



K-9 Booklist - New

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

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

PRC	Title/Author	Publisher	Year	ISBN	Level	Annotations
34251	1841 Do you dare: Bushranger's boys, The Lloyd, A	Penguin Books Australia	2014	9780143307563	5-6	When Captain Ross shoots Jem's dog, Jem dreams of retribution. So, when a bushranger takes the Captain's horse and clothes, Jem isn't a bit upset, although he is still stuck on the Captain's homestead, far from the only family he knows. But, Alfie, the cook's son, and his mate, Tommy, an Aboriginal boy, become Jem's staunch supporters, even when his decisions aren't so smart. Join the three boys as they hole up in a secret hideout, rescue a puppy and meet a real live bushranger.
35728	1844 Do you dare: Last horse race, The Moloney, J	Penguin Books Australia	2014	9780143307822	5-6	Within the rough and ready frontier settlement of Moreton Bay, which later became the city of Brisbane, Toby and his mates roam free, and linger at the fringes of the grown-up world. They are particularly interested in horse racing. But, it's a dangerous world and when Toby decides to take part in a race through the streets, he doesn't realise it will be a matter of life and death.
18878	1931 Do you dare: Tough times Mitchell, S	Penguin Books Australia	2014	9780143308010	5-6	During the Great Depression, when his father loses his job, Tom Parker sets out to save his family from eviction. He confronts bullies, financial hardship and prejudice but his determination and never-say-die attitude is as strong as his loyalty to his family.

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44506	300 minutes of danger Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781760154035	5-6	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.
21614	400 minutes of danger Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781760158798	7-9	Ten nail-biting, fast-paced short stories will both fascinate and terrify you. During each full forty minute count down, the dangerous situations play out right down to the last crucial moment. Find out who will live and who will die.
6130	ABC book of food, The Martin, Helen & Simpson, Judith & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	ABC Books	2016	9780733334269	K-2	Food helps us run and jump and play. Take a journey from the paddock, the orchard, the garden to your kitchen, and find out where food comes from and how it reaches us.
2803	Ada Twist scientist Beaty, Andrea & Roberts, David (ill)	Abrams Books	2016	9781419721373	K-2	Ada has a boundless imagination and is very, very curious. When her house fills with an horrific, toe-curling smell, Ada sets out to find the source. Not afraid of failure, she embarks on a fact-finding mission and conducts scientific experiments, all in the name of discovery. But, this time, Ada's experiments lead to even more stink and trouble.
29707	Ada's violin: Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay, The Hood, Susan & Wern Comport, Sally (ill)	Simon & Schuster	2016	9781481430951	3-4	Ada Rios grew up in Cateura, a small town in Paraguay built on a landfill. Her family were recyclers of trash. With little money, Ada's dream to play the violin was never possible. When music teacher, Favio Chavez, arrived, he wanted to give the children something special. He made instruments out of materials found in the trash, a crazy idea that would leave Ada and her town forever changed. Now, The Recycled Orchestra plays around the world, spreading their message of hope and innovation. Based on a true story.
11356	Adam Spencer's world of numbers Spencer, Adam	Xoum Publishing	2015	9781921134869	7-9	If you love numbers and like to laugh, then you'll enjoy finding out the crucial role that numbers play in our understanding of sport, space, computers, cooking, and a whole lot in between. This book decodes barcodes, explains why we say 'as sixes and sevens' when we're discombobulated, shows how many people you need in a room before there'll be a birthday in common, and why the number seventy is weird and what can be done about it. A whole lot more weird and wonderful stuff.

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2771	Adventures of Alfie Onion, The French, Vivian & Kissi, Marta (ill)	Walker Books	2016	9781406363104	3-4	Alfie Onion has just set off on a great adventure but only to carry his brother's luggage. It's his older brother, Magnifico Onion, who's destined to make his family's fortune. But, when it turns out that Magnifico isn't half the hero he's cracked up to be, it falls to Alfie to save the day, with a little help from his loyal dog, a talking horse and a couple of meddling magpies.
4446	Adventures of Miss Petitfour, The Michaels, Anne & Block, Emma (ill)	Bloomsbury	2015	9781408868041	3-4	Miss Petitfour enjoys having adventures that are just the right size. She's an expert at baking and eating fancy iced cakes, and her favourite mode of travel is par avion. On windy days, she takes her sixteen cats out for an airing. Join Miss Petitfour and her equally eccentric felines on five magical outings.
13779	Agatha and the dark Pignataro, Anna	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760402075	K-2	Agatha is scared of the dark and George is just making things worse. When Agatha is accidentally locked in a dark room at kindergarten, her body trembles like jelly.
	Alby and the cat NEW SERIES 2017 Davidson, Leanne & Dingwall, Kim (ill)				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	Alex Rider series Horowitz, Anthony				7-9	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.
9727	Alice's food A-Z Zaslavsky, Alice	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9781922179388	5-6	Dip in and taste, in this edible adventure. Packed to the brim with funny food facts and clever cooking tips, as well as kid-friendly recipes, this book is ideal for the fact-hungry, the food-obsessed or those who just like to mess about in the kitchen.

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	Alice-Miranda series Harvey, Jacqueline				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
24809	All I want for Christmas is rain Brooke, Cori & Forward, Megan (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2016	9781925059717	K-2	Christmas celebrations are threatened as drought takes hold. A little girl has only one Christmas wish.
13118	Alphabetical Sydney Bell, Hilary & Presenti, Antonia (ill)	NewSouth Publishing	2013	9781742233703	K-2	This is Sydney, the brightest and best of it, from the north to the south to the east and the west of it. Bats and cicadas, lawn bowls and the zoo. Let us share it with you.
22778	American born Chinese Yang, Gene Luen	First Second	2006	9781596431522	7-9	When Jin Wang starts at a new school, he's the only Chinese-American student. He just wants to be an all-American boy. Danny is popular and great at basketball but his obnoxious Chinese cousin's annual visits are a disaster, ruining his reputation at school. The Monkey King is the most powerful monkey on earth and his story is one of the greatest Chinese fables. These three apparently unrelated characters come together with an unexpected twist. Graphic novel. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
8316	Ancestry: Stories of multicultural ANZACS Siers, Robyn & Walker, Carlie	Dept of Veterans' Affairs & Australian War Memorial	2015	9780992583927	7-9	Australians from a wide range of cultural backgrounds served together during the First World War. They wore the same uniform and experienced the same conditions and hardships. For many, wartime service gave them the equality that was not available in Australian society, either before or after the war. These stories about multicultural ANZACS draw on the Australian War Memorial's diverse collection, and include private records, photographs, works of art and relics.
14592	And then Alborozo	Child's Play International Ltd	2016	9781846436956	K-2	It's hard being an older sister when everybody is admiring your newly born, younger brother. It's particularly hard when it's happening on your birthday, especially when that younger brother is noisy, smelly and slimy, just like a tiny squid.
31010	Anders and the volcano Mackay, Gregory	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760290030	3-4	Now that school is finished, Anders and his friends, Bernie and Eden, are looking forward to their holidays at Camp Canvas at Mount Tremble. They make new friends and discover new things about themselves. That's lucky, as they'll need everything they've got when Mount Tremble, an extinct volcano, starts to rumble.

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7000	Animalium Broom, Jenny & Scott, Katie (ill)	Templar Publishing	2014	9781783700608	5-6	Welcome to the virtual museum. Wander the six galleries, which present the animal kingdom - Invertebrates, Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds and Mammals. Each chapter features a different branch of the tree of life, from the simple sponge to the enormous elephant.
11352	Anna and the swallow man Savit, Gavriel	Corgi Books	2016	9780552575270	7-9	On 6 November 1939, Anna's father had to go away for a few hours. He left shortly after eleven o'clock and did not come back again. Seven year old Anna is locked out of the apartment and alone. She is hungry and scared, and unsure who she can trust or who she can turn to. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
37720	Annabel's dance Jackson Hill, Diane & Bury, Lois (ill)	Wombat Books	2016	9781925139358	K-2	Annabel is no ordinary sheep. She's wiggly and jiggly, loud noises hurt her ears and, no matter how hard she tries, she just can't fit in with the mob. And, she definitely does not want to be shorn. Until one day, her super sensitive style brings her unexpected attention.
19375	Another night in Mullet Town Herrick, Steven	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702253959	7-9	Life for Jonah and Manx means fishing for mullet at the lake, watching their school mates party on Friday night and wishing they had the courage to talk to Ella and Rachel. But, their lakeside town is being sold off and, now, life doesn't seem so simple. Manx holds a grudge against the wealthy blow-ins from the city and Jonah just wants his parents to stop arguing. One memorable night at the lake will change everything. A verse novel.
26566	ANZAC heroes Gill, Maria & Ivancic, Marco (ill)	Scholastic New Zealand	2016	9781775433637	5-6	From nurse and pilot to soldier and spy, find out about thirty ANZAC heroes, who risked everything, left everything and lost everything as they participated in World Wars I and II.
46921	ANZAC sons: Five brothers on the Western Front Marlow Paterson, Allison	Big Sky Publishing	2015	9781925275148	5-6	The Great War was a senseless tragedy that brought sorrow to families all over the world. This is the story five brothers who served, compiled from over five hundred letters and postcards, written from the battle front. From the training grounds of Victoria, Egypt and England, to the Western Front battlefields, this compelling, true story was compiled by the granddaughter of a surviving brother. This is a story of mateship, bravery and sacrifice, and a heartbreaking account of a family torn apart by war.

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15481	Apprentice witch, The Nicol, James	Chicken House	2016	9781910655153	5-6	Arianwyn fails her witch's assessment. To the delight of her arch-rival, Gimma, Arianwyn is awarded the dull bronze disc of an apprentice and, in disgrace, sent to protect the remote, dreary town of Lull. But, Arianwyn's new life is far from boring. Dark spirits and strange creatures creep out of the wood. And just as Arianwyn starts to get her feet under her, shadows start to creep into her own magic.
20582	Are we there yet Santat, Dan	Lothian Books	2016	9780316199995	K-2	Let's face it, everyone knows that car rides can be boring. And, when things get boring, time slows down. On a trip to his grandma's house, a young boy feels time slowing down so much that it starts going backwards, into the time of pirates, princesses and dinosaurs.
9951	Are you an art sleuth DiGiovanni Evans, Brooke	Quarto Group	2016	9781631591310	3-4	Have a close look at twenty-one famous paintings and discover how each artist uses colour, techniques and secrets to delight you. Be an art sleuth and find items and details in each painting that, at first glance, might not be so obvious.
4283	Arthur and the curiosity Gifford, Lucinda	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760068387	K-2	Arthur and his friends are on a class visit to the local museum. While his friends dash about, Arthur takes time to inspect all the interesting things around him. One of those interesting things is a glass case housing a strange looking creature known as The Curiosity. As Arthur walks around the Museum, he is being followed.
10192	Artie and the grime wave Roxburgh, Richard	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760292140	5-6	Artie and his best friend, Bumshoe, have stumbled upon a Cave-of-Possibly-Stolen-Stuff, and a gang of shady characters, including scary Mary, fang-toothed Funnel-web and the devious Mayor Grime. Artie and Bumshoe's attempt to solve the mystery sparks a chaotic chain of events that involves kidnapping, puppy-dog cutlets, modern art and pioneering the sport of the bungee-wedgie.
15898	Atmospheric Wilkinson, Carole	Black Dog Books	2016	9781925126372	7-9	Talking about the weather used to be small talk. Now, it's the hottest topic on Earth. We can't survive without Earth's atmosphere yet, most of the time, we ignore it. Our atmosphere is treated as a rubbish dump for our greenhouse gas emissions. Slowly but surely, what we are doing is changing the Earth's climate. In small chunks, this book cuts through the many voices raised around climate change to tell the story of our atmosphere, what is putting our climate at risk and what we can do about it.
3000	Auggie & me Palacio, R J	Corgi Books	2015	9780552574778	5-6	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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4576	Australia to Z Greder, Armin	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760113186	7-9	This striking alphabet book shows an Australia with many dimensions. As a country, it has a lot to offer but Australia needs to confront its history and current greed; to stop leaning on old cultural institutions and symbols; and to welcome and tolerate differences.
12904	Australian kids through the years McCarthy, Tania & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	National Library of Australia	2015	9780642278593	3-4	Many thousands of years ago, the first people arrived in Australia and made this land their home. When Europeans arrived in the late 1700s, things changed forever. Now, Australia is home to children of many cultures and backgrounds, whose lives have changed over time. Enjoy spotting what has stayed the same and what is different in clothing, housing, activities, food and games.
6357	Awful Auntie Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2014	9780007453610	5-6	Stella Saxby is the sole heir to Saxby Hall. But, awful Aunt Alberta and her giant owl will stop at nothing to get it from her. Luckily, Stella has a secret, and slightly spooky, weapon up her sleeve.
15466	Barney and the secret of the whale French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2016	9780732299446	5-6	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.
35313	Be a friend Yoon, Salina	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408869093	K-2	Dennis is an ordinary boy who expresses himself in extraordinary ways. When the class does show-and-tell, Dennis does show-and-mime. Some children climb trees. Dennis is happy to be a tree, But, being a mime can be lonely. It isn't until Dennis meets a girl named Joy that he discovers the power of friendship and how special he truly is.
2890	Be brave, Pink Piglet Cummings, Phil & Davis, Sarah (ill)	Lothian Books	2015	9780734415929	K-2	Early one morning, Pink Piglet leaves his mother's side for the very first time. This timid little pig wants to become a brave explorer.
5650	Bear who went boo, The Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2015	9780008149536	K-2	At the top of the world, surrounded by snow and ice, lives a very cheeky polar bear cub who loves to scare the animals. But, this little bear doesn't always know when to stop.
5757	Beauty is in the walking, The Moloney, James	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2015	9780732299941	7-9	Everyone thinks they know what Jacob O'Leary can and can't do, and they're not shy about telling him either. But, no one, not even Jacob, knows what he's truly capable of. When a shocking and mystifying crime leaves his small country town reeling, and fingers start pointing at a young Muslim boy at his school, Jacob is convinced the police have accused the wrong guy. He's determined to prove it, and himself, to everyone. Challenging book; usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above.

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30767	☉ Becoming Aurora Kasmer, Elizabeth	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702254208	7-9	Sixteen year old Rory (Aurora) is at the crossroads in her life. While her gang plans its next move in a racially motivated turf war, Rory refuses to reveal their names and takes the rap for an attack on the local immigrant community. She is sentenced to community care in an aged care facility. There, she meets resident and ex-boxer Jack, an encounter that leads her to Essam, a young migrant boxer, who will challenge her prejudices and force her to address the mistakes of her past. Some violence. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above.
21038	Bee & me Jay, Alison	Old Barn Books	2016	9781910646052	K-2	A little girl befriends a bee, which takes her on a journey of discovery. A wordless picture book.
1915	Beetle boy Leonard, M G & Sarda, Julia (ill)	Chicken House	2016	9781910002704	5-6	When his dad mysteriously goes missing from his job as Director of Science at the Natural History Museum, Darkus Cuttle moves in with his eccentric uncle. Next door live two lunatic cousins with an enormous beetle infestation. But, the beetles are anything but ordinary. They're an amazing, intelligent super species, and they're in danger of being exterminated. Darkus and his friends must save the beetles. But, they're up against the mad scientist of fashion and haute couture, Lucretia Cutter, who has dastardly plans for the bugs.
20959	Being Agatha Pignataro, Anna	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760067267	K-2	Agatha has her dad's nose and her mum's ears. When her relatives get together, it's clear that Agatha doesn't quite fit in. And, when she starts kindergarten, Agatha realises just how different she is from everyone else. One day, her teacher tells the class that, like a snowflake, everyone is special in their own way. She asks each child to tell how they might be special but Agatha cannot think of a single reason, and she sneaks away to hide.
21855	Being Jack Gervay, Susanne & Wilcox, Cathy (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2014	9780732296148	5-6	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.

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24183	Beth: the story of a child convict Wilson, Mark	Lothian Books	2016	9780734416773	5-6	After being caught stealing on the streets of London, Beth is sent to Australia as a child convict on the First Fleet. Through Beth's story, we discover the unbearable hardships those first convicts suffered, not only on the long journey to Sydney Cove but also in the two years of near-famine following their arrival. A story inspired by the life of the youngest female convict with the First Fleet.
19299	Bicycling to the moon Parvela, Timo & Talvitie, Virpi (ill)	Gecko Press	2016	9781776570324	3-4	Two unlikely friends, Purdy the cat and Barker the dog, live together in a sky-blue house on top of a hill. Barker likes the garden. He only wants to dig, to scratch up the earth and turn it over. But, Purdy has big dreams. He wants to fly south with the birds, win the singing competition and be a Supercat. One day, Purdy decides that if he could just get a bicycle and ride it to the moon, he would be the happiest cat in the world, and never want anything else again. Ever.
10521	Big surprise for Little Card, A Harper, Charise Mericle & Raff, Anna (ill)	Walker Books	2016	9781406367263	K-2	In the world of cards, each one has a special job to do. Big Card keeps important papers in order. Tiny Card can be exchanged for a prize in an arcade and Round Card hangs out in a glamorous boutique. But, Little Card thinks he's really lucky. He's going to school to become a birthday card, with lots of singing, playing and eating cake. But, wait, there's been a mix-up. Little Card is going to be a library card instead, in a quiet place of books and rules and hushing.
	Billie B Brown & Billie B mystery series Rippin, Sally & Fukuoka, Aki (ill)				3-4	Meet Billie B Brown. She's brave, brilliant and bold and will become your best friend in no time. 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.
14259	Bird Martin Vidal, Beatriz	Simply Read Books	2015	9781927018644	5-6	Let your imagination fly in this evocative, wordless picture book.
45953	Birds of prey close up Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742033341	5-6	Take a closer look at these amazing predators. They use their keen eyesight, curved beaks, sharp talons and powerful legs to hunt, capture and kill their prey.

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39649	Black Ferris, Fleur	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9781925324976	7-9	Ebony Marshall is in her final year of high school. She can't wait to leave quiet, little Dainsfield, where she's known only as Black due to her name. But, there's another reason. Everyone says Black is cursed. Three friends have died in tragic accidents. Now, it's easier to be on her own. When her formal date ends up in intensive care, the gibes and rejection escalate. Black is in danger. She has to fight for her life, find help when uncertain of who to trust, and strike out at the superstition and hysteria.
3585	Black Lotus, The Fanning, Kieran	Chicken House	2015	9781909489929	5-6	Ghost, Cormac and Kate are junior recruits of the Black Lotus, an underground school for ninjas. When a powerful weapon is stolen, the three of them must battle through sixteenth-century Japan and present-day New York to stop a power-hungry shogun from destroying the city. Betrayal and the testing of friendships combine in a battle for world supremacy.
9757	Black Sunday McHugh, Evan	Omnibus Books	2016	9781743627990	5-6	Nipper only wants to be one thing, a lifesaver. In his world, they're larger than life, walking, talking heroes. Nipper's too young but he starts to train in secret, challenging himself in the Bondi surf. But, his secret comes to light one hot Sunday in 1938, a day that has become infamous in Australia's history. Based on a true story.
8225	⊙ Blood for blood Graudin, Ryan	Orion	2016	9781780622057	7-9	In 1950s Germany, the war is over but, for the resistance, the fight continues. Death camp survivor, Yael, who has the power to skinshift, to change her appearance at will, is on the run after shooting and killing Hitler. But, the truth of what happened is far more complicated and the consequences are deadly. As Yael and her comrades move into enemy territory, trying to turn the tide against the New Order, dark secrets reveal dark truths. Sequel to Wolf by Wolf. Includes violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
4532	Blue, the builder's dog Storer, Jen & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9780670077809	K-2	Meet Blue, the builder's dog. On the construction site, he's part of the team. He guards the tools, signs the concrete slabs and keeps sticky beaks away. But, Blue doesn't have a house of his own. The builder has one. The chippie has one. The architect and the big bosses have one. So, Blue decides to quit and build himself a home.

