jacobites is a dangerous business, especially when Philo becomes the target of a rival gang of linkboys. And, Philo's old master has never forgiven him for leaving and will stop at nothing for revenge. Luckily, Philo has friends as well as enemies. He must rely on them as well as his instincts to escape harm.

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24449	There may be a castle Torday, Piers	Quercus Children's Books	2016	9781848668621	On Christmas Eve, eleven year old Mouse, his mother and two sisters are travelling to his grandparents. It's snowing, visibility is bad, and the car crashes off the road. Mouse is thrown from the car and, when he wakes, he's not in his world any more. So begins a quest to find a castle in a world of monsters, minstrels, dangerous knights and mysterious wizards. There's terrifying danger but also more excitement than Mouse has ever known. But, as the cold grows, Mouse's quest becomes more important than ever.
	Timmy Failure series Pastis, Stephan				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.
23646	To dance: Ballerina's graphic novel, A Cherson Siegel, Siena & Siegel, Mark (ill)	Aladdin Publishing	2006	9781416926870	Siena was six when her dreams of dance kept skipping and leaping, circling and spinning, from airy runs along a beach near her home in Puerto Rico, to dance class in Boston, and her debut performance with the New York City Ballet. Twirl along with Siena as she shares her story, in words and pictures.
	Truly Tan series Storer, Jen & Robertson, Claire (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.
	Tuesday McGillycuddy series NEW SERIES 2017 Banks, Angelica				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.
27734	Turners, The Elliot, Mick	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9780734416629	Leo Lennox has a very disappointing thirteenth birthday and an epic problem. Rather than catching the eye of the lovely Lily across the library or hanging out with his buddy Jinx, or even just having a quiet evening with his father and annoying, big sister, Leo has grown a very uncomfortable, quite itchy tail and gained a craving for mice. Something is not right.

