

2018 Premier's reading challenge



Early childhood (0-5 years) booklist

This booklist is a guide only to help students, parents, guardians and teachers select age appropriate reading material. Students may select any suitable books, and may also wish to consider books from previous years' [Premier's Reading Challenge booklists](#).

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Author	Title and Book Summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
Bancroft, Bronwyn	Shapes of Australia This book showcases the unique shapes of the Australian landscape through stunning Aboriginal art. (QDoE)	JF	24	Aboriginal art; shape	9781760129286
Battersby, Katherine	Little Wing Little Wing was a smart bird. But he didn't know he was meant to fly until he had his own idea and became the happiest bird. (QDoE)	JF	32	Loneliness; courage	9780702254000
Blabey, Aaron	Guff Guff is a stuffed toy and he goes everywhere. Sometimes he gets lost but Mum has the endurance to always find him. (QDoE)	JF	24	Toys	9780670077175
Blabey, Aaron	I need a hug Porcupine asks for a hug and snake wants a kiss. Nobody will oblige. In this story of friendship they find a way together. (QDoE)	JF	23	Porcupines; love	9781743629093
Bland, Nick; King, Stephen Michael (illus)	The magnificent tree Bonny and Pop are bursting with ideas. Now they need an idea to encourage the birds to stay. Two magnificent and perfect ideas are found. (QDoE)	JF	32	Grandparents; inventions	9781742832951
Bland, Nick	The very sleepy bear Fox tries to interest Bear in moving into a new cave to hibernate. But Bear feels nothing is the same as his old cave. (QDoE)	JF	24	Bears; home	9781743812549



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Brooke, Cori; deGennaro, Sue (illus)	Max and George Max has a friend called George who lives in windows. When Max starts school, he meets a friend with whom he can play. (QDoE)	JF	32	Imagination; friendship	9780670076352
Buchanan, Colin; Champion, Greg; Singleton, Glen (illus)	Australians, let us barbecue! Sing <i>Let us barbecue</i> to the tune of <i>Advance Australia Fair</i> with the included CD. Australians let us rejoice our summer song is here while we barbecue. (QDoE)	NF	22	Songs; cooking; humour	9781760151294
Clark, Maxine Beneba; Rudd, Van T (illus)	The patchwork bike While sitting in the desert, some siblings decide to build their own bike. They get inventive using a number plate, branches and a saucepan. This book depicts the joy of owning your own bike. (QDoE)	JF	32	Imagination; inventions; bikes	9780734416681
Collins, Ross	There's a bear on my chair Mouse cannot sit in the chair as bear is there. Clever Mouse tries tactics to remove Bear. Finally Bear goes home but who is in his bed? (QDoE)	JF	26	Sharing	9780857633934
Crumble, P; Eckstrom, Nathaniel (illus)	Me and Moo and Roar too First there is me and Moo. Then Roar joins the family. Soon Roar grows too big and finds a new home at the zoo. Who will replace Roar? (QDoE)	JF	24	Zoo animals; pets	9781760156930
Crumble, P; Laga'aia, Jay (singer); Williams, Simon (illus)	Oh dear, what can the matter be? Join in the sing-a-long fun! Count down the animals from number 10. Can you find one big elephant? Yes! Everyone knew where he was! (QDoE)	JF	22	Song; counting	9781743622377
Crumble, P; Gifford, Lucinda (illus)	The cat wants cuddles Cat does not want a cuddle or a pat or a tickle. That is until dog gets one. How many times can cat change his mind? (QDoE)	JF	30	Cats; pets; humour	9781743811412
Do, Anh; McKenzie, Heath (illus)	There's a big green frog in the toilet How do you get rid of a frog in the toilet when you are busting for a wee? Find out how the family tries to rescue the frog. (QDoE)	JF	24	Humour; frogs	9781743812495

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Flood, Ciara	Those pesky rabbits The pesky rabbits build a house next to Bear. Bear wants to be left alone. Then one day Bear realises he is lonely and visits his neighbours. (QDoE)	JF	40	Bears; rabbits; friendship	9781742761442
Fox, Mem; Austin, Mike (illus)	Nellie Belle Join Nellie Belle, the inquisitive dog as she meets her friends. She meets her friends in the yard, on the street, at the beach, at the sea, at the park and best of all, in bed. (QDoE)	JF	30	Repetition; dogs; play	9781760274108
Fussell, Sandy; Suwannakit, Tull (illus)	Sad, the dog Sad, the dog, is left behind when his owners move. Then Jack and his family move into the home and he becomes Lucky, the dog. (QDoE)	JF	25	Dogs; pets	9781921529641
Gibbes, Lesley; de Gennaro, Sue (illus)	Bring a duck The invitation said 'come to my party and bring a duck'. This story takes you to a duck party filled with duck games. I wonder what the theme will be next year. (QDoE)	JF	32	Parties; ducks	9781743625828
Gouldthorpe, Peter; Gouldthorpe, Lucy (illus)	Our dog knows words Our dog's favourite word is 'dinnertime' but 'bath time' are two words he never likes to hear. This clever dog obeys the words he chooses to hear. (QDoE)	JF	21	Dogs; obedience	9780734416339
Gray, Kes; Gray, Claire; Field, Jim (illus)	Oi, dog! If dogs sit on logs, cats sit on gnats and bears sit on stairs, what do frogs sit on? This delightful rhyming story mixes things up! (QDoE)	JF	24	Rhyme; dogs; frogs; animals	9781444919592
Hathorn, Libby; Voutila, Ritva (illus)	Outside What is waiting outside in the garden? This book beautifully explores the sounds, sights and smells of the bright and beautiful outside world. (QDoE)	JF	28	Repetition; gardens	9781921894688
Hobbs, Leigh	Mr Chicken lands on London Mr Chicken has a busy day in London. He visits the well-known tourist places and even has morning tea at Buckingham Palace with the Queen. (QDoE)	JF	36	London; sightseeing	9781743315927
Honey, Elizabeth	Hop up! Wriggle over! A day of fun and games with nine Australian animals. Enjoy their high jinx from waking to bedtime. (QDoE)	JF	29	Australian animals; family	9781743319987