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23206	☉ Bone sparrow, The Fraillon, Zana	Lothian Books	2016	9780734417138	7-9	Ten year old Subhi is a Rohingya asylum seeker, born in an Australian permanent detention centre, Life behind the fences is all he has ever known and Subhi needs the stories of others to build memories. One night, Jimmie appears from the other side of the wires, bringing a bone sparrow necklace and a notebook, written by her dead mother. As their tales unfold, Subhi and Jimmie might find a way to freedom but not until each of them has been braver than ever before. Some violence. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above.
34248	Book of Australian birds Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742034010	5-6	Australia is a large country with a wide range of climates and habitats. Our island continent is home to animals not found anywhere else. Many of these are birds and they are among the most recognisable creatures on Earth. Welcome to the fascinating world of Australian birds.
31568	Book of Australian minibeasts, The Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742034126	5-6	Australia is a large country with a wide range of climates and habitats. Our island continent is home to spiders, bugs, beetles and all sorts of other creepy-crawlies not found anywhere else. Welcome to the fascinating world of Australian mini beasts.
4212	☉ Book of whispers, The Starr, Kimberley	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781925355512	7-9	In Tuscany, 1096 AD, Luca sees demons. He keeps quiet about what he sees to avoid another exorcism. He also has dreams that sometimes predict the future. When Luca dreams his father's murder, he vows to stop it coming true. Suzan has dreams too. Consigned with her mute mother to a life in a convent, Suzan has a vision of a boy with an ancient book that holds some inscrutable power. He will take her on an adventure that leads to places beyond their understanding. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above.
24511	Boomerang and bat Greenwood, Mark & Denton, Terry (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781743319246	5-6	In 1868, a determined team of Aboriginal stockmen set off on a journey across the world to take on England's best cricketers. Led by star all-rounder Johnny Mullagh and wearing caps, embroidered with a boomerang and a bat, the team delighted crowds with their exceptional skills. The men were the first Australian cricket team to tour England and this is their story.
34631	Born to sing Morgan, Sally & Smith, Craig (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742991511	3-4	Maddie loves to sing and make up new songs. Her favourite is her humpback whale song, so she is very excited when her Mum and Grandma promise to take her to Shark Bay to see the whales. When they set off in their car and rattly old caravan, it looks like they might not get there at all. But, with some help along the way, Maddie's dream might still come true.

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895	Botanicum Wills, Kathie & Scott, Katie (ill)	Templar Publishing	2016	9781783703944	5-6	This museum is open all hours. It houses an extraordinary collection of plants, from tiny algae to fascinating carnivores. Gloriously coloured fungi and lichens are here, too. Find out why some plants are green and others are not, how some plants live in water while others are suspended in mid-air, and how some plants feed on flesh. Plants give us some of our biggest, smallest, oldest and smelliest forms of life on Earth. Experience a virtual museum through this fascinating and beautiful book.
29691	Bouncing ball, The Kelly, Deborah & Perry, Georgia (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9780857980045	K-2	Try to keep up with the bouncing ball as it travels down the street, between two cars, into a gutter and down a storm drain.
2835	Boundless sublime, The Wilkinson, Lili	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760113360	7-9	Ruby's younger brother has died and her family is torn apart. Ruby feels his death so personally that she has shut herself off from her usual world. When she meets Fox, an idiosyncratic but gentle loner, Ruby is drawn into his special, little community. Fox seems to understand what she's going through and offers her a chance to find peace. But, Ruby discovers that he lives in a terrifying, secretive cult community that is far from the ideal world she expected. Gripping, confronting read. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above.
	Boy vs beast series Park, Mac				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
2735	Boy who sailed ocean in an armchair, The Williamson, Lara	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2015	9781409576327	5-6	Eleven year old Becket Rumsey is all at sea. In the middle of the night, his dad has run away with him and his brother, Billy. They've left everything behind, including their almost-mum, Pearl, who gives great hugs. Their father tells them they need not contact Pearl, not even to say goodbye, and that they're starting at a new school after their holiday. Becket just wants his family to be whole again. With lots of stories, one thousand paper cranes and a snail, Beckett is determined to make his wish come true.

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31860	Brobot Foley, James	Fremantle Press	2016	9781925163919	3-4	Sally Tinker makes machines and her baby brother, Joe, breaks them. Sally is the world's foremost inventor under the age of twelve and she just knows she can build a better brother than the messy, smelly version she has. Sally's invention, Brobot, is fantastic. That is, until the remote gets broken and Brobot is out of control.
5936	Bush Santa, The Foot, Mandy	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9780734416858	K-2	As the sun sets on Christmas Eve, the Bush Santa's big night begins. He travels around Australia, delivering special presents to all the Australian animals, from the cockies in Cairns and the crocs of the Top End, to the wallabies in Canberra and the quokkas of Rottnest Island.
33951	Butterflies close up Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2014	9781742033044	5-6	Butterflies undergo one of the most amazing transformations experienced by any living creature. Take a closer look at these beautiful, flying insects.
4634	By the light of the moon Percival, Tom	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408852118	K-2	Ivan's old house had always been so warm and friendly. But, his new house is strange and Ivan can't sleep. From his window, he sees a shimmering light land in the garden. It's a creature called Moji who takes Ivan on a fabulous night-time adventure, up high into space, bounding through starlit forests and down deep into the oceans. The magical Moji shows Ivan that, soon, the new house will feel like home.
27590	Captain Jack and the pirates Bently, Peter & Oxenbury, Helen	Puffin UK	2016	9780723269281	K-2	Jack, Zak and Casper, brave mariners three, are building a galleon down by the sea. A family day out at the beach turns into a swashbuckling pirate adventure.
31009	Captain Jimmy Cook discovers Third Grade Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol & Foye, Jon (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760291938	3-4	Jimmy Cook believes he is related to Captain James Cook and has plans to become an explorer. He decides to start in Hawaii. But, first, Jimmy has to navigate Third Grade and win the Wheetblocks competition to get there. That means beating the world's most annoying person, Alice Toolie.
1986	Captain Sneer the buccaneer Morrison, Penny & Evans, Gabriel (ill)	Walker Books	2016	9781922179609	K-2	Ahoy there, me hearties, meet Captain Sneer, he's a most boastful buccaneer. Captain Sneer and his hardy crew of buccaneers are in for adventure and a big surprise in this rollicking, rhyming treasure hunt.
31826	Caspar and the night sea Binks, Alison	Windy Hollow Books	2016	9781922081629	K-2	While everyone is sleeping, a little boy and his dog embark on a sailing journey.
14111	Cat, the dog, Little Red, the exploding eggs, the wolf and Grandma's wardrobe, The Fox, Diane & Fox, Christyan	Words & pictures	2014	9781910277003	3-4	Cat starts reading to Dog, explaining that it's a story about a little girl who always wears a red cape with a hood. Dog loves stories about superheroes and wants to know her special power. When Cat advises that the little girl doesn't have any special powers and it's not that kind of a story, the fun begins.

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17205	Catalyst, The Coggan, Helena	Hodder & Stoughton	2015	9781444794670	7-9	For eighteen years, the world has been divided into the magically Gifted and the non-magical Ashkind. Rose Elmsworth's identity is far more dangerous. At fifteen, she has earned herself a place alongside her father in the Department, a brutal law-enforcement organisation, run by the Gifted to control the Ashkind. But, an old enemy is threatening to start a catastrophic war and Rose faces a challenging choice and a test of her loyalties. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
29168	Child of books, A Jeffers ,Oliver	Walker Books	2016	9780763690779	K-2	A little girl sails her raft across a sea of words, arriving at a small boy's house. She calls him away on an adventure and, through forests of fairy tales and across mountains of make-believe, they travel together on a fantastical journey, which unlocks the boy's imagination.
	Chook Doolan series NEW SERIES 2017 Roy, James & Gifford, Lucinda (ill)				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
6243	Chooks in dinner suits Jackson, Diane & Smith, Craig, (ill)	Museum Victoria	2016	9781921833380	K-2	A waddle of Little Penguins live on a tiny island. But, their numbers are dwindling. Swampy Marsh knows what to do but no one will listen to him. Soon, he can count the last few penguins on the fingers of one hand. The desperate townsfolk give Swampy and his friends, Max and Mimi, one chance to solve the problem. Based on a true story.
4632	Christmas at home Saxby, Claire & Dawson, Janine (ill)	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760402952	K-2	The tree is decorated, the presents are wrapped and the neighbourhood Christmas lights blaze against a warm December sky in Australia. It's Christmas time at home, the very best time of the year.
34385	Circle Baker, Jeannie	Walker Books	2016	9781406338010	5-6	Each year, bar-tailed godwits undertake the longest migration of any bird. They fly from Australia and New Zealand to their breeding grounds in the Arctic, and then back again. The godwits follow invisible pathways that have been followed for thousands of years, while braving hunger and treacherous conditions to reach their destination.

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2784	Clancy of the Undertow Currie, Christopher	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781925240405	7-9	In a dead-end town like Barwen, sixteen year old Clancy feels like a freak. She has a dysfunctional family, a real interest in Nature Club and a big crush on the local hot girl. Then, her dad is involved in a smash that kills two teenagers and the family must deal with the hostile town. Clancy meets someone who might become a friend and Sasha starts to show what may be a romantic interest. This is the summer when Clancy has to figure out just who she is. Adult themes, language. Usually read by years 9, 10 or above.
2690	Clarrie's pig day out Storer, Jen & de Gennaro, Sue (ill)	ABC Books	2016	9780733334443	K-2	Clarrie the farmer plans a day out and tries to coax his dog, Bert, into coming with him. But, the day doesn't go quite the way that Clarrie plans. There are adventures, mishaps, chickens and a fox, but no Bert to come to the rescue. This mayhem is nothing compared to the lack of unity between Clarrie's mind and his mouth.
17984	Claude all at sea Smith, Alex T	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2016	9781444903676	K-2	When Claude leaves the taps running, a quiet bath time turns into a seafaring adventure.
	Claude the dog series NEW SERIES 2017 Smith, Alex T				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	Clementine Rose series Harvey, Jaqueline & Yi, J (ill)				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	Clifford series Norman, Bidwell				K-2	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. Please note that BOARD BOOKS are not included.

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8621	Close to the wind Walter, Jon	David Fickling Books	2015	9781910200179	7-9	A war torn country, a town that is burning. Ten year old Malik's mother has been missing for days, his home has become unrecognisable and the grandfather he hardly knows is insisting they leave on the final ship, to a country promising safety and a new life. When Papa meets two old friends, he makes a deal that could save them. But, this is only the beginning of the journey for Malik. If he is to escape, he will need all his courage, his sense of right and wrong, and a magic trick that he must practice until it's perfect.
11000	Colours of Australia Bancroft, Bronwyn	Little Hare Books	2016	9781742976914	K-2	Celebrate the beauty of our natural environment. Each line speaks a different voice, each image stirs a different mood, and all combine to evoke the miracle of colour that surrounds us.
	Completely Cassidy series NEW SERIES 2017 Murray, Tamsyn & Miller, Antonia (ill)				7-9	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.
13788	Coral reef book, The Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742034140	5-6	Coral reefs have existed for millions of years and are found in tropical waters around the world. These ecosystems are home to a diverse range of animals and plants. Australia's Great Barrier Reef is the longest barrier reef in the world, stretching for more than two thousand kilometres. Find out about the beautiful, colourful and richly diverse world of coral reefs.
2969	Countdown to danger: Bullet train disaster Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781760159627	5-6	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	5-6	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.

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4038	Cow tripped over the moon, The Wilson, Tony & Wood, Laura (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781743623534	K-2	Hey diddle diddle, you all know the riddle, a cow jumps over the moon. But, the moon is very high in the sky and cow has to make many high-flying leaps.
1325	Crabbing with Dad Seden, Paul	Magabala Books	2016	9781925360158	K-2	With sunscreen and life jackets on, Dad and two children zoom off into the creek, passing other boats and people fishing along the way. It's a good time to be on the water and they even come across Cousin Dan, throwing his net as far as he can. With the crab pots set, they wait patiently and play games as they try to guess what fish could be swimming under their boat. It's finally time to check the crab pots.
2975	Crenshaw Applegate, Katherine	HarperCollins Children's Books	2015	9780007951185	5-6	When Jackson's father becomes ill and cannot work, the family is struggling to pay the rent or buy food. When it seems they could lose everything and face homelessness, Crenshaw, Jackson's imaginary cat, comes back into his life to help them.
4374	Crongton knights Wheatle, Alex	Little, Brown & Co	2016	9780349002323	7-9	For McKay, living on the South Crongton council estate has become even tougher since his mum died. His dad is working all hours, his brother rides the streets at night, tempting trouble. And, after an heroic but misguided mission to help a girl, McKay is facing a crazy ex-boyfriend, power-tripping hood-rats and a violent gangster. He never asked for trouble. During one mad night of adventure and danger, McKay will find out who his true friends are and what it means to stick with family. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1289	Crusts Parker, Danny & Ottley, Matt (ill)	Hardie Grant Egmont	2016	9781742979830	K-2	Jacob is just one of millions who won't eat their crusts. But, he is one in a million when it comes to bright ideas. When tiny creatures from a distant, crumbling planet seek Jacob's help, he sets out to do what he can with his big box of uneaten crusts.
9785	Crystal run, The O'Flanagan, Sheila	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2016	9781444927061	5-6	When Joe accidentally runs through a portal, he lands in a camp training teenagers to become Runners. Each cycle, three Runners are sent to place the power sources that will secure the shield that protects their land and keeps the enemy away. Once this is done, a toxin is released into their bodies and the Runners die. No one is permitted to return through the shield and nobody can remain in enemy territory. It's Joe's turn on the next Run. He is desperate to return to Earth.

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5460	Cut out, The Heath, Jack	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760111984	7-9	Fero isn't a spy. But, he looks exactly like Troy Maschenov, a ruthless enemy agent. What starts out as mistaken identity quickly turns into a complicated and dangerous plan. Fero is recruited to fight for his country. He has to impersonate Troy, enter enemy territory, hunt down a missing agent and bring her home in time to prevent a devastating terror attack. Hastily trained, loaded up with gadgets and smuggled across the border, Fero discovers the truth about espionage. Getting in is easy. Getting out alive is hard.
2982	Cyclone French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781743623596	5-6	On Christmas Eve in 1974, tropical cyclone Tracy devastated the city of Darwin. It caused massive destruction and trauma. This is the story of the city's indomitable spirit and life after the cyclone.
1730	Dance, Bilby, Dance Oktober, Tricia	Ford Street Publishing	2016	9781925272130	K-2	Moths, leaves, Min-min lights and, even, shadows dance around him. Bilby has to practise hard before he can dance and prance. It's great fun until a much larger shadow appears.
35126	Day I remember, A Prodeepta, Das	Frances Lincoln	2015	9781847806017	3-4	This is a day that Chintu will always remember. He's going to be Markundi, the boy who keeps the bridegroom, his uncle, company through the wedding preparations. Come and join in the celebrations, with dancing, fireworks and music.
	Deadly D & Justice Jones series NEWS SERIES 2017 Prince, Scott & Hartley, David				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
6493	Deep water Hersey, Lu	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2015	9781409586104	7-9	When her mum suddenly disappears, Danni moves to a tiny Cornish fishing village with her Dad, where the locals treat her like a monster. As the village's dark, disturbing past bubbles to the surface, Danni discovers that she's not who, or what, she thought she was. And, the only way to save her family from a bitter curse is to embrace her incredible, new gift, however impossible it seems.

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21619	Detective dog, The Donaldson, Julia & Ogilvie, Sara (ill)	MacMillan	2016	9781509801596	K-2	Peter's dog, Nell, has an amazing sense of smell. Whether it's finding a lost shoe or discovering who did a poo on the new gravel path, her ever-sniffing nose is always hard at work. But, Nell has other talents too. Every Monday, she goes to school with Peter and listens to children read. But, one morning, when they arrive at school, Peter and Nell discover that all the books have disappeared.
13406	Detective Gordon: Complicated case, A Nilsson, Ulf & Spee, Gitte (ill)	Gecko Press	2016	9781776570652	3-4	There is something going on in the forest. The animals are troubled and unhappy. But, no one dares make a statement to the police. Detective Gordon and police assistant Buffy have a new case to investigate.
	Diary of a series NEW SERIES 2017 Flint, Shamini & Heinrich, Sally (ill)				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
21756	Did you take the B from my _ook Stanton, Beck & Matt	ABC Books	2016	9780733334832	K-2	There are two things you need to know. Your favourite thing in the whole world is the letter B. Then, you sneeze and all the Bs are blown out of the book. So, until you can get your favourite letter back, you're about to sound really, really silly.
9236	Dingo in the dark Morgan, Sally & Erzinger, Tania (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742990972	K-2	Dingo is afraid of the dark. He can't sleep if Sun is not there to watch over him. So, he's too tired to play with his friends during the day and is feeling lonely. Dingo must find a way to feel safe when night falls.
15977	Do not open this book Lee, Andy & McKenzie, Heath (I'll)	Lake Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760451486	K-2	This guy will do anything to stop you opening this book. Threats, bribes, reverse psychology, you name it, he'll offer it.
31447	Dog emergency, The Morgan, Sally & Smith, Craig (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742991351	3-4	When Dillon and his brother, Ryan, find a cattle dog in town that has hurt his leg, they decide to take him to the nursing station for first aid. They know Mum won't take him in because she is still upset about losing the family dog, Buster. The stray dog needs an operation and the boys try to earn the money to pay for it. When it looks as if they can claim him for themselves, the owner returns.
4719	Dog lost Ramage, Jan & Simmonds, Brian (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2015	9781922081612	5-6	A wandering dog, a cattle dog, a dog that loves the land. With master by his side, the wilderness is no stranger. Until the storm comes.

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7213	Dog on a train: Special delivery, The Prendergast, Kate	Old Barn Books	2015	9781910646083	K-2	Boy is late for his train. Rushing out of the house, he drops his favourite hat. Luckily, Dog is there to pick it up but he will have to be quick to catch Boy in time. Follow the plucky Dog on this wordless adventure through the streets and rush-hour crowds.
21749	Dog, Ray, The Coggin, Linda	Hot Key Books	2015	9781471403194	5-6	Twelve year old Daisy has just died in a car crash. But, in a twist of fate and through a heavenly bureaucratic mistake, Daisy ends up in the body of a dog. She may now be inhabiting a dog's body but, inside, Daisy is still very much Daisy - bouncy, loyal, positive and energetic. Daisy's only thought is to somehow reunite with her parents, who she knows will be missing her. This is how she meets Pip, a boy who is homeless and on his own journey.
27577	Dogs, The Stratton, Allan	Penguin	2015	9780143572596	7-9	Cameron and his mum have been on the run for five years. His father is hunting them. At least, that's what Cameron has been told. When they settle in an isolated farmhouse, in the middle of nowhere, Cameron starts to see and hear things that aren't possible. Soon, he's questioning everything he thought he knew and, even, his sanity. Cameron must uncover the dark secrets buried in the past, before they tear him apart.
3034	Don't cross the line Carvalho, Bernardo P & Martins, Isabel Minhos (ill) & Hahn, Daniel (trans)	Gecko Press	2016	9781776570744	K-2	Without question, the guard always follows the general's orders. This time, the order is that no one must cross the line. The right-hand page of this book must be kept blank for the general. As the crowd builds up on the border, the guard is under more and more pressure.
20711	Dr Karl's big book of amazing animals Kruszelnicki, Dr Karl	MacMillan	2016	9781743547434	5-6	From creepy crawlies and the world under the water to the biggest, longest, loudest, 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,
13752	Dr Karl's short back & science Kruszelnicki, Dr Karl	Pan MacMillan	2015	9781743533345	7-9	Settle in for some cutting-edge scientific snippets and comb through some of the greatest scientific conundrums of our age. Find out what's killing half the bacteria on Earth every two days, why mole rats don't get cancer, why scientists are running around naked in the Antarctic, how a toilet seat helped to end the First World War, and lots, lots more.

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40734	Dragonfly song Orr, Wendy	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760290023	5-6	The firstborn baby daughter of a priestess is cast out and, after raiders kill her adopted family, she is abandoned, anonymous and mute. Called No-Name, the cursed child, she is raised a slave. At twelve, she learns that her real name is Aissa, the dragonfly. Every year, the Bull King takes two young children to brave the bloody bull dances in his royal court. None has ever returned. But, for Aissa, it is the only escape. She is resilient, resourceful and fast but, to survive the bull ring, Aissa will have to learn the mystery of her true nature.
	Dragonkeeper series Wilkinson, Carole				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
9138	Drama Telgemeier, Rania	Graphix	2012	9780545326995	7-9	Callie loves theatre. But, she can't really sing. Instead, she's the set designer for the drama department's stage crew and, this year, she's determined to create a set worthy of Broadway, on a school budget. But, Callie will need to learn about carpentry, try and sell tickets and help the crew work well together. But, once the actors are chosen, the offstage dramas don't help, and the two cute brothers who enter the picture just make things crazier. Graphic novel.
2984	Dreaming tree, The Oliver, Jo	New Frontier Publishing	2016	9781925059489	3-4	Through free-verse and rhyming poems, celebrate the joy and freedom of being a child in the Australian landscape.
35460	Dropping In Havel, Geoff	Fremantle Press	2015	9781925162219	5-6	Sticks and Ranga live on the same street, go to the same school and love skateboarding and PlayStation. When new kid James arrives in his wheelchair, Sticks isn't sure they can be friends. But, Sticks quickly discovers that while Cerebral palsy stops James from doing some things, it hasn't dulled his sense of humour, and he's pretty brainy, too. The one thing James can't do is skateboarding. But, a beat-up old couch, a couple of skateboards and a steep hill might solve the problem.