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29159	Turners, The: Camp freakout Elliot, Mick	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9780734416636	Thirteen year old Leo Lennox has made a massive mistake. The secret that his shape-shifter ancestors have kept hidden for thousands of years is now in danger of being discovered. Leo insisted on going to school camp but he's surrounded every minute of every day by his classmates, including his secret crush and two terrifying bullies. Leo's about to find out just how much he still has to learn about transforming. But, when he discovers a fiendish plot, Leo realises that surviving camp is going to be the least of his worries.
31103	Turnkey, The Rushby, Allison	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925126921	Twelve year old Flossie Birdwhistle is no ordinary girl. Chosen to be the Turnkey at London's Highgate Cemetery, Flossie has the special task of looking after the souls that reside there. When she discovers the ghost of a mysterious German soldier, far from his home and carrying a strange object, Flossie uncovers a terrible secret that threatens the worlds of both the living and the dead. With the help of the other cemetery Turnkeys, Flossie must unravel the mystery In order to save London.
1185	Twins of Tintarfell, The O'Loughlin, James	Pan MacMillan	2016	9781743548097	Life's hard when you're an orphan stuck working in a castle all day. And, it doesn't get any easier for twins Dani and Bart when they end up separated, beyond the castle walls. They meet untold dangers and an assortment of bizarre characters, including a retired witch, a cowardly prince, an evil magician and a sarcastic giant. They not only have to save each other but Tintarfell itself.
876	Two tales of Brothers from Ancient Mesopotamia Heffernan, John & Durack, Kate (ill)	Christmas Press	2016	9780994234049	The ancient civilisations of Mesopotamia, located in what is now Iraq, Syria and Kuwait, produced the heroic saga, the Epic of Gilgamesh. Two tales tell of the mighty king Gilgamesh, two parts god, one part human, who rules Uruk. But, when his human side becomes cruel, his subjects beseech the gods for help. A wild man, Enkidu, is created to foil the king's meanness. In the second tale, Gilgamesh and Enkidu join forces to slay the ferocious Humbaba, part man, part bull, part monster, who terrorises the countryside.
4798	Unforgettable what's his name, The Jennings, Paul & Smith, Craig (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760290856	Even before all this happened, I had never been like the other kids. I tried not to be seen. If I climbed a tree or hid among the bins, no one could find me. Then, one weekend, I got what I wanted. First, I blended in with things. But, on the second day, I changed. I mean, really changed.
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24958	War that saved my life, The Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781925355642	Nine year old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted, club foot to let her outside. So, when Ada's little brother, Jamie, is shipped out of London to avoid the war, she escapes to join him. A new adventure begins for Ada, and for Susan Smith, the woman forced to take them in. As Ada teaches herself to ride a pony, learns to read and watches for German spies, she begins to trust Susan. And, Susan begins to love them both. But, wartime and Ada's cruel mother threaten the growing bond.
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9960	What's your story Giannone, Rose & Emmerichs, Bern (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2016	9780994289544	Australia has a long history and many stories. This is the story of Leonard, a young orphan boy, who was on one of the ships in the First Fleet that came to Australia from England. He was both frightened and amazed by his new country. When Leonard met Milba, an Eora girl, she showed him the animals of his new land and the cave drawings of her people. Without words, they could still tell their stories.
2344	When friendship followed me home Griffin, Paul	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781925355499	Twelve year old Ben Coffin has never felt that he fits in. A former foster kid, he keeps his head down to avoid school bullies and spends his afternoons reading sci-fi books at the library. But, when Ben finds a scruffy, abandoned dog and befriends the librarian's daughter, Halley, he starts to feel he belongs in his own life. Then, everything changes and, suddenly, Ben is more alone than ever. But, with a little help from Halley's magician father, Ben discovers his place in the world and learns to see his own magic through other's eyes.
2991	Why should I bother about the planet Meredith, Susan & Rojo, Sara (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2015	9781409599630	Find out what has gone wrong with the planet, what needs to be done, and how every little bit helps to solve the problem of climate change and pollution. Discover how you can save energy, what a carbon footprint is and lots more about the human impact on our planet.
8494	Why should I bother to keep fit Meredith, Susan & Larkum, Adam (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2015	9781409599623	An informative guide to the hows and whys of keeping fit, and having fun on the way. Find out why keeping fit is good for you, how to choose the appropriate exercise regime and how to stay healthy in day-to-day life.

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6696	Why shouldn't I eat junk food Knighton, Kate & Larkum, Adam (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2015	9781409599616	A fun, informative guide about food that's good and not so good for you, and how to exercise. Find out why junk food tastes so good, what food additives and processed food are, and what's in a burger. Includes simple recipes for healthy snacks and burgers, ideas for exercise, information on food labels and advertising, and how food is grown.
1820	Wicked's way Fienberg, Anna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781743319901	From an early age, Will could walk a tightrope and juggle bananas. His mother told him that, one day, he would be the star of a circus. But, until then, Will must be kept a secret because, each year, pirates come to the islands to steal young boys for their crew. But, when his mother disappears and pirates arrive at his door, Will takes courage from a crazy, truth-telling parrot and his mother's advice. But, this may not be enough to survive the perils at sea. And, Will will have to do something about that infuriatingly polite boy, Horrendo.
19990	William Bligh: A stormy story of tempestuous times Sedunary, Michael & Emmerichs, Bern (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2016	9780994289568	You may have heard of the famous mutiny on the ship, the Bounty, or the Rum Rebellion coup. They are two extraordinary events in Australia's history, yet the details in and around these events are largely unknown. Peel back the layers of this incredible and controversial period in Australia's early development.
2857	Yong: Journey of an unworthy son, The Brian, Janeen	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925126297	Thirteen year old Yong doesn't want to leave his home in China to travel to the Australian goldfields in Ballarat. But, as the firstborn son, he has no choice. On the long and treacherous journey, Yong strives to be an honourable son, while he and his father face many hardships and dangers. But, in his heart, Yong knows the shameful truth. His honour is a lie. Somehow, Yong must find the courage to face what lies ahead.