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Hood, Susan; Fleck, Jay (illus)	Double take! : a new look at opposites This book explores the world of opposites. What is the opposite of tall and big? Susan Hood uses animals to illustrate these common concepts. (QDoE)	JF	29	Animals; antonyms	9781406377293
Horsfall, Shannon	Nomax This energetic dog is used to his master shouting, 'NOMAX!' But one thing that confuses Max is why the name on his bowl is not his. (QDoE)	JF	32	Humour; dogs	9781460753927
Horsfall, Shannon	Was not me! In this story the main character has a naughty twin brother. His name is Not Me. Not Me gets into mischief until one day the boy looks in a mirror. Uh oh! (QDoE)	JF	30	Rhyming story; family; responsibility	9781460752470
Kwaymullina, Ezekiel; Morgan, Sally (illus)	Dreamers In this imaginative story, we are introduced to the dreamers who celebrate the sky and land. Their imaginations dance with the changing landscape. (QDoE)	JF	24	Imagination; play	9781922089700
Lance, Charlotte	This girl that girl Two girls from different families find they are quite similar. Their diverse fathers build them a tree house. The results are surprising. (QDoE)	JF	31	Individuality; girls; friendship	9781760291709
Lefroy, Mike; Anelli, Liz	Howzat! Children play cricket all around the world. Join the cricket game and let this book take you to the beach, the desert, a city park and a remote village. Howzat! (QDoE)	JF	24	Rhyme; cricket	9781922077646
Ohi, Ruth	Scribble Scribble joins Circle, Square and Triangle in a game of imagination, drawing their fun. Along the way they make new shapes and friends. (QDoE)	JF	30	Friendship; shapes; imagination	9781443146661
Parker, Danny; Blackwood, Freya (illus)	Perfect On a perfect day, three children explore the delights of time spent playing at home, in the countryside and at the beach. (QDoE)	JF	29	Childhood; rhyme	9781921894848
Perkins, Gwyn	A walk in the bush Iggy, the cat, takes a reluctant walk in the Australian bush with Grandad. Follow their hilarious encounters with the wildlife. (QDoE)	JF	32	Humour; Australian bush	9781925584196

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Preston-Gannon, Frann	Dave's cave Dave sets off on travels to find a new cave. He dreams of a cave with greener grass and bigger rocks. Will he find the perfect home with everything he wants? (QDoE)	JF	29	Caves; home	9780857636232
Reynolds, Alison; McKenzie, Heath (illus)	The littlest bushranger Jack, the bushranger, chases the outlaw through the Australian bush to retrieve the stolen booty. (QDoE)	JF	29	Bushrangers; imagination; play	9781743464577
Stanton, Beck; Stanton Matt	Red book Everything in this book is coloured red. Even the frog. Can you convince your child it is so. This book promises to drive children crazy (along with their parents). This is a book for busy brains! (QDoE)	JF	32	Humour; colour	9780733334856
Vere, Ed	Max at night Max is very sleepy. Where is Moon? He needs to say goodnight. (QDoE)	JF	30	Bedtime; sleep; moon	9780723299158
Vescio, Robert; Finn, Ann-Marie (illus)	Eric finds a way Eric loves reading, drawing, writing and painting. He finds a way to get everything right in his own creative way. (QDoE)	JF	29	Creativity; imagination	9781925563030
Wild, Margaret; To, Vivienne (illus)	The sloth who came to stay Sloth changes the speedy family into one that takes time to smell the roses. Then he moves on to the next family that needs to slow down. Sloth teaches us about finding the balance. (QDoE)	JF	32	Sloths; family; leisure	9781760631024
Wilson, Tony; Wood, Laura (illus)	Hickory dickory dash Based on the nursery rhyme, the mother mouse must search the house for her two missing sons before the clock strikes one. But look out - the cat is prowling. (QDoE)	JF	32	Nursery rhymes; mice; cats	9781743811160
Young, Beau; Craft, Shelley; Boyer, Susy (illus)	Animals rock + other wild songs! Join the Animals Rock band as they sing and groove. CD included. (QDoE)	NF	24	Songs; animals	9781743810538