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	Dummies Junior series NEW SERIES 2017 Various				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
1147	Eagle, crow and emu Milroy, Gladys & Milroy, Jill (ill)	Fremantle Press	2016	9781925163711	3-4	Three stories, mostly about about birds. Birds who can't fly and snakes who can. Mistakes to be made and problems to be solved. <u>Great enemies and even greater friends.</u>
9961	Elephant man Di Fiore, Mariangela & Hodnefeld, Hilde (ill) & Hedger, Rosie (trans)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760292201	5-6	Joseph doesn't look like other people. His skin is thick and lumpy, his limbs are oddly shaped, and his head has a big, bony lump. People call him Elephant Man and scream in terror when they see him. But, inside, Joseph longs for a friend to understand him. Based on the famous, true story of Joseph Merrick.
11696	Elizabeth and Zenobia Miller, Jessica	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781925355031	5-6	Timid Elizabeth and her unusual, fearless friend, Zenobia, arrive at Witheringe House, the old manor where Elizabeth's father and his beloved sister, Tourmaline, lived as children. Peculiar things begin to happen, especially in the forbidden East Wing. Sometimes, the flowers and vines of the wallpaper seem to be alive. A mirror has a surface like the water of a pond and an old book tells a different story after midnight. Zenobia is thrilled by the strangeness but Elizabeth is not so bold. Until she makes a mysterious and terrifying discovery.
	Ella diaries series Costain, Meredith & McDonald, Danielle (ill)				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	Ellyse Perry series NEW SERIES 2017 Various				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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	Embassy Row series NEW SERIES 2017 Carter, Ally				7-9	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.
9638	Emily's bush Christmas French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2015	9780732286934	K-2	It's Christmas Day in Shaggy Gully. The kangaroos are feeling bouncy, the echidnas are being prickly and the possums are just hanging around. Only the Bunyip is gloomy. Dawn and her chorus are playing Christmas carols but Emily Emu can't get a note right. Her musical mishaps float down to the creek, where the grumpy Bunyip lives.
9022	Emo the emu Wilson, Tony & Masciullo, Lucia (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781742834382	K-2	Emo the Emu is grumpy about everything. He is the grumpiest Emu in Humpty Doo. One day, he meets Katie the Kangaroo and she takes him on a journey around Australia. Perhaps, this might brighten Emo's mood.
11224	Emu's Halloween Mangan, Anne & Cornish, David (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2015	9780732298906	K-2	Emu wants to have a truly terrifying Halloween party but is worried that it will be as scary as a lamington. Luckily, her friends are there to ensure that Emu has the most spooktacular night of the year.
19548	Endgame: The complete training diaries Frey, James	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2015	9780007585342	7-9	Before they were Players. Before the Calling. They trained to be selected as the one to save their ancient bloodline and win Endgame. In this collection of Training Diaries novellas, follow the Twelve (Marcus, Chiyoko, Sarah, Alice, Aisling, Baitsakhan, Jago, An, Shari, Kala, Maccabee and Hilal) through sacrifices and betrayals, broken hearts and broken bones, as they shed their normal lives and transform into the Players they were meant to be.
13688	Escape to the Moon Islands McConnochie, Mardi	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760290917	5-6	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.

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3042	Eve and Elly Dumbleton, Mike & Wood, Laura (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9780857988515	K-2	Elly is Eve's toy elephant and her best friend. When Elly goes missing, Eve is the one who is lost. Her dad will do anything to cheer her up so he tells Eve what adventures her toy has been having. Dad's tall tale turns little Elly into a towering hero.
6416	Everything is changed Weetman, Nova	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702254161	7-9	Jake and Alex. Best mates. One terrible mistake. Two lives that will never be the same. Told in reverse, this powerful and gritty novel moves through the wreckage of a broken friendship, back to the moment when everything changed.
	Exploding endings series NEW SERIES 2017 Various				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
3857	Explore Australia: the kid edition Scott, Janine	Explore Australia	2015	9781741174908	5-6	A travel guide for kids covering destinations and activities all around the country. Packed with fun facts, beguiling history and tips on what to see and do, the guide is organised into state chapters, highlighting the top attractions in each capital city and a range of holiday regions. There are also sections on weird place names, how to read maps and Aussie road signs.
41647	Fabish, the horse that saved a bushfire McMullin, Neridah & McLean, Andrew (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781925266863	3-4	Fabish was a handsome, grey racehorse who always tried his hardest. When he retired, Fabish took care of the flighty yearlings, showing them what was expected of a racehorse. One hot summer day, a wild wind blew up and Fabish smelled smoke. Fire was coming, fast. When the trainer opened the gate, Fabish and the yearlings galloped away. The fire raged through the night as the trainer battled to save the racehorses. The next morning, there were no signs of Fabish or the young horses. Based on a true story during the Black Saturday fires.
27787	Fabulous friend machine, The Bland, Nick	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781760277659	K-2	Popcorn is, quite simply, the friendliest chicken at Fiddlesticks Farm. When she finds a Fabulous Friend Machine in the barn, Popcorn sets about making some brand new friends. But, behind the screen of the Fabulous Friend Machine, maybe her new friends are not so friendly after all.

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4337	Fail safe, The Heath, Jack	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781925266078	7-9	Everyone seems to know who Fero is, except Fero. He's either a ruthless boy soldier from Besmar or an innocent teen recruit from Kamau. Whatever, he's running out of time to decide. If he doesn't help a renegade spy steal a politician's briefcase, his two countries could end up in a full blown nuclear war, the kind that no one wins. Sequel to The cut out.
4957	Fairy dancers, The Prior, Natalie Jane & Orsini, Cheryl (ill)	ABC Books	2015	9780733333576	3-4	Every Saturday, with a hop, a skip and a magical twirl, Mia, Emma and Grace turn into fairy dancers.
1847	Family with two front doors, The Ciddor, Anna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781925266641	5-6	Nomi is one of nine children living in Poland in the 1920s. Their family is so large, they need to live across two apartments. Their father is a Rabbi and there are many customs to follow, many revolving around food. But, the biggest adventure of all is when big sister Adina is told she is to be married, at the age of fifteen, to someone she has never met. Based on the author's real family, the Rabinovitches dance, laugh and cook their way through an extraordinary life in 1920s Poland.
	Famous artists (Anholt) series NEW SERIES 2017 Various				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	Fancy Nancy series NEW SERIES 2017 O'Connor, Jane & Preiss Glasser, Robin (ill)				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
10763	Figgy and the President Janu, Tamsin	Omnibus Books	2016	9781742991559	5-6	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.

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22546	Five children on the Western Front Saunders, Kate	Faber & Faber	2014	9780571310951	5-6	The sequel to 'Five children and It' is set on the eve of the First World War. The five children have grown up and the war will change their lives for ever. The sand fairy has become a creature of stories until he suddenly reappears. The siblings are pleased to have something to take their minds off the war but, this time, the Psammead is here for a reason, and his magic might have a more serious purpose.
	Fizz the police dog series NEW SERIES 2017 Gibbes, Lesley & King, Stephen Michael (ill)				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	Fizzlebert Stump series NEW SERIES 2017 Harrold, A F & Horne, Sarah (ill)				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
20128	Fly-in fly-out Dad Murphy, Sally & Dawson, Janine (ill)	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2015	9781743467299	K-2	Australia is a vast land and some workers must travel thousands of miles to do their job. These people have become known as the fly in, fly out workers, with most staying on-site for weeks at a time, then flying back to their families and loved ones to spend quality time at home.
	Football high series NEW SERIES 2017 Various				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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8576	For keeps: Treasury of stories, poems and plays, A Various	NSW Department of Education	2016	9780731387465	5-6	A treasury of stories, poems and plays celebrating one hundred years of The School Magazine. Discover some of the finest writing and illustration from the pages of the longest running children's magazine in the world. Meet larrikins and chatterboxes, brave hearts and lost souls, best mates and wise elders. Encounter ghosts and fairies, monsters and aliens, a cranky parrot and a talking carrot.
10495	Forgetting Foster Touchell, Dianne	Lothian Books	2016	9781760110796	7-9	Seven year old Foster Sumner likes toy soldiers, tadpole hunting, going to school and the beach. Best of all, he likes listening to his dad's stories. But, when Foster's dad starts forgetting things. No one is too worried at first. Foster and Dad giggle about it. But, the forgetting gets worse and, suddenly, no one is laughing anymore.
1919	Forward march Mattingley, Christobel & Kennett, David (ill)	Omnibus Books	2016	9781742990804	5-6	On ANZAC Day in Australia, people of all ages and nationalities gather at war memorials for the dawn service and line city streets to watch the march. This national day of mourning and commemoration honours the men and women who returned from war, and those who did not.
2675	Four-fingered man, The Jones, Cerberus	Hardie Grant Egmont	2015	9781760120283	5-6	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	5-6	Since moving to Australia with their father, Angus Jack and his sister, Martha, have moved house constantly. They end up living next door to a peculiar old lady called Reafen, who runs a second-hand shop, full of strange and weird objects. To Angus and Martha, Reafen seems harmless enough. But, Reafen draws Angus into her world of ancient feuds, Wild Magick, the secret dealings of vikings and goblins, and all those who have lived in the Old Realm.
17449	Fox & Goldfish Pieters, Nils	Book Island	2016	9780994128218	K-2	Fox knows that Goldfish is very unwell and that his time has come. But, first, there are places they simply must see and things they absolutely must do. So, Fox and Goldfish embark on a wordless adventure.
19676	Frankencrayon Hall, Michael	HarperCollins US	2016	9780062252111	3-4	The costumes are made, the roles are cast and the pages are all set. But, then, disaster strikes. Someone has scribbled on the page. This picture book is cancelled.
6684	Freddy Tangles: Champ or chicken Brand, Jack & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760110352	5-6	Freddy Tangles is in trouble with everybody, again. New boy, Hugo, initially very popular, has become a bully and turned Freddy's friends against him. Freddy will have to do something spectacular to prove he's no chicken and win back his friends.

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8068	Freddy Tangles: Legend or loser Brand, Jack & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760110345	5-6	Freddy Tangles and his friends are in danger. No one is scarier than the big bully, Sid Malone. Freddy must come up with a plan but this will be difficult because he's even afraid of his little sister.
9237	Freedom swimmer Chim, Wai	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760113414	7-9	During China's 'Great Leap Forward', Ming survived the famine that killed his parents. He now lives a hard but adequate life, working in the fields. As part of a Communist Party re-education program, a group of city boys arrives, unused to hard labour and village life. Despite his reservations and their differences, Ming befriends a boy called Li and, slowly, they form a bond over evening swims and shared dreams. As the bitterness of life under the Party begins to take its toll, Ming and Li begin to imagine the impossible, freedom.
12013	Frieda, a new Australian Musgrove, Marianne	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742991146	5-6	Frieda, her sickly mother and her father travel from Germany to Australia, looking for a better life. Nervous and excited about Adelaide, a drought-stricken town with hordes of flies and barefoot children, Frieda is keen to make friends. But, as the First World War takes hold, the Germans are now seen as the enemy. Rumours begin to circulate that Frieda's father is a spy. Frieda has her own battles to fight. She begins to wonder whether she should change her name and hide all trace of her culture.
41059	Frogs closeup Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2016	9781742033990	5-6	Frogs go through an amazing transformation during their life cycle and are well adapted to living on land and in water. Take a closer look at these incredible amphibians.
1790	Gallipoli: The landing Dolan, Hugh & Gardiner, Mal	NewSouth Publishing	2014	9781742231570	7-9	In graphic novel format, the truth about the assault on Gallipoli in 1915 is revealed. Rather than being a botched attack, planned by indifferent British generals, the Gallipoli campaign was carefully thought out and included an amphibious attack on the beach by ANZAC officers.
45264	Game theory Jonsberg, Barry	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760290153	7-9	Jamie is a sixteen year old maths whiz. His wild, older sister, Summerlee, has dropped out of school. Tensions at home run high. With Jamie's help, Summerlee wins millions in a lottery and cuts all ties with the family. But, money can cause big trouble. When their younger sister is kidnapped for a ransom, Jamie thinks he can use game theory, the strategy of predicting an opponent's actions, to outfox the kidnapper and get Phoebe back. It's a very risky strategy. Mature themes and language. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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6648	Gangsta Granny Walliams, David	HarperCollins Children's Books	2011	9780007371440	5-6	Ben is bored beyond belief after he is made to stay at his Grandma's house. She's the boringest Grandma ever. All she wants to do is to play Scrabble and eat cabbage soup. But, there are two things that Ben doesn't know about his Grandma. They involve an international jewel thief and stealing the Crown Jewels.
	Gargoylz series Burchett, Jan & Vogler, Sara & Noyes, Leighton (ill)				3-4	The Gragoylz get up to lots of tricks and pranks. Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books; up to five more can be read as personal choice books. See Series lists for individual titles.
8016	Gary Rudge, Leila	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925081695	K-2	Gary the pigeon can't fly. When his racing pigeon friends head off in their travel basket, Gary stays at home. He organises his scrapbook of travel mementos and dreams about the adventures the other pigeons are having. But, when Gary accidentally ends up a very long way from home, he discovers that flying is not the only way to have adventures.
2851	Geis: A matter of life & death Deacon, Alexis	Nobrow	2016	9781910620038	7-9	The great chief matriarch is dying and has no heir. Drawing her last breath, she gives a final decree that, upon her death, there will be a contest to decide the one truly worthy to rule in her place. The rich, the strong, the wise and the powerful put forward their names in the hope of being chosen. When the night comes, only fifty souls are summoned. Fifty souls bound to the same fate. But, this is no ordinary trial. And, so begins the first task. Graphic novel.
16160	Gemina: Illuminae Files, The Kaufman, Amie & Kristoff, Jay	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781925266573	7-9	Hanna, the commander's pampered daughter, and Nik, the reluctant member of a crime family, are struggling with life aboard the space station. When an elite strike team invades, Hanna and Nik are thrown together to defend their home from alien predators. And, there's a malfunction in the station's wormhole. Soon, Hanna and Nik are fighting to survive. The fate of everyone on the Hypatia, and possibly in the known universe, is in their hands. Sequel to The Illuminae. Mature read. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above.

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6346	George Gino, Alex	Scholastic US	2015	9780545812542	5-6	When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But, George knows she's a girl. She secretly calls herself Melissa and loves to read her hidden stash of magazines, with ads for lipstick and perfume. George desperately wants to win the role of Charlotte in her class'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.
	Geronimo and Thea Stilton series Various				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
32671	Get coding Whitney, David & Beedie, Duncan (ill)	Walker Books	2016	9781406366846	5-6	In this fun guide to coding for beginners, learn how to develop real coding skills by following step by step instructions and completing six exciting missions. Code your own website, app and game, and learn html, CSS and JavaScript.
10974	Glass sword Aveyard, Victoria	Orion	2016	9781409159353	7-9	Mare Barrow has Silver ability, the power to control lightning. As she makes her escape from Maven, the prince and friend who betrayed her, Mare discovers she is not the only one of her kind. Pursued by Maven, Mare sets out to recruit other Red-and-Silver fighters to join in the struggle against her oppressors. But, Mare finds herself on a deadly path, at risk of becoming the kind of monster she is trying to defeat. Sequel to The red queen. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
38395	Go home, cheeky animals Bell, Johanna & Beasley, Dion (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760291655	K-2	At Canteen Creek where we live, there are cheeky dogs everywhere. But, when the cheeky goats, donkeys, buffaloes and camels make mischief in the camp, the dogs just lie there. That is, until those pesky animals really go too far. Then, the cheeky camp dogs roar into action.
7782	Goanna was hungry, The James, Ann & Morgan, Sally	Indigenous Literacy Foundation	2016	9780994465412	K-2	Imagine being at a camp in the Great Victorian Desert. Imagine being one of the ten lucky kids chosen to work with two of Australia's best-loved author-illustrators. Kids from Tjuntjuntjara, Mt Margaret, Menzies and Melbourne spent five days at a writing and illustrating camp on Spinifex Country. This is their book and their stories.

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4924	Gracefully Grayson Polonsky, Amy	Disney Press	2014	9781423185277	7-9	Raised as a boy, twelve year old Grayson has never felt comfortable in her own skin and longs to be able to express her true gender identity. She is a loner, eating her lunch in the library, trying to avoid the class bullies. Home is not much better. Although she has lived with her aunt, uncle and two cousins for years, she isn't close to them. They don't know the real Grayson. No one does. But, when Grayson impulsively signs up for school play tryouts and then auditions for the leading role, things begin to change.
21596	Grandma Wombat French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2016	9780732299590	K-2	She eats. She sleeps. She scratches. And, like all grandmas, she thinks her grandson is the best-behaved baby ever. But, this baby has other ideas.
4024	Grandpa's big adventure Newman, Paul & Jellett, Tom (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9780670078172	K-2	I'm afraid of the water but Grandpa loves it, and he's teaching me to swim. If I can swim, maybe I'll have adventures like him one day.
4357	Grandpa's great escape Walliams, David & Ross, Tony (ill)	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2015	9780008135195	5-6	Jack's Grandpa wears his slippers to the supermarket, serves up tinned tongue for dinner and often doesn't remember Jack's name. But, he can still take to the skies in a speeding Spitfire and save the day.
12592	Green Tree Frogs Kendell, Sandra	Windy Hollow Books	2015	9781922081421	K-2	Each year, monsoonal rains sweep across the Top End of Australia and the green tree frogs clamber from their hiding places to feed, breed and sing. Celebrate these cheeky characters and their life cycle in the wet season.
9050	Grumpy lighthouse keeper, The Corpus, Terrizita & Prewett, Maggie (ill)	Magabala Books	2016	9781925360189	K-2	On a stormy, wet-season night in Broome, the lighthouse keeper gets out of his warm bed to ensure the lamp is still lit for passing ships. While he is out, sea creatures of all shapes and sizes race up the lighthouse staircase to escape the storm. When the lighthouse keeper returns to his bed, he becomes very grumpy.
13821	Gumnut babies: 100 years Gibbs, May	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2016	9781460752555	5-6	Celebrate the publication of May Gibbs's first book, Gumnut babies, in 1916. This collector's book includes seven stories - Gumnut babies, Gum-Blossom babies, Flannel Flowers and Other Bush Babies, Boronia babies, Wattle Babies, Nuttybub and Nittersing, and Chucklebud and Wunkydoo.
7940	Guys read: Terrifying tales Scieszka, Jon (ed) & Grimley, Gris (ill)	HarperCollins Children's Books	2015	9780062385574	5-6	A bone-chilling collection of eleven original ghost stories, perfect for sharing around the campfire, reading under the covers with a flashlight and scaring your friends' pants off. A creepy-fun read, if you're brave enough.
28527	Gwendolyn MacIver, Juliette & Baynton, Terri Rose (ill)	ABC Books	2016	9780733335174	K-2	In the jungle, there are jaguars, monkeys and parrots aplenty. But, there are no penguins, none at all. Penguins don't live in the jungle, except for Gwendolyn.

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3118	Harold's hungry eyes Waldron, Kevin	Phaidon Press Limited	2016	9780714871240	K-2	Like most dogs, Harold is obsessed with food. When he gets lost in the big city, Harold is overtaken by hunger and begins to see food everywhere. Hot dogs on an antenna, a turkey roast in the mailbox and toast popping out of the top of a building.
41619	Harry Potter and the cursed child Rowling, J K & Tiffany, John & Thorne, Jack	Little, Brown & Co	2016	9780751565355	7-9	It was always difficult being Harry Potter. It isn't much easier now that he is an overworked employee of the Ministry of Magic, a husband and father of three school-age children. While Harry grapples with a past that refuses to stay where it belongs, his youngest son, Albus, must struggle with the weight of a family legacy he never wanted. As past and present fuse ominously, both father and son learn the uncomfortable truth - sometimes, darkness comes from unexpected places.
2799	Hate race, The Beneba Clarke, Maxine	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9780733632280	7-9	Suburban Australia. Sweltering heat. A three bedroom blonde-brick house, a family of five with a beaten-up Ford Falcon. Vegemite on toast. Maxine Beneba Clarke's life is just like all the other Aussie kids on her street. Except for one, glaring, inescapably obvious thing. A challenging read. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1865	Hattie helps out Godwin, Jane & Bell, Davina & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781743435434	K-2	It's a busy day at Hattie's house. There's a lot to do before Dad's birthday party. Hattie is being very helpful, until it's time for her afternoon nap. Hattie is not even sleepy. But, Mama looks tired, very tired.
39587	Hell and high water Landman, Tanya	Walker Books	2016	9781406366914	7-9	In eighteenth century Devon, Caleb, travels with his father, living off the earnings from their Punch and Judy show. When his father is wrongly arrested for stealing and transported to the Colonies, Caleb is left alone. After a desperate journey in search of an aunt he's never met, he receives a strange, cold welcome. Then, a body washes up on the nearby beach and Caleb is caught up in a terrifying net of lies and intrigue. Soon, he and his new family are in mortal danger.
22296	Hello Flowers, Tony	National Library of Australia	2016	9780642278876	K-2	Meet twelve Australian friends who can speak different languages. In their own languages, they tell us how to count, say hello and goodbye, and lots of other words about play, food, hobbies and clothes. Once you've said hello, you can see Emiko playing the Japanese drum, Pilinh performing an Aboriginal dance, how to make gnocchi with Sophia and flat bread with Amal.
4130	Here comes trouble Bates, Dianne	Dragon Tales Publishing	2015	9780992523961	5-6	Nine year old Sam is always in trouble. He has a kind heart but more challenges than most children his age. After getting into trouble with the police, Sam thinks things can't get any worse. But, it seems that this is just the beginning.

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	Hilda graphic novel series NEW SERIES 2017 Pearson, Luke				7-9	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.
13708	Hired girl, The Schlitz, Laura Amy	Walker Books	2015	9781406361407	7-9	Fourteen year old Joan Skraggs yearns for real life and true love, just like the heroines in her beloved novels. But, there is little hope for adventure, beauty or art on a farm in Pennsylvania, where the work never ends, looking after her father and three brothers. When she can't take any more, Joan escapes to the city, finding a kitchen maid's position in a Jewish household. Here, she grows as a person and her strict religious upbringing is tempered, as she learns more about her employers' beliefs and world events.
4520	Historium Nelson, Jo & Wilkinson, Richard (ill)	Templar Publishing	2015	9781783701889	5-6	Welcome to the virtual museum. The galleries, which are based on the geographical location of the archaeological finds, include Africa, America, Asia, Europe, The Middle East and Oceania. See objects of beauty, objects of functionality, objects of war, objects of life, death and burial. As you wander from room to room, explore the magnificence of what civilisations have left behind over thousands of years of human history.
16015	Home in the rain Graham, Bob	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781406368239	K-2	In heavy rain, Francie and her mum, who is expecting a baby girl, are driving home from Grandma's. When they're still far from home, they pull over for a picnic. As the car steams up, Francie presses her little finger on the window, spelling out Daddy and Mummy. She leave one space free, ready and waiting for the name of her soon-to-be sister.
30126	Honey bees close up Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2014	9781742033440	5-6	Not only do bees provide us with honey and beeswax, they are responsible for much of the food we depend on every day. Take a closer look at these important insects.
4454	Horton and the Kwuggerbug and more lost stories Seuss, Dr	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2016	9780008131272	K-2	Four short stories feature familiar faces and places, including Horton the Elephant, Marco, Mulberry Street and a Grinch. Seuss fans will learn more about Horton's integrity, Marco's amazing imagination, a narrowly avoided disaster on Mulberry Street, and a devious Grinch.
11631	Hot dog Do, Anh & McGuinness, Dan (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781760279004	3-4	Hotdog and his friends are going on a mad adventure to help a baby bird find his missing mum. They'll climb to crazy heights to find her. But, they'll have to handle a dirty nappy and a karate-chopping rooster to find her.

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4164	Hour of the bees Eagar, Lindsay	Walker Books	2016	9781406368154	7-9	While her friends are enjoying their summer holidays, twelve year old Carol is helping her parents move the grandfather she's never met into a home for people with dementia. At first, Carol avoids prickly Grandpa Serge. But, his crazy stories, about a healing tree, a green-glass lake and the bees that will bring back the rain and end a hundred years drought, begin to fascinate her. As the thin line between magic and reality starts to blur, Carol must decide for herself what is possible and what it means to be true to her roots.
7304	How big is too small Godwin, Jane & Joyner, Andrew (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2015	9780670070756	K-2	Poor Sam, he always gets left out of his big brother's games. But, one day, when the big boys leave him out again, Sam gets to thinking about how big is too small.
5580	How to be famous Shalev, Michal	Gecko Press	2016	9781776570300	3-4	A pigeon comes from a famous family. They have been famous for generations. But, he is particularly famous and he wants to tell you why.
3701	How to speak dolphin Rorby, Ginny	Scholastic US	2015	9780545676052	5-6	Lily's life seems to revolve around her half-brother, Adam, who has autism. She has little time for friends or activities. Her stepfather doesn't acknowledge that Adam needs to attend a special school and Lily has yet to get over the grief of losing her mother in a car accident. When Adam meets Nori, a young dolphin with cancer, they bond instantly. But, Lily wants to get real help for Adam and help Nori to regain her freedom, without betraying her family.
29908	Hungry lion or a dwindling assortment of animals, A Cummins, Lucy Ruth	Atheneum Books for Young Readers	2011	9781481448901	K-2	Once upon a time there was a hungry lion and a bunch of adorable animals. I wonder what happened next.
35705	Hunters and hunted Hope, Charles	Wild Dog Books	2014	9781742033365	5-6	The animal kingdom is a dangerous place, especially at mealtimes. While hunters are out searching for their dinner, the hunted are using all sorts of tricks just to stay alive. Welcome to the frightening and dangerous world of the hunters and the hunted.
8822	I is for Israel Bar-Hillel, Gili & Das, Prodeepta (photo)	Frances Lincoln	2016	9781847807083	3-4	Through the letters of the alphabet, from A for Ahalan (hello, welcome) to D for the Dead Sea to S is for Shuk (market), this is a celebration of Israel, in all its diversity. Find out about Israel's rich heritage, its families and modern-day life.
952	I love me Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, Ambelin (ill)	Fremantle Press	2016	9781925163490	K-2	I love the way my heart knows best. I am me. A lively celebration of being and loving yourself.
7254	I need a hug Blabey, Aaron	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781743629093	K-2	All this little porcupine wants is a hug. But, those prickly spikes make it very difficult to give her the cuddle that she craves.

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8426	If I was a banana Tylee, Alexandra & Rynhart, Kieran (ill)	Gecko Press	2016	9781776570331	K-2	A boy's eye-view of the everyday brings alive all the wonder and oddity of the world inside our own heads.
4083	① Illuminae: Illuminae Files, The Kaufman, Amie & Kristoff, Jay	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760113803	7-9	When their planet, Kerenza, is attacked by an unknown enemy, Kady and Ezra are separated and evacuate in different space ships. A deadly virus is spreading in one ship, the lead ship's computer has gone rogue and the enemy is close. Through long distance communication, Kady and Ezra try to find out what went wrong. As gamers, hackers and video geeks, they have great skills but reconciling their hearts, amidst machines and software, proves much more difficult. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
2862	Illustrated stories from India Baer, Sam (retell) & Firth, Rachel (retell) & Klauss, Anja (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2016	9781409596714	3-4	This collection of short stories from India contains fearsome tigers, greedy elephants, stories of trickery and cunning, mighty gods and goddesses, and even a dancing goat.
21272	Imaginary, The Harrold, A F & Gravett, Emily (ill)	Bloomsbury	2014	9781408852460	5-6	Rudger is Amanda's best friend. He doesn't exist but nobody's perfect. Only Amanda can see her imaginary friend. That is, until the sinister Mr Bunting arrives at Amanda's door. Mr Bunting hunts imaginaries. Rumour says that he eats them. And, he's sniffed out Rudger. Soon, Rudger is alone and running for his imaginary life. A boy who isn't there will have trouble surviving without a friend to dream him up.
34297	Incredibilia Hathorn, Libby & Chapman, Gaye (ill)	Little Hare Books	2016	9781760125257	K-2	Little Georgie is the youngest and, sometimes, this means that Max and Harriet forget about her. But, Georgie is unfazed. She's armed with a big imagination and soon gets the attention of her neglectful siblings.
1897	Incredible powers of Montague Towers, The Sunderland, Alan	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781760153649	5-6	Ageing superhero, the Cape of Justice, asks Montague's help to deal with his pursuers who are using cryptic messages. Over six days, Montague is endowed with a new super power each day - superpower, hypnotic power, invisibility, laser vision, flight and, finally, super speed. When Monty's nose twitches and he sneezes, the next superpower arrives. But, Monty doesn't time his sleuthing well, sometimes with disastrous results, as he searches for the evil Lord Bentwordle, who is trying to commit the crime of the century.
2905	Introducing Teddy Walton, Jessica & MacPherson, Dougal (ill)	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408877623	K-2	Errol and his teddy, Thomas, are best friends who do everything together. One sunny morning, Thomas is sad and not even the swing can cheer him up. Errol can't figure out why until Thomas finally tells Errol what has been bothering him. Thomas wishes his name was Tilly.

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14962	Iris and the tiger Hall, Leanne	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781925240795	5-6	Twelve year old Iris is sent to Spain to ensure that her elderly and unusual aunt leaves her fortune and sprawling estate to Iris's scheming parents. From the moment she arrives, Iris knows something isn't right and that her aunt is hiding something. There's an odd feeling around the house, where time moves slowly and Iris's eyes play tricks on her. In the wild, untamed forest, a mysterious animal moves in the shadows. When Iris discovers a painting, she sets out to uncover the animal's real identity, putting her life in terrible danger.
8246	Isaac and his amazing Asperger superpowers Walsh, Melanie	Walker Books	2016	9781406344455	K-2	Isaac looks like everyone else but he actually has superpowers that make him different from his brother and his classmates. Some kids don't understand that and call him names. But, Isaac's superhero brain sees and remembers loads of things. He tends to say whatever comes into his head which he doesn't realise might be hurtful. Isaac is not really a superhero, he has Asperger syndrome, which means his brain works a little differently from yours.
6089	Island of lost horses, The Gregg, Stacy	HarperCollins Australia	2015	9780007580279	5-6	When twelve year old Beatriz stumbles across a wild mare with strange markings, she can't believe it's real. Yet, from that moment on, the strongest connection grows between them, and Beatriz begins to uncover an incredible history. Centuries ago, Felipa and her horse, Cara Blanca, were running for their lives. As the fates of Beatriz, Felipa and their horses become entwined, Beatriz realises that the future of the world's rarest horses depends on her.
15504	It wasn't me Bond, Michael & Stewart, Joel (ill)	Corgi Books	2016	9780552573139	3-4	Imagine swallowing a computer chip and becoming a living computer. Imagine almost burning down your school. Imagine being Harry Manners. He is a very unusual boy. His family don't understand him and his teachers wish he would stop daydreaming. But, Harry thinks he's doing just fine, as long as he has a stash of Max Masters comics to read and his imaginary pet pig, Monty, to take for a walk.
6514	It's about love Camden, Steven	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2015	9780007511242	7-9	He's Luke. She's Leia. Just like in Star Wars. Just like they're made for each other. Only this isn't a film, this is real life. This is where monsters from the past come back to take revenge. This is where you are sometimes the monster. And, where, the things we build to protect us can end up doing the most harm. Mature read. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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5904	Jack and Mia Vescio, Robert & Richards, Claire (ill)	Wombat Books	2016	9781925139730	K-2	Jack and Mia are best friends. They are like two sides of a coin. They stick together like paper and glue. Then, the unthinkable happens. Mia's family has to move away, a long way away.
2955	Jack's worry Zuppari, Sam	Walker Books	2016	9781406367799	K-2	Jack is looking forward to playing in his first ever concert. But, on the big day, Jack finds he has a Worry. His Worry follows him, and it grows bigger and bigger.
2930	Journey, The Sanna, Francesca	Flying Eye Books	2016	9781909263994	5-6	To escape the turmoil and tragedy brought by war, a family leaves their home and everything they know to embark on a very long journey.
	Judy Moody series McDonald, Megan & Reynolds, Peter H (ill)				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	Juliet nearly a vet series Johnson, Rebecca & May, Kyla (ill)				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
21518	Julius & the soul-catcher Hehir, Tim	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781925240177	7-9	It's 1838 and London is gripped by orchid fever. Charles Darwin's diary turns up in Higgins's bookshop, closely followed by two ex-body snatchers and a peculiar fellow with small teeth. Julius wonders what's in the diary and whether it has something to do with the terrifying painting of an orchid it contains. Before he knows it, Julius is spinning through time and parallel realms in a race to rid London of the soul-catcher and a future too horrible to imagine.
2364	Julius & the watchmaker Hehir, Tim	Text Publishing Co	2013	9781922079732	7-9	When Julius Higgins isn't running from Crimper McCreedy and his gang of bullies, he's working in his grandfather's bookshop in Ironmonger Lane. That is, until Jack Springheel, a mysterious clock collector, appears looking for the fabled diary of John Harrison, the greatest watchmaker of all time. Julius becomes a thief and a runaway, and makes a deal with Springheel that he will live to regret. And, all before he finds out that Harrison's diary is really an instruction manual for making a time machine.

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2788	Julius Zebra: Bundle with the Britons Northfield, Gary	HarperCollins Australia	2016	9781406365870	5-6	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	5-6	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.
13758	Kangaroo at the zoo Sims, Lesley & Semple, David (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2016	9781409580447	K-2	What a hullabaloo, someone is new at the zoo. It's a kangaroo.
	Keeper of the crystals series Black, Jess & Hulme, Celeste (ill)				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
32306	Kicking goals with Goodesy and Magic Heiss, Anita & Goodes, Adam & O'Loughlin, Michael	Black Ink Press	2016	9781863958530	3-4	Australian Football League (AFL) legends, Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin, are blood brothers and great mates. They are also two of the best footballers ever to play for the Sydney Swans. Between them, they played over six hundred and fifty games, and kicked over nine hundred goals. Find out what Goodesy and Magic were like when they were kids, what kind of scrapes they got into at school, and what it was like to go from being normal teenagers to AFL superstars.
18156	Laugh your head off again Various	Pan MacMillan	2016	9781743549872	5-6	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	5-6	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.

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14234	Laurinda Pung, Alice	Black Inc	2014	9781863956925	7-9	Laurinda is an exclusive school for girls. At its secret core is the Cabinet, a trio of girls who wield power over their classmates and some of their teachers. Entering this world of wealth and secrets is fifteen year old Lucy Lam, a scholarship girl, who has sharp eyes and a shaky sense of self. As she watches the Cabinet at work, and is courted by them, Lucy finds herself in a battle for her identity and integrity.
4687	Lenny & Lucy Stead, Philip C & Stead, Erin E (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760292119	K-2	Peter and his father are moving to a new house beyond the dark unfriendly woods. When they arrive, Peter wants to turn back. Fortunately, he has Harold, his dog, for company. Scared of the things hidden in the woods, Peter makes a tall pile of pillows. He stiches and sews. He pushes and pulls. He makes Lenny, Guardian of the Bridge, to protect him. Then, he makes Lucy, to keep Lennie company. Together, Lenny, Lucy, Peter and Harold discover that this new place isn't so scary after all.
5239	ⓄLickle Bit Wheatle, Alex	Atom Publishing	2015	9780349001999	7-9	Venetia King is the coolest girl at school. Too bad Lemar is the second shortest guy in his year. Everyone calls him Lickle Bit. Things aren't much better at home. His mum is permanently hassled, his sister a frustrated single mum and his dad moved out years ago. Lickle Bit wishes he could do something to make life better. Even a new phone would be good. When a gang war breaks out, Lickle Bit somehow finds himself running errands for Crongton's notorious gang leader. But, when he hears about a killing on the estate, Lickle is forced to question his choices. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
23248	Life according to Dani Lagercrantz, Rose & Eriksson, Eva (ill)	Gecko Press	2016	9781776570713	3-4	It's Dani's first summer vacation and the best ever. She is staying on an island with her best friend, Ella. Dad is still in hospital but he calls every day, and Ella and Dani stay busy building huts, fishing, exploring and swimming. But, when Dad turns up with his nurse, the visit is not what anyone had imagined.
23610	Lily in the mirror Hayes, Paula	Fremantle Press	2016	9781925163872	5-6	Lily loves all things dark and mysterious. So, when she discovers a magic mirror in a locked room, it seems like a dream come true. With a new friend who needs her help and an older brother who needs to get a life, Lily will require all eleven fingers at her disposal, plus a hefty slice of Grandad's chocolate cake, to fix a long-forgotten mystery that's very close to home.

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8999	Lion and the bird, The Dubuc, Marianne	Book Island	2015	9780994109873	K-2	One autumn day, a lion finds a wounded bird in his garden. With the departure of the bird's flock, the lion decides that it's up to him to care for the bird. They become good friends. But, the following autumn, the bird departs with his flock and Lion wonders what will become of their friendship.
18672	Little home bird Empson, Jo	Child's Play International Ltd	2016	9781846438905	K-2	Little Bird loves everything about his home. He's surrounded by his favourite branch, his favourite food, his favourite view and his favourite music. He doesn't want to change, even when his brother tells him that they must.
32467	Little koala lost Kwaymullina, Blaze & Racklyeft, Jess (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742991283	K-2	Little Koala is lost in the bush and he sets out to find a home. He asks so many creatures if he can live with them but they all have a reason why he can't. Koala is very sad until he finally gets accepted.
1271	Little people, big dreams: Amelia Earhart Sanchez Vergara, Isabel & Diamantes, Maria (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2016	9781847808851	3-4	Find out about Amelia Earhart, whose strong will and self-belief helped her overcome prejudice and technical problems to become the first female flyer to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.
13879	Little people, big dreams: Coco Chanel Sanchez Vergara, Isabel & Albero, Ana (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2016	9781847807847	3-4	Find out about Coco Chanel, from her early life in an orphanage, where she was a genius with needle and thread, to her time as a cabaret singer, hat maker, and, eventually, international fashion designer.
19530	Little people, big dreams: Frida Kahlo Sanchez Vergara, Isabel & Fan, Eng Gee (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2016	9781847807700	3-4	Find out about Frida Kahlo, whose desire to study medicine was destroyed by a childhood accident. Frida began painting from her bed and produced over one hundred and forty works, culminating in a solo exhibition in America.
1606	Little people, big dreams: Maya Angelou Kaiser, Lisbeth & Salaberria, Leire (ill)	Frances Lincoln	2016	9781847808905	3-4	Find out about Maya Angelou, from her early traumatic childhood to her time as a singer, actress, civil rights campaigner until she became one of America's most beloved writers.
37979	Little tree Long, Loren	Philomel Books	2015	9780399163975	K-2	In the middle of a little forest lives a Little Tree who loves the splendid leaves that keep him cool in the heat of long summer days. When Autumn arrives, the other trees drop their leaves, facing the cold winter head on. But, year after year, Little Tree hugs his leaves as tightly as he can, although they are now brown and withered. As Little Tree sits in the shadow of the other trees, he remembers when they were all the same size. He knows he has an important decision to make.
7582	Little wing Battersby, Katherine	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702254000	K-2	On the smallest island, in the tallest tree, lived the world's smartest animal. But, there are some things that even the world's smartest animal doesn't know.

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30678	Lizzie and Margaret Rose Rushby, Pamela	Omnibus Books	2016	9781742991528	5-6	In 1940, bombs are falling in London. Ten year old Margaret Rose survives a deadly raid but her family and home are destroyed. In faraway Townsville in Queensland, Margaret's aunt is ready to take her in but her cousin, Lizzie, is not so sure and certainly doesn't want to share her room. But, first, Margaret Rose must undertake a long and dangerous voyage to a strange country, also at war. She knows it's not going to be easy, and Lizzie's not about to make it any easier.
	Lola's toy box series Parker, Danny & Shield, Guy (ill)				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
27495	Loneliness of distant beings, The Ling, Kate	Little, Brown & Co	2016	9781510200166	7-9	Seren longs to have the sunshine on her skin. But, when you're floating through space at thousands of kilometres an hour, you have to accept there are things you cannot change. But, when Dom arrives in her life, he changes everything and, for a while, he becomes the Sun for her. Being with him flaunts every rule designed to keep their home in order but to lose him would be like losing herself. In the end, they must decide what is most important, loyalty to the only home they've ever known or to each other.
19278	Lonely giant, The Ambrose, Sophie	Walker Books	2016	9781406361544	K-2	The forest giant likes nothing better than smashing, bashing and pulling up trees. But, when all the birds and animals disappear, the giant is very sad and lonely. He misses the crackling warmth of a fire and the sweet songs of the birds. The lonely giant sets out to restore what used to be.
1638	Lots Martin, Marc	Viking Children's	2016	9780670078943	5-6	Come on a guided tour around the world and discover the many things that make each place unique. Sleepy sloths, colourful cows, prolific pastries, staggering skylines and teeming traffic; you'll be surprised what you find along the way. There's so much to discover, experience and learn from our planet.

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39254	Mad about monkeys Davey, Owen	Flying Eye Books	2015	9781909263574	5-6	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.
6798	Mad magpie Dreise, Gregg	Magabala Books	2016	9781925360066	K-2	The cheeky butcher birds always tease Guluu and he's becoming a very mad magpie. When Guluu heeds the advice of his Elders and ignores the birds, they just laugh at him. But, Guluu tries again and, this time, he stands proudly at the riverbank and remembers how he used to sing when he was having a bad day.
13720	Magisterium: Bronze key, The Black, Holly & Clare, Cassandra	Penguin Books Ltd, UK	2016	9780552567701	7-9	Students at the Magisterium are supposed to be safe. Under the watchful eyes of the mages, they are taught to use magic to bring order to a chaotic world. But, now, the chaos is fighting back. After the shocking death of one of their classmates, Call, Tamara and Aaron must use the powerful magic they've been taught and risk their lives to track down the killer. But, magic is dangerous. In the wrong hands, it could bring terrible destruction and reveal the deadliest secret of all.
9844	Magrit Battersby, Lee & Daoud, Amy (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925081343	5-6	Magrit lives in an abandoned cemetery. She is as forgotten as the tiny graveyard that surrounds her. One night, a passing stork drops a strange bundle into the graveyard. Master Puppet, her friend and advisor, tells her it is an awful, ugly, terrible thing and she should get rid of it. But, Magrit has other ideas.
8470	Malkin Moonlight Cox, Emma	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408870846	5-6	Malkin is a small, black cat with a magnificent tail, who's destined to be a hero. He just doesn't know it yet. In his third life, Wild Malkin falls in love with Roux, a Domestic cat, who likes the comforts of home. Together, they explore the night and have adventures. When Roux's owners decide to move away, she chooses to become a Wild and stay with Malkin. Setting out to find a new home, they stumble across a recycling centre full of cats at war. An extraordinary adventure awaits as Malkin tries to bring peace to the land.

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	Mango & Bambang series NEW SERIES 2017 Faber, Polly & Vulliamy, Clara (ill)				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
28379	Maps Mizielinski, Aleksandra & Mizielinski, Daniel	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2014	9781760065416	5-6	Travel the world without leaving home. Fifty two lavishly illustrated maps detail not only geographical features and political borders but also places of interest, iconic personalities, native animals and plants, local peoples, cultural events, and many more fascinating facts associated with each region. This book is a celebration of the world, from its immense mountains to its tiny insects, and everything in between.
1814	Maralinga's long shadow Mattingley, Christobel	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760290177	7-9	Yvonne Edwards, a highly respected Aboriginal artist and community leader, was just six years old when the first bombs of the nuclear tests at Maralinga were detonated in Australia in 1956. The tests continued until 1963 and their consequences profoundly affected her family and the community.
2880	Mate and me Loakes, Jennifer & Elliot, Belinda (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2015	9781922081506	K-2	Two families have moved in, one upstairs and one downstairs. The boy from upstairs plays in the yard but he is shy and doesn't join in my games. The family downstairs is a secret family and no one knows where they came from. When the downstairs family disappears, a strange note is found and a trail of silver treasures leads out of the garage.
	Mates - great Australian yarns series Jonsberg, Barry & Jellet, Tom (ill)				3-4	Lively, cheeky Australian series. 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.
	Matilda saga series NEW SERIES 2017 French, Jackie				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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2971	Matty's comeback Heiss, Anita	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781760152031	3-4	Matty loves football. He's South Sydney's number one fan and the star scorer in his own local team. He knows he can help his team to the semifinals and beyond. But, things don't go to plan and now it seems Matty won't be able to help his team to victory after all. But, help can come from surprising places and people.
1872	Me, Teddy McKimmie, Chris	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760291334	5-6	I am Teddy. This is my scrap book. It's about me growing up from a tiny puppy, with a boofy head and big, brown, melty eyes, to a big black labrador, weighing forty kilos, and still with a boofy head and big, brown, melty eyes. This is me, Teddy.
41350	Mechanica: a beginner's field guide Balchin, Lance	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760401085	5-6	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.
41098	Meet Don Bradman Vass, Coral & Howe, Brad (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925324891	3-4	Don Bradman was Australia's greatest cricketer. This is the story of how he first came to play for Australia, and how his record-breaking feats in the Ashes series became a source of pride and hope during the hard years of the Great Depression.
10711	Meet Nellie Melba Brian, Janeen & Murphy, Claire (ill)	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9780143780298	3-4	Dame Nellie Melba was Australia's first classical music star. The beauty of her singing was celebrated around the globe. She was appointed Dame Commander, OBE, for her enormous fundraising efforts during World War I. Today, she is commemorated on Australia's one hundred dollar banknote. This is the story of how she rose to fame, and how she brought opera to Australians in the city and the bush.
9398	Meet the Flying Doctors Ivanoff, George & Wood, Ben (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9780143780687	3-4	In the early twentieth century, Reverend John Flynn saw the potential for aeroplanes to bring urgent medical care to people in outback Australia. He campaigned for more than ten years to make his big idea a reality. That big idea became the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Today, the Service, a not-for-profit organisation, provides emergency and primary health care across Australia.

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	Middle School series Various				7-9	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.
20806	Mila and the missing lions Hulme, Celeste	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760066826	K-2	Mila's parents are lion tamers, they're part of a circus. Mila is a lion tamer too. She has everything she needs, except, well, lions. So, she practises on her dog, Ralph, who doesn't care for his paper mane and would much rather be asleep on the sofa. When Mila opens the gate to the lions' cage to slip in, they slip out. They have sharp teeth and pointy claws. Mila must catch the missing lions before anyone finds out.
1874	Milo: moving story, A Riddle, Tohby	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760111632	3-4	Milo's life is almost entirely unremarkable. He lives in a solid kennel in a reasonable part of town. Every other day, he has a job delivering parcels. Milo's life is turned upside down by an argument with his friend Snombo, followed by a strange wild storm that leaves him and his kennel in a precarious place. So, begins Milo's surprisingly remarkable journey back to his friends.
10296	Ming's adventure on China's Great Wall Jian, Li & Wert, Yijin (trans)	Better Links Press	2015	9781602209879	3-4	Ming and his father travel to the Great Wall to learn more about the creation of the longest structure ever build by humans. On their way, they take a wrong turn, leading to a great adventure as Ming and his father get to tour the wall and encounter all sorts of important figures, including the emperor who had the Great Wall built. When the emperor runs into a tricky situation at the beacon tower, it's up to Ming and some important information to save the day.
5434	Miss Hazeltine's Home for Shy and Fearful Cats Potter, Alicia & Sif, Birgitta (ill)	Walker Books	2016	9781406362381	K-2	Miss Hazeltine's Home for Cats helps all kinds of felines. Cats scared of mice, cats scared of birds, cats who can't pounce, and cats who won't purr. Miss Hazeltine runs lots of different lessons and emphasises holding tails high, arching backs and thinking good thoughts. But, under the rug or in the inky-black of under-the-bed lurks little Crumb, the most fearful feline of all. He longs to be brave and courageous.

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3110	Miss Peregrine's Home for peculiar children Riggs, Ransom	Quirk Books	2013	9781594746031	7-9	An horrific family tragedy sets sixteen year old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. As Jacob explores its abandoned bedrooms and hallways, and a strange collection of very curious photographs, it becomes clear that the children who once lived here were more than just peculiar. They may have been dangerous. One of them was his grandfather. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
21190	Mister Cleghorn's seal Kerr, Judith	HarperCollins Children's Books	2015	9780008157302	3-4	When Mr Cleghorn finds an abandoned seal pup on a rock in the middle of the sea, he decides he can't leave it. He brings it home to his flat. This is the story of what happened to Mr Cleghorn and Charlie, the seal, in their determination to find a home for Charlie and, incidentally, happiness for them both.
13329	Molly & Mae Parker, Danny & Blackwood, Freya (Ill)	Little Hare Books	2016	9781742975276	K-2	Friendship is like a train journey. There are happy moments, boring moments and exciting moments. There's also anger and loneliness. And, there is forgiveness.
11114	More caps for sale Slobodkina, Esphyr & Mulhearn Sayer, Ann Marie	Harper	2015	9780062405456	K-2	After finally getting his caps back from a group of mischievous monkeys, the peddler begins to walk home. He does not look back. He does not see the monkeys following him. Right foot, left foot, right foot, all in step. Now, those pesky monkeys are sitting in a tree in the pedlar's backyard.
43423	Most magical girl, A Foxlee, Karen & MacKay, Elly (ill)	Knopf Publishing Group	2016	9780553512861	5-6	In 1867 London, twelve year old Annabel Grey is primed for a life as a proper young lady. But, when she is placed in the care of two ageing great aunts who run a magic shop, Annabel is thrust into a world of potions, broomsticks, wands and wizards. Evil Mr Angel and his terrifying dark magic extracting machine want to put an end to good magic for ever. The wizards have dreamt of Annabel, the most magical girl, to save London. But, Annabel doesn't even believe in magic or understand the strange powers inside her.
5952	Mother fox and her cubs, The Momenceau, Amandine	Thames and Hudson (Australia) Pty Ltd	2016	9780500650899	K-2	At the edge of the forest, Mother Fox gazes fondly at her young frolicking in the snow. But, the cubs venture a bit too far and, all of a sudden, they vanish. Mother Fox sets off in search of them but there are so many trees and the snow is very deep. Finding them is going to be tricky. Maybe, you can help.
10815	Mr Chicken arriva a Roma Hobbs, Leigh	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781925266771	K-2	Mr Chicken's taste for travel is insatiable. Now, it's time to visit Rome, a city of ancient wonders, Vespa motorcycles and delicious things to eat.

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2886	Mrs Whitlam Pascoe, Bruce & Gibbs, Tracey (ill)	Magabala Books	2016	9781925360240	5-6	Marnie Clark adores horses and helps out at the local riding stables. She dreams of owning a horse but her Dad is out of work and the family is very poor. Through sad circumstances, Marnie is gifted Mrs Margaret Whitlam, a beautiful Clydesdale, who is bold, fearless and able to jump anything. From the very first ride, Marnie and Maggie get more adventure than they bargained for. Soon, Marnie is learning to negotiate newfound friendships, the pony club and how to stand up for what she believes in.
2883	Much ado about Shakespeare Bixley, Donovan	John Reed Books	2016	9781927262023	7-9	Shakespeare has never been out of fashion. In his lifetime, he was incredibly successful and, after his death, Shakespeare's works were published to the world. This is a new interpretation of Shakespeare's stages, a play on words, which sheds light on the colourful and exuberant world of Shakespeare's life and times. You won't find the sainted genius, solemn with quill and ink-stained hand. High of brow he may have been, but never high-brow. Shakespeare was in the thick of it.
17174	Mulga's magical musical creatures Mulga	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9780734416704	K-2	While he's sleeping, a musician dreams of banjo-playing owls, jazz-fluting kangaroos, trumpeting elephants and whistling toucans. When he wakes up, he's inspired to write a song.
30982	My brother Huxley, Dee & Huxley, Oliver (ill) & Huxley, Tiffany (des)	Working Title Press	2016	9781921504853	5-6	When a grieving brother sets out to find his lost sibling, his quest takes him on an ethereal journey across land and sea. He visits fantastic, floating cities and medieval towns, vast open grasslands and eerie, silent forests. Eventually, he arrives in place of timeless beauty and light.
2749	My Chinatown Mak, Kam	HarperCollins US	2016	9780064437325	K-2	Chinatown in New York is a place of dragons, dreams, memories, fireworks and delicious food on every corner.
4364	My dog Bigsy Lester, Alison	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9780670078936	K-2	Meet my dog Bigsy. He's only small but everyone knows he's the boss. Each morning, he visits the animals on the farm. What a lot of noise. And, all because of Bigsy.
42520	My dog Dash Greenberg, Nicki	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760110673	K-2	Dash is badly behaved at puppy school. He chews things that he shouldn't, he makes puddles on the floor, he wrecks the garden and steals food off the bench when no one is looking. Perfectly standard behaviour for a puppy but Dash is far from an ordinary pet.
19971	My friend Ernest Allen, Emma & Sommerville, Hannah (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2016	9781460750537	K-2	It's the first day of school and Oscar is trying hard to be brave. Oscar's mum feels sure he will make lots of friends. But, Oscar isn't so sure, particularly when Ernest the dragon seems so mean and scary.

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	My life Tom Weekly series Bancks, Tristan & Gordon, Gus (ill)free				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
5084	My sister is a superhero Young, Damon & Carnavas, Peter (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702253928	K-2	Some sisters sprint in shorts as they twist and twirl their kites. But, my sister is a superhero, she wears undies over tights.
2859	Nannie loves Dunstan, Kylie	Working Title Press	2016	9781921504839	K-2	Nannie lives on a farm with rolling hills, a muddy creek and lots of animals. Nannie loves her farm and all her animals. But, what Nannie loves most is when her family comes to stay.
30600	Naughtiest reindeer goes South, The Greenberg, Nikki	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760293116	3-4	If only Mrs Claus had listened. Letting Ruby lead the sleigh is a recipe for disaster. Ruby's wild ride lands her in a world of trouble, and very far from home. Poor Ruby is stranded, the presents are scattered and the local penguins are very grumpy.
	Netball gems series NEW SERIES 2017 Various				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
3816	New Year surprise Cheng, Christopher & Wu, Di (ill)	National Library of Australia	2016	9780642278838	K-2	The whole family is excited about the New Year Spring Festival. Everyone has a special job and Little Brother is anxious to know what his will be. But, his brother says that Little Brother is too small to help out. He's not strong enough to hold onto a kite and he's too little to hold the dragon poles. But, Father says that he has a special job. Follow Little Brother through the village to find out what his special job is.

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9819	Newt's emerald Nix, Garth	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781760112653	7-9	After the Newington Emerald is stolen at the height of a conjured storm, eighteen year old Lady Truthful Newington goes to London to search for the magical heirloom. But, as a well-bred young lady cannot hunt the metropolis for a stolen jewel, she has to disguise herself as a man. Lady Truthful is soon caught up in a dangerous adventure where she must risk her life, her reputation and her heart. Her father's life and even the fate of England may depend upon her recovering the Newington Emerald.
15925	No place like home Ghosh, Ronojoy	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9780857988461	K-2	Being homesick is making George a terrible grump. Not knowing where home is makes it even worse. So, George sets off on a search. He isn't sure what home looks like but he'll know it when he finds it.
4574	No way Yirrikipayi Milikapiti School, Melville Island & Lester, Alison	Pan MacMillan	1915	9780992478070	K-2	Yirrikipayi, the crocodile, is hungry. He goes hunting, chasing animals in the sea and on the land. Meet the animals and learn their Tiwi Island names.
2978	Not if I see you first Lindstrom, Eric	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2016	9780008146344	7-9	Just because she's blind, Parker Grant refuses to be treated differently or badly. They are the Rules and no second chances. Just ask Scott, who broke her heart. When he suddenly reappears in her life, Parker shuns him completely. She has enough on her mind, including dealing with her dad's recent death. But, avoiding her past proves impossible. As Parker learns what really happened, both with Scott and her dad, the more she questions if things are always as they seem. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
	Not-for-parents series Scott, Janine & Rees, Peter (ill)				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
22028	Nothing Ismail, Yasmeen	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408873366	K-2	Lila's lively imagination means she's always busy, wrestling an octopus, racing along in a winged chariot or flying with birds over a noisy jungle. But, Mummy and Grandpa have a plan to join Lila in her play world.
6414	Numerical Street Bell, Hilary & Presenti, Antonia (ill)	NewSouth Publishing	2015	9781742232287	K-2	Count as you walk up Numerical Street, every page has a numerical treat. Get your pants altered, get your keys cut, hop, skip or jump up Numerical Street, past cake shops, hair stylists, laundromats, pet stores and shoe repairers, all with their curious wares on display.

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5051	Oh, Albert Bell, Davina & Acton, Sara (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9780670078608	K-2	When no one is around, Albert can't help getting into mischief. But, one day, he goes too far. Oh, Albert.
19674	Oi Dog Gray, Kes & Gray, Claire & Field, Jim (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9781444919585	K-2	Cat insists that there are rules. Only mules sit on stools, no one but hares should sit on chairs and, however irritating, dogs must sit on frogs. But, Frog's had enough, he's changing the way things are. He insists that, from now on, dogs sit on logs, not frogs. And, everyone else is going to have to sit somewhere else too. And, most importantly, Frog has to find somewhere to sit as well.
7981	Oi Frog Gray, Kes & Field, Jim (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2014	9781444910865	K-2	Cats sit on mats, hares sit on chairs, mules sit on stools and gophers sit on sofas. But, Frog does not want to sit on a log.
	Olive of Groves series NEW SERIES 2017 Various				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
3002	Ollie and the wind Ghosh, Ronojoy	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9780857988485	K-2	Ollie lives on a small island. There aren't many people around but he does have lots of space to play. One day, when the wind steals his hat, Ollie tries to catch the wind in a net so he can ask what it's done with his hat. Then the wind takes Ollie's scarf. He tries to catch the wind in a can this time, but that also fails. Ollie thinks the wind is very naughty. It's only when the wind whisks his balloon away that Ollie realises it just wants to play. But, now, he has to find out what kinds of things it likes to play with.
44392	On the river: come with me from the mountains to the sea Harvey, Roland	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760112455	3-4	Roland Harvey and his new pelican friend are off on an adventure to walk, fish, canoe, raft, windsurf, sail, paddle-steam and, even, fly their way along the mighty Murray River, from its smallest beginnings in the high country to where it meets the sea. Together they discover the story of the river - its secrets, history, ecology, people and animals. And, you're invited, too.

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2777	One half from the East Hashimi, Nadia	HarperCollins US	2016	9780062572196	7-9	When Obayda's father loses a leg in a bomb explosion, the family is forced to move from Kabul to a small village. Life is very different and her father rarely leaves his room. To bring luck to the family, Obayda's aunt suggests dressing her as a boy, a bacha posh. Now, she is Obayd. Life in this in-between place is confusing until Obayd meets Rahim, another bacha posh. They can explore on their own, climb trees and play sports. But, their transformation and newfound freedoms can't last forever.
2641	One photo Watkins, Ross & Anelli, Liz (ill)	Puffin Australia	2016	9780670077977	K-2	One day, Dad came home with one of those old cameras, the kind that uses film. But, Dad didn't take photos of the things that people usually photograph.
826	One step Daddo, Andrew	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9780143573616	7-9	At fifteen, Dylan is struggling with everything. His explosive acne, his pushy younger sister, his nagging mum, his distant dad and his complete inability to attract any girl. Struggling but surviving. When Dylan's creative writing piece is read to the class, it sets off a chain of events, including unlikely interest from girls, a friend's betrayal and viscous physical and verbal bullying attacks. Dylan's frantic roller coaster of emotions culminates in a revelation that could make or break his survival. Challenging read. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1905	One thousand hills Roy, James & Zihabamwe, Noel	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742990750	7-9	Agabande, Rwanda, April 1994. Pascal and the children in his small village play with the toys they make, go to school and church, and do their chores. But, there are whispers and looks, messages of hate on the radio, and people are leaving. Pascal's simple but happy world is about to change forever. As a ten year old, co-author Noel Zihabamwe actually lived through these atrocities.
2906	One would think the deep Zorn, Claire	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702253942	7-9	Sam has always had things going on in his head that no-one else understands, not even his mum. Now she's dead, it's worse than ever. With his skateboard and a few belongings in a garbage bag, Sam goes to live with the strangers his mum cut ties with seven years ago, Aunty Lorraine and his cousins, Shane and Minty. As the days slowly meld into one another and ghosts from the past reappear, Sam has to make the ultimate decision. Mature read. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
2841	Only fish fall from the sky Parsons, Leif	POW Kids Books	2015	9781576877579	K-2	A boy wakes from a marvellous dream, where it rains fish instead of water, people dance through dinner and children sleep with tigers, to find the world is not quite as he left it.

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37083	Ophelia: Queen of Denmark French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2015	9780732298524	7-9	Ophelia, daughter of Denmark's Lord Chancellor and loved by Prince Hamlet, is the girl who will be queen. While Hamlet's family stab, poison or haunt one another, feisty, intelligent and ambitious Ophelia plans a sensible rule, filled with justice and the making of delicious cheeses. Even if she has to pretend to be mad to make it happen, Ophelia will not let anything, not even howling ghosts, stand in her way.
11739	Origami heart Binny	Lothian Books	2016	9780734416971	3-4	Kabukli is lonely in the big city until he discovers that, to find true friendship, you must send your heart out into the world.
36204	Other Christy, The Phommavanh, Oliver	Penguin	2016	9780143505723	5-6	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	5-6	Poetry is magical and funny, and tells stories about life. This collection includes forty-five different kinds of poems, by thirty-five Australian poets. They share, reveal and confess parts of their life experiences in passionate, angry, absurd, moving and hilarious ways.
11496	Our love grows Pignataro, Anna	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781743626269	K-2	Pip is an adorable, roly-poly little panda, who is playful and curious. Mama explains to him how he will grow, just like the world around them.
8643	Our stories: Australian Federation Brennan, Net	HarperCollins Australia	2014	9781922179944	5-6	Before 1901, the nation of Australia did not exist. Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia were six separate colonies under British rule. Find out how ordinary citizens became the first in the world to write and vote for their own Constitution, and how they came together to form the nation of Australia.
34638	Our stories: Australian flags and emblems Tayleur, Karen	Black Dog Books	2013	9781742031095	5-6	The story of Australia is told by the flags and the emblems we see around us. They display our past, our cultural heritage, our national treasures and the amazing diversity of each state. Find out about our rich history and what we value.
30522	Our stories: Canberra, Federal capital Hawkins, Tracey	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9781922179319	5-6	In 1901, when the six British colonies of early Australia came together to form one country, a new capital city was proposed. Find out why Canberra was selected and how it became an important treasure trove of historical, artistic, sporting and scientific achievements. Discover Canberra, the federal capital of Australia.

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31845	Our stories: Child convicts Brennan, Net	HarperCollins Australia	2013	9781742032238	5-6	In eighteenth century Britain, children were tried in court like adults. Some as young as nine were transported to the colonies. Their names may not be familiar but a child convict became the first person hanged in Australia, another is celebrated on our twenty dollar note and one would count a future prime minister as a descendant. Their stories are ones of survival and building Australia as a nation.
2958	Our stories: Protest in Australia Lawson, Sue	Black Dog Books	2016	9781922244543	5-6	Through protest, Australians have united to fight for change and have influenced the outcome of many causes. From human rights to the environment, this book traces Australia's proud history of protest.
31781	Our stories: Sportsmanship Brennan, Net	HarperCollins Australia	2016	9781742032337	5-6	Australia's passion for sport often defines our history, our traditions, our values and our identity. These are the stories of the sportsmen and women whose talents have stopped the nation. These are the moments when we threw our arms in the air and cheered.
2903	Out George, Angela May & Swan, Owen (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781743629000	K-2	I'm called an asylum seeker but that's not my name. A little girl and her mother have fled their homeland, making the long and treacherous journey by boat to seek asylum and a new beginning.
4090	Over the ocean Gomi, Taro	Chronicle Books	2016	9781452145150	K-2	A young girl gazes out to where the water meets the sky and wonders what lies beyond the waves. She thinks there might be boats filled with toys or skyscrapers filled with people or houses filled with families. Or, maybe, over the ocean stands someone not so different from the girl herself, returning her gaze.
12605	Pain, my mother, Sir Tiffy, cyber boy & me, The Bauer, Michael Gerard	Omnibus Books	2016	9781742991504	7-9	Maggie Butt's world is under siege. Not only is a stranger taking over her mother's life but her own as well, and Maggie is not going to let that happen. But, then, there's Sister Evangelina, the one-eyed, snaggle-toothed cat, senior subject choices, the dream date and Cyber Boy, the geek in the library, to contend with as well.
23844	Pandamonia Owen, Chris & Nixon, Chris (ill)	Fremantle Press	2016	9781925163339	K-2	When visiting the zoo, whatever you do, don't wake the panda.
	Pandora Jones series NEW SERIES 2017 Jonsberg, Barry				7-9	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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11671	Patchwork bike, The Beneba Clarke, Maxine & Rudd, Van T (ill)	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9780734416681	K-2	When you live in a village at the edge of the no-go desert, you need to make your own fun. That's when you and your brothers get inventive and build a bike from scratch, using everyday items like an old milk pot and a used flour sack. You can even make a number plate from bark, if you want. The end result is a spectacular bike, perfect for going bumpetty bump over sand hills, past your fed-up mum and right through your mud-for-walls home.
7084	Pattan's pumpkin: An Indian flood story Soundar, Chitra & Lessac, Frane (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2016	9781910959442	K-2	Pattan finds an ailing flower and decides to plant it near his hut and nurture it. To Pattan's surprise, the flower changes into a magnificent pumpkin and grows until it reaches the summit of the mountain. When the storm clouds burst and the waters rise, Pattan's pumpkin just might save the family.
28050	Pax Pennypacker, Sara & Klassen, Jon (ill)	HarperCollins US	2016	9780008124090	5-6	Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But, one day, the unimaginable happens. Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild. At his grandfather's house, three hundred miles away from home, Peter knows he wants to be with Pax. Despite the encroaching war, Peter strikes out on his own to reunite with his fox.
1862	Pearl-shell diver, The Crabbe, Kay	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760290474	5-6	Thirteen year old Sario lives with his family on a remote Torres Strait island. it's 1898 and the pearl-shell trade is at its height. When his father is coerced to join a white trader on his pearling lugger, Sario must go to work as a swimming diver to support the family. He's excited by the idea of walking on the sea floor but the competition is fierce and the only captain who will take him on runs the worst outfit in the fleet. And, there's the the constant danger of shark attacks and the storm of the century is approaching.
7664	Peas in a pod McCartney, Tania & Snerling, Tina (ill)	Exisle Publishing	2015	9781921966712	K-2	Pippa, Pia, Poppy, Polly and Peg are quintuplets. Since birth, the five sisters have looked the same, sat the same, eaten the same, slept the same and even cried the same. Mum and Dad want to keep their adorable, identical girls forever matching, like peas in a pod. But, as the sisters grow, they discover they are not the same. In fact, they are very different from each other.

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	Penelope Perfect series Perry, Chrissie				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
19568	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Penguin bloom Bloom, Cameron (photo) & Grieve, Bradley Trevor	ABC Books	2016	9780733334948	7-9	In a shocking accident, Cameron's wife, Sam, suffers a near fatal fall that leaves her paralysed and deeply depressed. Into their lives comes Penguin, an injured magpie chick, abandoned after she fell from her nest. A true story of hope and courage. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
41228	Peony lantern, The Watts, Frances	ABC Books	2015	9780733332920	7-9	When Kasumi leaves her remote village for the teeming city of Edo, her life is transformed. She has been chosen by a samurai to become a lady-in-waiting to his new wife. Kasumi is surprised as she has no skills for this role and, worst of all, she is always in trouble for speaking her mind. Surely, this will get her into trouble with her new mistress. When Kasumi learns of a secret that puts them both in danger, she must solve the mystery, behind the danger they face, in order to save herself and her mistress.
39693	Peter in peril Bate, Helen	Otter-Barry books	2016	9781910959572	5-6	Peter is just an ordinary boy, who loves playing football with his friends and eating cake. But, when war comes to his city, Budapest, Peter and his family have to go into hiding.
7927	Petlandia Hannan, Peter	Scholastic US	2015	9780545162111	3-4	When Madame Wigglesworth, a supremely aloof cat, finds her place with her family usurped with the arrival of Grub, a ridiculous and stupid puppy, she decides action must be taken. But, her plans misfire and, as chaos reigns, she resorts to increasingly destructive tactics to regain her perceived rightful place in charge.
30142	Petunia Paris's parrot Haworth, Katie & Williamson, Jo (I'll)	The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd	2016	9781760403690	K-2	Petunia Paris lives a life of luxury and has everything she could possibly want, from a swimming pool to a bicycle with its very own chauffeur. When she requests a parrot for her fifth birthday, a parrot is what Petunia gets. The problem is, Petunia Paris's parrot doesn't do what Petunia Paris wants it to.

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2923	Phasmid: Saving the Lord Howe Island Stick Insect Cleave, Rohan & Tulloch, Coral (ill)	CSIRO	2015	9781486301126	3-4	Sometimes, a story of animal survival in the wild is so unbelievable that you couldn't possibly think it was true. The Lord Howe Island Phasmid, also known as the Stick Insect, was once thought to be extinct. Dedicated people have carried out an extraordinary conservation effort. The story is told in the voice of a phasmid, whose life begins inside a small egg where it grows for up to nine months, and becomes three times longer than the egg.
	Pig the pug series NEW SERIES 2017 Various				K-2	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.
	Pine Valley ponies series NEW SERIES 2017 Welshman, Kate & McKenzie, Heath (ill)				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
315	Pippi Longstocking Lindgren, Astrid & Ross, Tony (ill)	Oxford University Press	2015	9780192793799	5-6	A humorous story about a super strong, super rich pirate's daughter who has adventures with her two friends, a monkey and a horse.
25417	Plague of unicorns, The Yolen, Jane	Zonderkidz	2014	9780310746119	5-6	James, an aristocratic son in medieval England, is sent to Cranford Abbey to study under the good monks. The abbey is falling into disrepair and, to make money, the Abbott sells cider made from the golden apples. But, the apples are constantly being eaten by a herd of marauding unicorns. When various methods fail to eradicate the unicorns, James must come up with a plan to eliminate them. He must become a perfect hero and risk his life to save the abbey and the monks, and, hopefully, find a way to return home.
41699	Play School: The useful book ABC Books	ABC Books	2016	9780733334016	K-2	Packed with activities, recipes, songs and poems to share and celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Australia's most iconic television show.
2986	Pocket dogs and the lost kitten, The Wild, Margaret & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742991054	3-4	Biff and Buff love riding in the pockets of Mr Pockets' very big coat and having him all to themselves. But, when a little lost kitten needs a home, they might have to learn about sharing.

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4851	Prehistoric marine life in Australia's inland sea Clode, Danielle	Museum Victoria	2015	9781921833168	5-6	Step back to a time when Australia's red centre was flooded by a vast shallow ocean, the Eromanga Sea. While dinosaurs stalked the scattered islands that made up the Australian continent, giant marine reptiles ruled the waves. Plesiosaurs and ichthyosaurs swam in an inland sea filled with schools of ammonites. Pterosaurs flew overhead and giant carnivorous amphibians lurked in the rivers.
	Princess Betony series NEW SERIES 2017 Freeman, Pamela & Ainslie, Tamsin (ill)				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
26143	Princess Parsley Rushby, Pamela	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742991610	5-6	Parsley Patterson's first year of high school is not turning out as she had expected. It's not only her name that's the problem. Parsley is targeted by Danielle and her mean group, and bullied about her hippie family and her Possum Creek address. But, just as she decides to keep her head down and try to ignore it all until it blows over, her father's announcement causes the spotlight to rest firmly again on Parsley.
27421	Promising Azra Thurloe, Helen	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760113278	7-9	Azra is sixteen, smart and enthusiastic. When she wins a place in a national science competition, Azra thinks her biggest problem will be getting her parents' permission to go. But, she doesn't know that they're busy arranging her marriage to an older cousin she's never met, in Pakistan, in just three months time. Azra's dreams of finishing high school with her friends then studying science are suddenly overshadowed. Her dreams and ambitions do not include marriage.
13281	🕒 Racing the moon Morgan, Michelle	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2014	9781743316351	7-9	In 1930s Glebe, Joe Riley has to be creative to make pocket money. He's watched his dad keep ahead of the law and he's sure that he can too. When his parents send him to a Catholic boarding school, Joe is homesick and lonely. He meets the darker side of human nature and is at odds with the school, especially Brother Felix. Expelled, Joe is sent to a reform school where life is tough. But, through working the land, Joe eventually finds inner strength, peace and true freedom. Mature themes. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above.

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10144	Radio rescue Jolly, Jane & Ingpen, Robert (ill)	National Library of Australia	2016	9780642278784	K-2	Jim and his family live happily on their remote outback station. Yet, sometimes Jim feels lonely. His Dad enjoys droving and shearing but, sometimes, he wishes he could chat to a mate. Jim's Mum is always busy with the accounts but she sometimes worries about being so far away from everything. When a strange new radio with pedals arrives, Jim is excited, and Mum and Dad can now send messages to their neighbours. Then, something happens and only Jim can save his dad.
69396	Rain Stojic, Manya	Pavilion	2015	9781843653059	K-2	The porcupine smells rain in the air. The zebra sees the lightning. Baboons hear thunder while the rhino feels the first drops. For a time, the grasslands abound with new green leaves, juicy fruits and fresh pools of water.
46252	Ratburger Walliams, David	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2012	9780007453535	5-6	Things are not looking good for Zoe. Her stepmother, Sheila, is so lazy, she gets Zoe to pick her nose for her. The school bully, Tina Trotts, makes her life a miser, mainly by flobbing on her head. And, now, the evil Burt from Burt's Burgers is after her pet rat. I wonder what he wants it for.
812	Raymie Nightingale DiCamillo, Kate	Walker Books	2016	9781406363135	5-6	When her father abandons the family, young Raymie Clarke hatches a plan. To gain her dad's approval and immediate return, she'll enter and win the Little Miss Central Florida Tyre competition. Raymie must do good deeds and learn to twirl a baton. She must also contend with the frequently fainting Louisiana and the fiery Beverley. As the competition approaches, loneliness, loss and unanswerable questions draw them into an unlikely friendship, and challenge each girl to come to the rescue in unexpected ways.
2858	Reflection: Remembering those who serve in war Sharpe Shelberg, Rebecka & Cowcher, Robin (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781922179050	3-4	A family journeys through the early morning darkness. A group of young men huddle in a cold muddy trench. Reflection is a powerful tribute to those who have served their country.
1773	Reg Saunders: An indigenous war hero Dolan, Hugh & Threlfall, Adrian	NewSouth Publishing	2015	9781742234243	7-9	The little-known story of Reg Saunders, the first indigenous Australian to become an officer in the Army. He survived the World War II battlefields in the Middle East, North Africa, Greece, Crete and New Guinea, and excelled as a military leader. Find out how war transformed a determined young man, born in 1920 from country Victoria, into a war hero. Reg went on to serve with distinction in the Korean War and become a pioneering figure for indigenous rights. He died in 1990. A graphic novel.

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20544	Return Becker, Aaron	Walker Books	2016	9781406368437	K-2	Failing to get the attention of her busy father, a lonely girl returns to a fantastic world for friendship and adventure. It's her third journey into the enticing realm of kings and emperors, castles and canals, exotic creatures and enchanting landscapes. This time, it will take something truly powerful to persuade her to return home, as a gripping backstory is revealed. The third book in the wordless picture book trilogy, following Journey and Quest.
3926	Return of the dinosaurs Houston, Bronwyn	Magabala Books	2016	9781925360370	K-2	Imagine if dinosaurs came back to visit and they were roaming the Broome coastline today.
18772	Ricker Racker Club, The Guest, Patrick & Eckstrom, Nathaniel (ill)	Little Hare Books	2016	9781760122928	K-2	To be in the Ricker Racker Club, you have to be brave. You have to be kind. You have to not be a girl. But, some people are better than others at being both kind and brave.
	Riddle Gully series NEW SERIES 2017 Banyard, Jen				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
29815	Risk Ferris, Fleur	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9780857986474	7-9	Taylor and Sierra have been best friends their whole lives. But, Taylor's fed up because Sierra always gets what and who she wants. So, when Sierra asks her friends to cover for her while she meets Jacob, a guy she's chatted to online, Taylor 's refuses to show any interest. But, Sierra doesn't come back for one, two, three days. When Taylor finally tells Sierra's mum that her daughter is missing, Taylor and her friends are thrown into a dark world they never even knew existed.
2790	River and the book, The Croggon, Alison & Harnett, Katie (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9781925081725	7-9	In Simbala's village, they have two treasures. There is the River, which is their road and their god, and the Book, which contains their history, their oracle and their soul. Simbala is a Keeper of the Book, the latest in a long line of women who can use it to find answers to the villager's questions. As developers begin to poison the River on which the villagers rely, the Book predicts change. But, this does not come in the form that they expect.
3863	River riddle Dewar, Jim & Tortop , Anil (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781760150518	K-2	A boy, a bale of hay, a sheep and a fox need to cross the river in a boat built for two. Maybe you can help them get to the other side, all in one piece.

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2895	Road to Ratenburg, The Cowley, Joy & Bishop, Gavin (ill)	Gecko Press	2016	9781776570751	5-6	Fleeing from their home in an abandoned building as it is demolished, Spinnaker Rat, his wife and four young begin a search for the legendary Ratenburg, a place where it's said rats can live in peace and comfort. But, only if they can survive the perils of the journey. The rats must rely on each other, making the most of each animal's strengths and understanding individual limitations. And, Spinnaker Rat, the father, learns more than he expected.
2769	⊙ Road to winter, The Smith, Mark	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781925355123	7-9	Since a deadly virus and the ensuing violence wiped out his parents and his community, Finn and his loyal dog have survived two winters on the rugged coast. He avoids the Wilders, a dangerous gang, led by the ruthless Ramage. But, when Rose runs onto the beach, she needs Finn's help. She is a Siley, an asylum seeker, who has escaped from Ramage. Rose is desperate and sick, and her younger sister is still missing in the bush. Ramage wants them back, at any cost. Challenging read. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above.
1875	Rockhopping Balla, Trace	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760112349	5-6	Join Clancy and Uncle Egg on a rambling, rockhopping adventure in Gariwerd (the Grampians), to find the source of the Glenelg River. A story about following your flow, and the unexpected places you may go.
8033	Roman quests, The: Archers of Isca, The Lawrence, Caroline	Orion	2016	9781510100268	5-6	Britannia AD 94. On the run from the Emperor Domitian, fifteen year old Fronto has joined the Roman army in order to find security and structure. He wants to be a good soldier but, when his younger sister, Ursula, is captured by a Druid called Snakebeard, Fronto must decide whether or not to leave the army to rescue her. Desertion is punishable by death.
4921	Roman quests, The: Escape from Rome Lawrence, Caroline	Orion	2016	9781510100237	5-6	In Rome in AD 94, the evil Emperor Domitian is busy killing those he suspects of being disloyal to him. When soldiers arrive to seize Juba's family home, his parents help him and his siblings to escape. They travel to their uncle's house in distant Britannia, on the edge of the known world, The children have never been outside on their own or done anything for themselves, having depended on slaves all their lives. Juba's daunting quest is to avoid capture and death, to find a safe haven and save the children.
20674	Rory the dinosaur wants a pet Climo, Liz	Little, Brown & Co	2016	9780316390606	K-2	When Rory meets his friend's pet crab, he realises he wants a pet of his own. Rory searches high and low for a creature to love. It's at the end of a long day, when Rory least expects it, that he meets George.

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26626	Rosie Revere, engineer Beaty, Andrea & Roberts, David (ill)	Abrams Books	2013	9781419708459	K-2	Shy, quiet Rosie is always trying to solve problems with her inventions. When a favourite uncle laughs at one of the gizmos she designs especially for him, Rosie resists talking about her dream to become a great engineer. But, when Great-Great Aunt Rose shows up for an extended stay, she tells stories of her experiences building planes during World War II. Rosie sets about designing a unique contraption to help her aunt take to the skies again.
7748	Run, Pip, run Jones, J C	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781743319222	5-6	Pip Sullivan's tenth birthday was a disaster, and that was only the beginning. With her beloved Sully in hospital and the welfare hot on her heels, Pip needs time, money and a place to stay. She's determined to stay one step ahead of Senior Constable Molly Dunlop. With help from her friends, including a psychic cat and a canine escape artist, Pip must survive on wits and luck to stay out of dreaded foster homes so she can help Sully get better.
	Sage Cookson series NEW SERIES 2017 Murphy, Sally & Hulme, Celeste (ill)				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
10960	Scarlett, starlet Quay, Emma	ABC Books	2015	9780733331589	K-2	Scarlett loves to dance and her house is always filled with rhythm. Her parents clap along and Little Jazzy Jo-Jo's paws tap-tap-tap in time. But, when Scarlett's dream of dancing on a real stage finally comes true, Little Jo-Jo has to stay at home. Scarlett will have to find her own rhythm.
6945	School ship Tobermory McCall Smith, Alexander & McIntosh, Iain (ill)	Birlinn Ltd	2015	9781780273334	3-4	Twins, Ben and Fee MacTavish, are off to boarding school while their marine researcher parents explore the seas in their small submarine. But, it's not a traditional boarding school, it's a training sailing ship off the coast of Scotland. Like all schools, there are rules to learn, friends to make and bullies to avoid. Even in such small confines, mystery and intrigue find a place with a stowaway, a suspect film crew and rare animal trading.
2884	Sea singer, The Dasgupta, Shome	Accent Press	2016	9781910939215	7-9	March was born in April, just as the sun set. She is a singing baby, who never sleeps. The town of Kolkaper is on edge and the Town Council orders scientists to take her away to the Cave Forest, a place to study freaks like her. Acting quickly, March's parents send her to safety in a distant town. But, March's destiny lies in the town of her birth and she must return to save the city from itself.

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27774	Secret cooking club, The Remington, Laurel	Chicken House	2016	9781910655245	5-6	Twelve year old Scarlett is the star and the victim of her mum's popular blog. The butt of school jokes, she's eager to stay firmly out of the spotlight. So, when Scarlett discovers the kitchen next door, left empty by an elderly neighbour in hospital, she begins to bake from the hand written recipe book she finds. As more people find out and Scarlett's confidence grows, The Secret Cooking Club is formed. Scarlett's life changes forever.
2972	Secrets we keep, The Weetman, Nova	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702254215	5-6	Clem Timmins has lost it all, her house, her possessions and her clothes. Now living in a tiny flat with her dad, she has to go to a new school, far from what she knows. On Clem's first day, she meets Ellie and, to fit in, Clem reveals a secret she immediately regrets sharing. When Clem receives a letter she doesn't want to read, it becomes clear that she can't run from her past forever, especially when the truth appears right in front of her face.
	Seeking refuge series NEW SERIES 2017 Various				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
13011	Selected adventures of Battersnikes and Gumbles, The Wakefield, S A & Digby, Desmond (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2016	9781460751923	3-4	Deep in the Australian bush, Battersnikes live in rubbish heaps along dusty roadsides. They have green, wrinkly skin, cheese grater noses and long, pointy ears that go red when they're angry, which is most of the time. Giggling Gumbles are cheerful little creatures who can be squashed into all sorts of shapes. They can't pop back into their proper shape unless helped. This makes the friendly Gumbles useful to the lazy Battersnikes, who have some very nasty tricks planned.
8014	Shapes at play Borando, Silvia	Walker Books	2016	9781406367331	K-2	Squares, triangles and circles - let's play. We might even make a brand-new shape.
24357	Shapes, reshape Borando, Silvia	Walker Books	2016	9781406367348	K-2	The shapes in this book get mixed up, moved around, and reshaped into all kinds of animals. See if you can guess the animal before the shapes reshape.

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2347	Shark caller, The Wolfer, Dianne	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9780143780557	7-9	Fourteen year old Isabel is returning to her birthplace in Papua New Guinea. She's eager to see her family again but there's a tragic reason for the trip. Izzy's twin brother, Ray, has died in a freak diving accident. Things have changed since their last visit. Logging threatens the community's way of life and sharks no longer answer the ancestral song of the shark callers. The clan needs someone to undertake a traditional and perilous diving ritual. It must be a twin from the shark calling lineage. Izzy is the last twin.
34592	Sidekicks, The Kostakis, Will	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9780143309031	7-9	The swimmer, the rebel and the nerd. Ryan, Harley and Miles live different lives, have different interests and keep different secrets. All they have in common is their shared, best friend, Isaac. They were his sidekicks. But, now, Isaac has gone. A mature and challenging book. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
8816	Sisters Saint-Claire, The Gibson, Carlie & Ainslie, Tamsin (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760291563	K-2	This is the tale of the five sisters Saint-Claire. There's Harriet, Violet, Beatrice, Minette and, we must not forget, little Cecile. Five gourmand mouse sisters go to market. The youngest sister, Cecile, sets up her very own delicious pie stall, with food fit for a queen.
28063	Sleeper and the spindle, The Gaiman, Neil & Riddell, Chris (ill)	Bloomsbury	2014	9781408859643	5-6	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.
2664	Small and big Collum, Karen & Wood, Ben (ill)	Windy Hollow Books	2015	9781922081476	K-2	Small and Big are best friends but they are very different. During a trip to the city, Big is loud and confident and certain that it's the big things in life that matter. Small is more reserved and finds beauty in the detail. In the city, Small and Big are so fascinated by the things they are seeing, they lose track of each other and, eventually, Small realises he is lost.
3159	Small things Tregonniing, Mel	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781742379791	5-6	An ordinary boy in an ordinary world. This wordless picture book tells the story of a boy who feels alone with his worries but who learns that help is always close by.
757	Smart about sharks Davey, Owen	Flying Eye Books	2016	9781909263918	5-6	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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9854	Smile Telgemeier, Raina	Graphix	2010	9780545132060	7-9	Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But, one night after Girl Scouts, she trips and falls, severely injuring her front teeth. What follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery and embarrassing headgear. And, on top of all that, there's a major earthquake, boy confusion and friends who turn out to be not so friendly. A graphic novel.
2772	Smuggler's curse, The Jorgensen, Norman	Fremantle Press	2016	9781925164190	5-6	Red Read's life takes a surprising and alarming turn when his mother sells him to an infamous smuggler, plying his trade off the north-west coast of Australia. From terrifying encounters with cut-throat pirates to battling the forces of nature in a tropical typhoon, from dining with head-hunting guerrillas to making meals of monkey stew, Red is in for a hair-raising adventure that may cost him his life.
	Snow like ashes trilogy series NEW SERIES 2017 Raasch, Sara				7-9	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.
6004	Snow White: a graphic novel Phelan, Matt	Candlewick Press	2016	9780763672331	7-9	It's 1928 and the glitz and glam of show business in pre-Depression era New York City is in full swing. The lights are bright for financiers and those who entertain them, and life seems good in the big city. But, in one house, a little girl is sent away by her cold, ruthless stepmother. She does not return until it's too late. The market has crashed, her father is gone and her stepmother is even more desperate for wealth and attention.
4892	Snow wombat, The Chambers, Susannah & Jackson, Mark (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760113810	K-2	In Australia's High Country, it's a big journey through the snow for a little wombat, meeting animals, birds and people along the way. But, there's no place like home.
46842	Some birds Spink, Matt	David Fickling Books	2016	9781910200667	K-2	Small and tall, flappy and fluttery, twitchers and tweeters. A feathery celebration of birds.
2794	Something about a bear Morris, Jackie	Frances Lincoln	2014	9781847805164	K-2	Find out about eight bears in the wild, what they like to eat, their habitats and daily activities. Includes conservation information about bears.
6342	Something wonderful Caisley, Raewyn & Blair, Karen (ill)	Viking Children's	2016	9780670078455	K-2	Sam likes to pull things apart, put them back together and think about how things work. But, sometimes, he is so busy doing this, he forgets his chores on the family farm. One day, he creates something truly wonderful.

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21138	Somewhere else Gordon, Gus	Viking Children's	2016	9780670078851	K-2	George has no interest in exploring the world. He's far too busy at home baking fine pastries. That's what he tells everyone when they invite him along on their wonderful adventures. But, George's friend, Pascal, digs a little deeper.
19565	Spark Wallace, Adam & Plant, Andrew (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2016	9781925272413	3-4	I began as a dry spark in the dry grass. All I wanted was a friend. I found one in the wind, who helped me to grow and fly.
	Spark trilogy series NEW SERIES 2017 Various				7-9	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.
23044	Special Blain, Georgia	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9780857988072	7-9	Fern Marlow is alone, datawiped and in hiding. Her mobie says she's Delia Greene, a refuse sorter. Every day, she queues to work, to earn enough to stay alive. She dreams of the past and the life she's meant to be living, for those wealthy enough or lucky enough to be genetically designed. Her rescuers said her former life was a lie. They said they'd come back for her but they haven't. Fern doesn't know who to trust or believe. To save herself, Fern must answer the one question she can't face. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above.
	Sporty kids series NEW SERIES 2017 Arena, Felice & Jellett, Tom (ill)				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	Squishy Taylor series NEW SERIES 2017 Wild, Ailsa & Wood, Ben (ill)				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen

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3032	Stanley Thompson, Colin	ABC Books	2016	9780733332852	K-2	It's very quiet in Stanley's house. There are no brothers or sisters, no dads or grannies, not even a cat, a budgie or a goldfish. Stanley lives with his human, Gerald, and Gerald's mum. Life is peaceful but, sometimes, Stanley feels quite lonely. Then, one day at the park, another dog steals Stanley's favourite red rubber ball and sets in motion a chain of events that will change Stanley's life forever.
	Star of Deltora series NEW SERIES 2017 Various				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	Starlight Stables series NEW SERIES 2017 Nicholas, Soraya				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
4679	Stars at Oktober Bend, The Millard, Glenda	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781743315897	7-9	Alice has been twelve for a long time. Ever since she was assaulted, something inside her is broken. She has acquired brain injury and her words are slow and slurred. Alice writes poems to express what she can't say and leaves them in unexpected places for others to read. Sixteen year old Manny, once a child soldier back in his country, appears to be adapting to his new life. He has a poem and knows it off by heart. Alice and Manny weren't meant to meet each other. Mature read. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
7912	Stella by starlight Draper, Sharon M	Atheneum Books for Young Readers	2016	9781442494985	5-6	In 1932, ten year old Stella lives in the segregated South of the United States. Some stores she can go into, others she can't. Some folks are right pleasant, others less so. To Stella, it sort of evens out, and the 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.

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2888	Steve goes to carnival Button, Joshua & Wells, Robyn & Rau, Julia (photo)	Magabala Books	2016	9781925360219	K-2	Steve is a gorilla, who lives at a zoo in Rio. He loves to listens to jazz on the radio with his friend, Antonio the zookeeper. One night, Steve lifts the latch of his cage door and escapes to find Antonio. It's carnival time in Rio and a hat provides the perfect disguise for Steve. He follows the sounds of a saxophone and discovers Antonio playing in a quartet. When a beautiful dancer steps on to the dance floor, Steve takes her by the hand. They twirl and twist until, suddenly, Steve's hat falls off his head.
10712	Steve Jobs: Insanely great Hartland, Jessie	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2015	9780857988560	7-9	Steve Jobs was a tinkerer. He was also rebellious, did not follow rules and dropped out of college after one semester. At twenty one, he started Apple Computer in his parents' garage and it became the world's most valuable company. Jobs became the tastemaker of a generation, creating products that we now can't live without, while revolutionising the music, phone and tablet computer industries in the process. A graphic biography.
4058	Story of life: Evolution Scott, Katie (ill)	Templar Publishing	2015	9781783704446	5-6	A graphic guide to evolution and life forms, starting with the first single-cell organisms and ending with modern life forms. Explore extraordinary land, sky and sea creatures, from algae to Archaeopteryx and Pterygotus to Tyrannosaurus Rex. Each life form, whether tiny bacteria or ice-age megafauna, represents its period in earth's history and shows life's incredible diversity.
33584	Stupendously spectacular spelling bee, The Abela, Deborah	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925324822	5-6	India Wimple is a brilliant speller. When her family tries to convince her to enter the Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee competition, India is reluctant. She remembers the stage fright she got in the school play and she certainly doesn't want to repeat that experience. And, there's also Summer Millicent, who's determined to win and isn't afraid to step on anyone who gets in her way.
27549	Superhero street Earle, Phil & Ogilvie, Sara (ill)	Orion	2016	9781444013887	5-6	Michael Mouse lives in a very chaotic household, with younger brothers, a set of twins and a set of triplets. His father is a magician, struggling to keep the household afloat. Mouse sees himself as an aspiring super hero but, when his father suddenly leaves home, Mouse must do more to help around the house. Michael Mouse begins to think he'll never get his chance to be a superhero.
19173	Swap Light, Steve	Walker Books	2016	9781406367768	K-2	A broken-down ship, a loose button and an idea.

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7742	Swarm Westerfeld, Scott & Lanagan, Margo & Biancotti, Deborah	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781925267242	7-9	Two strangers with new powers take to the dance floor at the Zeroes' underground nightclub. The Zeroes pursue them, only to discover that they're fleeing an even more sinister power-wielder, Swarm. If they are to stay safe, the Zeroes must learn all they can about this dangerous new player. But, each of the Zeroes has their own issues to deal with. It's up to Flicker to pick up the reins and lead the Zeroes into a terrifying showdown. Sequel to Zeroes. Mature themes. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 or above.
8272	Tale of two beasts, A Robertson, Fiona	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2015	9781444916720	K-2	A little girl rescues a strange beast in the woods and carries him safely home. But, the beast is not happy and escapes.
45552	Tale of two diggers, A Gillam, John & Fletcher, Yvonne & Durell, Paul (ill)	Returned Services League (RSL)	2016	9780646952260	5-6	Digger, a mischievous pup, ran away from home seeking adventure. He became the soldiers' mascot and, during World War I, Digger's adventures were not quite what he expected. He was wounded and befriended by Sergeant James Martin. When he returned home, Digger hated loud noise and certain smells, which reminded him of war. For his bravery and long service, Digger was presented with a silver engraved collar. Based on a true story.
	Tales from Mossy Bottom Farm series NEW SERIES 2017 Howard, Martin & Janes, Andy (ill)				K-2	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.
31983	Tales of Jahani, The: Daughter of nomads Hawke, Rosanne & Cornish, D M (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702253935	7-9	Fourteen year old Jahani lives a peaceful life in her village in Pakistan. But, havoc is brewing in the Mughal Empire, with tyrants and war lords burning villages in their quest to rule. After an assassin strikes in a bazaar, Jahani discovers her life is not as it seems. With her mysterious protector, Azhar, she flees over treacherous terrain towards the fabled Qurraqoram Mountains. Surrounded by deceit and danger, Jahani does not know who to trust or what their destination will reveal. The story concludes in book 2, The Leopard Princess.

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4580	Tales of Jahani, The: Leopard Princess, The Hawke, Rosanne & Cornish, D M (ill)	University of Queensland Press	2016	9780702254222	7-9	First Moon of Autumn, 1662. After reuniting with the nomads, fourteen year old Jahani is finally home. With her red hair dyed black, she can travel through the Qurraqoram Mountains without fear of being captured. But, the tyrants and war lords who pursue Jahani will not rest in their battle for power. Before long, the nomads are attacked. To fulfil her true destiny, Jahani must try to discover a pathway to peace in the northern kingdoms. Sequel to Daughter of nomads and the conclusion to The Tales of Jahani.
1885	Teresa, a new Australian Abela, Deborah	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742990941	5-6	During the war, Teresa and her family survived the bombing of their home and went hungry during the long siege of their island. But, life in peace time is still hard. Her parents want a better life and apply to migrate to Australia. But, after the long voyage to Sydney, there are more testing times ahead for Teresa as she tries to learn Australian ways, avoid the bullies and do well at school. She is not about to let anything stop her from making her family and her nanna, back in Malta, proud of her.
28912	That's (not) mine Kang, Anna & Weyant, Christopher (ill)	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2016	9781444918335	K-2	Two fuzzy creatures both want to sit in the same comfy chair. The trouble is, they can't agree who it belongs to and they get madder and madder.
	The bad guys series NEW SERIES 2017 Various				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	The Hidden series NEW SERIES 2017 Tanner, Lian				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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	The Thickety series NEW SERIES 2017 White, J A & Offermann, Andrea (ill)				7-9	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	5-6	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	5-6	In eighteenth-century London, twelve year old Philo Grey is a linkboy. He collects information to sell. One of his best customers pays good money for intelligence about the Jacobites, who are plotting to overthrow King George. But, spying on the Jacobites is a dangerous business, especially when Philo becomes the target of a rival gang of linkboys. And, Philo's old master has never forgiven him for leaving and will stop at nothing for revenge. Luckily, Philo has friends as well as enemies. He must rely on them as well as his instincts to escape harm.
2836	There is a tribe of kids Smith, Lane	Pan MacMillan	2016	9781509812882	K-2	When a young boy embarks on a journey alone, he joins a colony of penguins, wriggles with an army of caterpillars, marches with a troop of monkeys and lots, lots more. But, he never feels that he belongs and needs to find his own tribe.
24449	There may be a castle Torday, Piers	Quercus Children's Books	2016	9781848668621	5-6	On Christmas Eve, eleven year old Mouse, his mother and two sisters are travelling to his grandparents. It's snowing, visibility is bad, and the car crashes off the road. Mouse is thrown from the car and, when he wakes, he's not in his world any more. So begins a quest to find a castle in a world of monsters, minstrels, dangerous knights and mysterious wizards. There's terrifying danger but also more excitement than Mouse has ever known. But, as the cold grows, Mouse's quest becomes more important than ever.

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3829	Thing about jellyfish, The Benjamin, Ali	Little, Brown & Co	2015	9780316380867	7-9	After her best friend, Franny, dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause of the tragedy must have been a rare jellyfish sting. Franny was a strong swimmer and there must be a reason. Retreating into a silent world of grief and imagination, Suzy crafts a plan to prove her theory, even if it means traveling the globe alone. Suzy's achingly heartfelt journey explores life, death, the astonishing wonder of the universe, and the potential for love and hope right next door.
35659	Things I didn't say, The Fornasier, Kylie	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9780143573630	7-9	After losing her best friend, Piper Rhodes changes schools, determined that she and her final year will be different. Then, she meets West, the school captain and star soccer player. Despite Piper's fear of losing everything again, they fall in love, without Piper ever speaking one word to him. She suffers from anxiety, specifically Selective Mutism, an inability to speak to anyone outside her immediate family. A terrible accident forces Piper to confront some big decisions. A mature read, usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
27161	Thirst Wilcock, Lizzie	Scholastic Australia	2015	9781742839660	7-9	Fourteen year old Karanda Hooke doesn't need anybody or anything. On her way to her sixth foster home, a crash leaves her stranded in the outback, with only a backpack, a bottle of water and a stained picture of the mother she hasn't seen in years. This is her chance to escape her old life. There's only one thing in her way. Eight year old Solomon, a fellow foster child, who was also in the car.
42170	This girl that girl Lance, Charlotte	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760291709	3-4	This girl is kinda neat and tidy and likes to do things like this. She likes things to be organised. Right next door lives that girl who likes to do things like that. She's not so tidy. and likes things to be a little unexpected. Although they are neighbours, the girls are miles apart. But, one day, with a little help from their dads, the girls make a surprising discovery.
9306	This is not my hat Klassen, Jon	Candlewick Press	2012	9780763655990	K-2	When a tiny fish shoots into view wearing a round, blue topper, which happens to fit him perfectly, trouble could be following close behind. So, it's a good thing that the enormous fish won't wake up. And, even if he does, it's not like he'll ever know what happened.
4845	Three D'Ath, Justin	Ford Street Publishing	2016	9781925272277	7-9	Sixteen year old Sunday Balewo is next in line for the presidency of Zantuga. When his father and mother are killed in an explosion, Sunday finds himself on the run from the unlikeliest of assassins, a baboon with a bomb.

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2765	Time catcher Peters, Cheree	Ford Street Publishing	2016	9781925272215	7-9	In a post-apocalyptic world of rigid rules, Althea's luxurious life is turned upside-down when she is kidnapped by the dreaded Variants, genetically evolved mutants who can travel through space at will. Betrayed by those she trusts most, Althea is forced to question everything she thought she knew, including who she is and what she's capable of. Althea must separate deception from truth to claim her own power.
6516	Time travelling with a hamster Welford, Ross	HarperCollins Children's Books	2016	9780008156312	7-9	My dad died twice. Once when he was thirty nine and again, four years later, when he was twelve. The first time had nothing to do with me. The second time definitely did. When Al Chaudhury discovers his late dad's time machine, he finds that going back to the 1980s requires daring and imagination. It also requires lies, theft, burglary and setting his school on fire. All without losing his pet hamster, Alan Shearer.
	Timmy Failure series Pastis, Stephan				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	Tiny Timmy series NEW SERIES 2017 Cahill, Tim				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
23646	To dance: Ballerina's graphic novel, A Cherson Siegel, Siena & Siegel, Mark (ill)	Aladdin Publishing	2006	9781416926870	5-6	Siena was six when her dreams of dance kept skipping and leaping, circling and spinning, from airy runs along a beach near her home in Puerto Rico, to dance class in Boston, and her debut performance with the New York City Ballet. Twirl along with Siena as she shares her story, in words and pictures.

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4462	Tom Topp and the great adventure swap Limbrick, Lisa & Trappel, Jemima (ill)	Wombat Books	2016	9781925139754	3-4	Tom Topp has great plans for the weekend. His three older brothers are all doing really cool things, ice-skating, water skiing and hiking. The problem is choosing which one of them to go with. Actually, that's not the problem. Tom has broken a leg so he can't go with any of his brothers. Instead, Tom gets to go shopping with his mother where the most embarrassing things start to happen. Worst of all, he's stuck in an old wheelchair that smells like rotten eggs.
18812	Top dog Clement, Rod	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2016	9780732298753	K-2	An apricot coloured poodle called Samson is the ultimate boss in the tough, dog-eat-dog, fat cat world of business. He reveals the skills required to keep his paws on the steadfast corporate pulse and, of course, Samson never has a bite that's worse than his bark.
2762	Tree, The Layton, Neal	Walker Books	2016	9781406358216	K-2	The tree is home to a family of birds in their nest, squirrels in their drey and rabbits in their burrow. When a man and woman decide to cut the tree down and use it for their dream house, the animals are under threat.
31637	Trouble and the missing cat Whittle, Cate & King, Stephen Michael (ill)	Omnibus Books	2016	9781742990774	3-4	Georgia's life has become more exciting since Trouble came into her life. After all, not every young girl gets to have a dragon for a playmate or have a dragon taxi ride to school. But, Trouble is in trouble at Georgia's school and has been banned from coming any more. He did a vertical landing in the playground, broke all the asphalt and there are those burn marks on the oval. Georgia wonders what Trouble will now do to fill his days.
3039	Trouble at home Whittle, Kate & Gamble, Kim (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781742990767	3-4	Georgia's house is taken by a dragon. A large green dragon with blue wings and red scaly bits around its ears. And, inside her house was Georgia's toddler brother, Godfrey. The only clues are potato chips and a sarsaparilla drink. Georgia's parents are beside themselves but no one believes her story of what happened. Frustrated, Georgia ropes in younger brother Henry and takes matters into her own hands to seek out the dragon and rescue what is rightfully theirs.
	Truly Tan series Storer, Jen & Robertson, Claire (ill)				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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3066	Truth according to Arthur, The Hopgood, Tim & Tazzyman, David (I'll)	Bloomsbury	2016	9781408864982	K-2	Arthur and The Truth are not the best of friends right now. Today, Arthur did something he shouldn't have done, especially when his mum told him not to. Arthur knows he's done wrong but telling the truth is really hard. Maybe, he can bend it, stretch it, cover it up or, even, hide it.
	Tuesday McGillycuddy series NEW SERIES 2017 Banks, Angelica				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
27734	Turners, The Elliot, Mick	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9780734416629	5-6	Leo Lennox has a very disappointing thirteenth birthday and an epic problem. Rather than catching the eye of the lovely Lily across the library or hanging out with his buddy Jinx, or even just having a quiet evening with his father and annoying, big sister, Leo has grown a very uncomfortable, quite itchy tail and gained a craving for mice. Something is not right.
29159	Turners, The: Camp freakout Elliot, Mick	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9780734416636	5-6	Thirteen year old Leo Lennox has made a massive mistake. The secret that his shape-shifter ancestors have kept hidden for thousands of years is now in danger of being discovered. Leo insisted on going to school camp but he's surrounded every minute of every day by his classmates, including his secret crush and two terrifying bullies. Leo's about to find out just how much he still has to learn about transforming. But, when he discovers a fiendish plot, Leo realises that surviving camp is going to be the least of his worries.
31103	Turnkey, The Rushby, Allison	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925126921	5-6	Twelve year old Flossie Birdwhistle is no ordinary girl. Chosen to be the Turnkey at London's Highgate Cemetery, Flossie has the special task of looking after the souls that reside there. When she discovers the ghost of a mysterious German soldier, far from his home and carrying a strange object, Flossie uncovers a terrible secret that threatens the worlds of both the living and the dead. With the help of the other cemetery Turnkeys, Flossie must unravel the mystery In order to save London.

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1185	Twins of Tintarfell, The O'Loghlin, James	Pan MacMillan	2016	9781743548097	5-6	Life's hard when you're an orphan stuck working in a castle all day. And, it doesn't get any easier for twins Dani and Bart when they end up separated, beyond the castle walls. They meet untold dangers and an assortment of bizarre characters, including a retired witch, a cowardly prince, an evil magician and a sarcastic giant. They not only have to save each other but Tintarfell itself.
876	Two tales of Brothers from Ancient Mesopotamia Heffernan, John & Durack, Kate (ill)	Christmas Press	2016	9780994234049	5-6	The ancient civilisations of Mesopotamia, located in what is now Iraq, Syria and Kuwait, produced the heroic saga, the Epic of Gilgamesh. Two tales tell of the mighty king Gilgamesh, two parts god, one part human, who rules Uruk. But, when his human side becomes cruel, his subjects beseech the gods for help. A wild man, Enkidu, is created to foil the king's meanness. In the second tale, Gilgamesh and Enkidu join forces to slay the ferocious Humbaba, part man, part bull, part monster, who terrorises the countryside.
25062	Underwater fancy dress parade, The Bell, Davina & Colpoys, Allison (ill)	Scribe Publications	2015	9781925106206	K-2	Sometimes, it's hard to be brave. Sometimes, you get that feeling. You're just not ready. Until, one day, you are.
4798	Unforgettable what's his name, The Jennings, Paul & Smith, Craig (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781760290856	5-6	Even before all this happened, I had never been like the other kids. I tried not to be seen. If I climbed a tree or hid among the bins, no one could find me. Then, one weekend, I got what I wanted. First, I blended in with things. But, on the second day, I changed. I mean, really changed.
	Usborne beginners plus series Various				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
	Usborne beginners series Various				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.

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22447	Valdur the Viking and the ghostly goths Cormick, Craig & Cormick, Hanna (ill)	Ford Street Publishing	2016	9781925272420	3-4	My name is Valdur and I am a Viking. Well, I hope to be a real Viking one day. But, I do get to roam the seas on my father's ship. That is, until he was kidnapped by his arch-enemy, the Goth pirate Germanicus Bottom. So, now, I have to fight Romans, sea monsters and the Pirate Goths to rescue him. Luckily, I have my dragon-dog, Ragna, with me.
3036	Waer Caddy, Meg	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781922182210	7-9	When Lowell Sencha finds the strange girl lying, as if dead, on the riverbank, he is startled to find that she is like them, waer. Human but able to assume the form of a wolf. The Sencha family's small community has kept itself sequestered and unnoticed, and free from persecution. The arrival of a fellow traveller, and a hunted one at that, threatens their very survival. When the soldiers of the blood-purist Daeman Leldh descend on the village, searching for her, Lowell and the mysterious stranger are among the few to escape.
24958	War that saved my life, The Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781925355642	5-6	Nine year old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted, club foot to let her outside. So, when Ada's little brother, Jamie, is shipped out of London to avoid the war, she escapes to join him. A new adventure begins for Ada, and for Susan Smith, the woman forced to take them in. As Ada teaches herself to ride a pony, learns to read and watches for German spies, she begins to trust Susan. And, Susan begins to love them both. But, wartime and Ada's cruel mother threaten the growing bond.
4943	We found a hat Klassen, Jon	HarperCollins Children's Books	2016	9781406347517	K-2	Two turtles have found a hat. The hat looks good on both of them. But, there are two turtles and there is only one hat.
	WeirDo series NEW SERIES 2017 Do, Anh & Faber, Jules (ill)				3-4	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
14828	Welcome to country Murphy, Aunty Joy & Kennedy, Lisa (ill)	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781922244871	7-9	Welcome to the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri people. We are part of this land and the land is part of us. This is where we come from. Wominjeka Wurundjeri balluk yearmenn koondée bik. Welcome to country.

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	Wells and Wong mystery series NEW SERIES 2017 Various				5-6	Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
24758	What could it be Fawcett, Sally	Exisle Publishing	2016	9781925335026	K-2	It's time to step outside the square and explore your creativity. So many shapes, so many possibilities. Have some fun with your imagination.
7962	What do grown-ups do all day Morgand, Virginie	Wide Eyed Editions	2016	9781847808097	3-4	If you've ever wondered what grown-ups do all day, this book will give you a fascinating insight into more than one hundred jobs, in fifteen diverse work places such as a farm, a hospital, a hotel, a gym and a school.
8039	What do you wish for Godwin, Jane & Walker, Anna (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2015	9780670078110	K-2	Ruby is looking forward to Christmas and the street party in the local park, as well as many other happy customs. One of these is the neighbourhood children hanging a Christmas wish on the big tree in the park, before they perform their yearly show. Ruby happily ponders on all the things she loves about the festive season - baking, presents, Christmas lunch and the freedom of holidays.
3040	What dog knows Vanden Heede, Sylvia & Tolman, Marije (ill)	Gecko Press	2016	9781776570379	3-4	Dog is the smart one, who knows things because he reads books. Wolf isn't so smart, he's more of an action-before-investigation type wolf. But, when Wolf finds a fact-filled book in the library, he thinks he'll outsmart his clever cousin, Dog. Packed with information, activities, quizzes, rhymes and curious conversations between Wolf and Dog.
30663	What noise comes from a giraffe MacLean, Craig	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2016	9781460752234	K-2	We all know it's true, that a cow says moo. Find out what noise comes from a giraffe.
7781	What pet should I get Seuss, Dr	Random House Children's Books	2015	9780553524260	K-2	When a brother and sister visit a pet store to pick out a pet, they can't choose just one.
9960	What's your story Giannone, Rose & Emmerichs, Bern (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2016	9780994289544	5-6	Australia has a long history and many stories. This is the story of Leonard, a young orphan boy, who was on one of the ships in the First Fleet that came to Australia from England. He was both frightened and amazed by his new country. When Leonard met Milba, an Eora girl, she showed him the animals of his new land and the cave drawings of her people. Without words, they could still tell their stories.

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2344	When friendship followed me home Griffin, Paul	Text Publishing Co	2016	9781925355499	5-6	Twelve year old Ben Coffin has never felt that he fits in. A former foster kid, he keeps his head down to avoid school bullies and spends his afternoons reading sci-fi books at the library. But, when Ben finds a scruffy, abandoned dog and befriends the librarian's daughter, Halley, he starts to feel he belongs in his own life. Then, everything changes and, suddenly, Ben is more alone than ever. But, with a little help from Halley's magician father, Ben discovers his place in the world and learns to see his own magic through other's eyes.
29051	When I first met you, Blue Kangaroo Chichester Clark, Emma	HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK	2015	9780007425112	K-2	When Lily gets a new baby brother, she soon discovers that it's not easy learning new things and helping to look after someone so small. But, then, Grandma brings her a very special surprise. Someone who also needs to be cared for.
2345	When Michael met Mina Abdel-Fattah, Randa	Pan MacMillan	2016	9781743534977	7-9	When Michael meets Mina, they are at a rally for refugees, standing on opposite sides. Mina fled Afghanistan with her mother, via a refugee camp, a leaky boat and a detention centre. Michael's parents have founded a new political party called Aussie Values. They want to stop the boats. Mina wants to stop the hate. Michael and Mina will need to overcome their differences to find some common ground. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
815	When spring comes Henkes, Kevin & Dronzek, Laura (ill)	HarperCollins US	2016	9780062331397	K-2	When it's cold and snowy and bleak and brown, Spring seems very far away. But, if you wait, soon you will see leaves and blossoms, smell flowers and mud. Soon, you will hear birds and buzzing bees.
2898	Where, oh where, is Rosie's chick Hutchins, Pat	Hodder Children's Books (UK)	2015	9781444918281	K-2	Rosie has lost her baby chick. She looks under the hen house. She looks behind the wheelbarrow. But, little baby chick isn't there. But, watch out Rosie, there's someone following you and it's not just your baby chick.
6375	Who's got a normal family Nowell, Belinda & Alexander, Misa (ill)	Little Steps Publishing	2016	9781925117752	K-2	Alex has a new foster sister, Emma, and excitedly tells his class. But, when Jimmy Martin tells Alex that Emma is not his real sister and his family is not normal, Alex isn't quite so excited anymore.
28203	Whole caboodle, The Shanahan, Lisa & Rudge, Leila (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781743629321	K-2	On a stroll to the park, a playful pup takes the lead to see how many new friends will be found.
2991	Why should I bother about the planet Meredith, Susan & Rojo, Sara (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2015	9781409599630	5-6	Find out what has gone wrong with the planet, what needs to be done, and how every little bit helps to solve the problem of climate change and pollution. Discover how you can save energy, what a carbon footprint is and lots more about the human impact on our planet.

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8494	Why should I bother to keep fit Meredith, Susan & Larkum, Adam (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2015	9781409599623	5-6	An informative guide to the hows and whys of keeping fit, and having fun on the way. Find out why keeping fit is good for you, how to choose the appropriate exercise regime and how to stay healthy in day-to-day life.
6696	Why shouldn't I eat junk food Knighton, Kate & Larkum, Adam (ill)	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2015	9781409599616	5-6	A fun, informative guide about food that's good and not so good for you, and how to exercise. Find out why junk food tastes so good, what food additives and processed food are, and what's in a burger. Includes simple recipes for healthy snacks and burgers, ideas for exercise, information on food labels and advertising, and how food is grown.
1820	Wicked's way Fienberg, Anna	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781743319901	5-6	From an early age, Will could walk a tightrope and juggle bananas. His mother told him that, one day, he would be the star of a circus. But, until then, Will must be kept a secret because, each year, pirates come to the islands to steal young boys for their crew. But, when his mother disappears and pirates arrive at his door, Will takes courage from a crazy, truth-telling parrot and his mother's advice. But, this may not be enough to survive the perils at sea. And, Will will have to do something about that infuriatingly polite boy, Horrendo.
19990	William Bligh: A stormy story of tempestuous times Sedunary, Michael & Emmerichs, Bern (ill)	Berbay Publishing	2016	9780994289568	5-6	You may have heard of the famous mutiny on the ship, the Bounty, or the Rum Rebellion coup. They are two extraordinary events in Australia's history, yet the details in and around these events are largely unknown. Peel back the layers of this incredible and controversial period in Australia's early development.
3866	Within these walls Bavati, Robyn	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781760152857	7-9	For Miri and her family, life in Warsaw is full of simple joys. The smell of freshly baked challah, the pink flowers that bloom in their courtyard and Fridays, when everyone comes together to celebrate Shabbat. But, the Nazis have a hold on Europe and have stepped up their discrimination and attacks on Jews. Miri's world closes in on her as she and her family are forced into the ghetto, where they must try to survive, against impossible odds. Based on true events.

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14731	Wolf by wolf Graudin, Ryan	Hachette Children's Books	2016	9781780622026	7-9	Experimented on during her time in a concentration camp, Yael has the unique ability to skin shift, to change her appearance at will. Now, ten years on since the Nazis won the war, Yael has just one mission, to kill Hitler. To get close to him, Yael must transform into Adele Wolfe, Germany's most famous female rider, and win the legendary Axis Tour, an epic, long distance motorcycle race from Berlin to Tokyo. Only the strongest and wiliest riders survive. Includes violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
2850	Wolf Hollow Wolk, Lauren	Corgi Books	2016	9780552574297	7-9	All her life, twelve year old Annabelle has lived in Wolf Hollow, a quiet, small Pennsylvania town, still scarred by two world wars. But, when cruel and manipulative Betty Glengarry arrives in class, Annabelle's calm world is shattered, along with everything she's ever known about right and wrong. When Betty disappears, suspicion falls on strange, gentle loner, Toby. As the community turns against him, Annabelle must do everything in her power to protect Toby and find Betty, before it's too late.
16957	Wombat wins French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2015	9780732299576	K-2	Mothball has become an athlete, albeit a little accidentally. In her never-ending quest for carrots, Mothball stumbles upon children at the local school sports day and ends up competing.
40229	Wonder garden, The Broom, Jenny & Williams, Kristjana S (ill)	Wide Eyed Editions	2015	9781847806475	3-4	Open the gates of the Wonder Garden to explore five extraordinary habitats. Trek through the Amazon Rainforest, home to an incredible variety of plants, animals and birds. Travel to the Chihuahuan Desert, where conditions are fierce and the fearsome survive. Dive in the Great Barrier Reef, where the weird and miraculous exist together. Creep into the Black Forest, a dark and densely wooded region. Stand on the roof of the world, the Himalayan Mountains, to encounter majestic wildlife that is remarkably good at camouflage.
40973	Wonderful things you will be, The Winfield Martin, Emily	Random House Children's Books	2015	9780385376716	K-2	When I look at you and you look at me, I wonder what wonderful things you will be.
2847	Words in deep blue Crowley, Cath	Pan MacMillan	2016	9781742612386	7-9	This is a love story. It is the story of Howling Books, where readers write letters to strangers, to lovers, to poets. It is the story of Henry Jones and Rachel Sweetie. They were best friends once, before Rachel moved to the sea. Now, she's back, working at the bookstore, grieving for her brother, Cal. She's looking for the future in the books people love and the words they leave behind. Mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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4743	Worm Greenberg, Nicki	Windy Hollow Books	2016	9781922081605	K-2	Worm lives underground, munching through the earth. Life is pretty predictable. Then, one day, everything changes.
5378	Worm loves worm Austrian, J J & Curato, Mike (ill)	Balzer & Bray	2016	9780062386335	K-2	When a worm meets a special worm and they fall in love, they want to get married. Their friends want to know who will wear the dress and who will wear the tuxedo. But, it doesn't matter because Worm loves Worm.
7340	Yassmin's story Abdel-Magied, Yassmin	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9780857986153	7-9	At twenty-one, Yassmin worked on a remote Australian oil and gas rig. She was the only woman and certainly the only Sudanese born Muslim woman. When she was two, Yassmin moved to Brisbane and has been tackling barriers ever since. She founded Youth Without Borders, helping young people to work for positive change in their communities. This is the story of how she got there, where she's going and how she wants the world to change. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
2860	Yearbook Committee, The Ayoub, Sarah	HarperCollins Australia	2016	9780732296858	7-9	Final year and five lives. School captain, Ryan had it all until an accident snatches his dreams away. Newcomer Charlie is determined not to fit in. Nobody really notices Matty. But, at home, he holds everything together and has never felt so alone. The popular girl's best friend, Tammi, always bows to peer pressure. Gillian, the politician's daughter is learning the hard way that life in the spotlight comes at a very heavy price. Five unlikely teammates thrust together against their will. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
28126	Yellow Jacobson, Megan	Penguin Books Australia	2016	9780143573333	7-9	Kirra's so-called friends bully her, her mother has taken to alcohol ever since her dad left them for another woman and, now, a teenage ghost is speaking to her through a broken phone booth. Kirra and the ghost make a pact. She'll prove who murdered him almost twenty years ago if he makes her popular, gets her parents back together, and promises not to haunt her. But, things aren't so simple and Kirra realises that people can be haunted in more ways than one. Mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
7923	Yokki and the Parno Gry O'Neill, Richard & Quarmby, Katharine & Nelissen, Marieke (ill)	Child's Play International Ltd	2016	9781846439261	3-4	When a Traveller family experiences a run of bad luck, an imaginative boy called Yokki lifts their spirits with tales of a magical white horse. A traditional Romani tale.

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2857	Yong: Journey of an unworthy son, The Brian, Janeen	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2016	9781925126297	5-6	Thirteen year old Yong doesn't want to leave his home in China to travel to the Australian goldfields in Ballarat. But, as the firstborn son, he has no choice. On the long and treacherous journey, Yong strives to be an honourable son, while he and his father face many hardships and dangers. But, in his heart, Yong knows the shameful truth. His honour is a lie. Somehow, Yong must find the courage to face what lies ahead.
8618	Yours sincerely, giraffe Iwasa, Megumi & Takabatake, Jun (ill)	Gecko Press	2016	9781927271872	3-4	In his African savannah home, Giraffe has everything he needs. But, as usual, Giraffe is bored. He'd love a friend to share things with. So, he writes a letter and sends it as far as possible across the other side of the horizon. There, he finds a pen pal called Penguin. Giraffe knows nothing about penguins and his letters are full of questions. Soon, a pen pal friendship begins as letters fly from horizon to horizon.
3033	Zelda's big adventure Alafaci, Marie & McGowan, Shane (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2016	9781925266382	K-2	Zelda has big plans. She wants to be the first chook in space. She leaves nothing to chance and packs food, fuel and a cosy nesting box. But, none of her friends wants to help with her plans.
6831	Zeroes Westerfeld, Scott & Lanagan, Margo & Biancotti, Deborah	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2015	9781925266955	7-9	Six teens have powers that set them apart. Ethan has a voice inside him that'll say what you want to hear, true or not. This is handy, except when the voice starts gabbing in the middle of a bank robbery. To help Sam, the group's leader pulls the scattered Zeroes back together. But, the rescue goes wrong and they must deal with dangerous criminals. In the chaos, they find Kelsie, who can take a crowd in the palm of her hand and tame it, or let it loose as she pleases. Mature themes. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above.
31929	Zog and the flying doctors Donaldson, Julia & Scheffler, Axel (ill)	Scholastic Australia	2016	9781407164953	K-2	Princess Pearl, Sir Gadabout and Zog the dragon are the flying doctors. There's much to do as they soar over the countryside, tending to mermaids, lions and unicorns. But, Pearl's uncle, the King, doesn't think it's fitting for a princess to be a doctor.
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