

2019 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' booklists.

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Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/N F	Pages	Theme	ISBN
Aizen, Marina	Eustace & Clyde (2014) The koala pair share a home and long for a less crowded and less noisy tree. They search for the perfect place and find it close to home. (QDoE)	JF	30	Koalas, Friendship	9781760061784
Allen, Pamela	The Big Fish (2016) The little old man, little old woman, small boy and small girl spend a day at the river fishing. Luckily the dog comes too. (QDoE)	JF	32	Fishing	9780670078974
Bauer, Michael Gerard, Krebs, Christie (illus.)	Rodney Loses It! (2017) Rodney loves to draw. Then one day disaster strikes. Rodney loses his pen. Where could it be? (QDoE)	JF	32	Humour, Drawing	9781742991900
Bell, Davina, Colpoys, Allison (illus.)	All the Ways to be Smart (2018) There are many ways to be smart not just in maths and spelling. This rhyming book encourages us to value what we are good at. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Strengths, Being unique	9781925713435
Ben-Barak, Idan, Frost, Julian (illus.)	Do not lick this book (2017) Meet Dennis, a microbe. He lives in your belly button. Take an adventure with his friends around your body. (QDoE)	NF	32	Micro-organisms, Bacteria, Health	9781760293055



Blabey, Aaron	Don't Call Me Bear! (2017) Warren is upset. He is a koala, not a koala bear. Australia does not have bears at all. So Warren is on a mission to fix this misunderstanding. (QDoE)	JF	20	Koalas, Australia	9781742765150
Blackwood, Freya	The Great Rabbit Chase (2017) Gumboots, the rabbit, loves to escape. One day the neighbours chase Gumboots to the park. There they find five more small rabbits to bring home. (QDoE)	JF	32	Pets, Community	9781743811641
Bland, Nick	The Unscary Book (2018) Nicholas Ickle introduces the scariest things: an apple tree, a rainbow, an ice-cream, rabbits and grandma. This book is meant to have terrifying, frightening and horrifying characters. (QDoE)	JF	24	Storytelling	9781742994147
Briggs, Karen, Seden, Paul (illus)	Kick with My Left Foot A lively and endearing story about a child in an Indigenous community getting ready to play his favourite game - footy! (Adapted from publisher)	JF	24	Growing up, Body image, Sport	9781743313442
Brown, Kerry, Robaard, Jedda (illus)	All My Kisses (2015) Abby loved kisses. She collected them in a bucket. One day Abby found a pile of bleak, grey pebbles inside her bucket. She threw the pebbles away and something magical happens. (QDoE)	JF	30	Love; Sharing	9780733332722
Bunting, Laura, Bunting, Philip (illus)	Kookaburras love to laugh (2018) This serious kookaburra does not laugh and sets off to find a new serious flock. But to everyone's surprise he returns. (QDoE)	JF	32	Kookaburras, Community	9781742769660

Bunting, Philip	Mopoke (2017) Along comes poshpoke, poorpoke, weepoke and glowpoke until there is no quiet for mopoke. (QDoE)	JF	46	Owls, Respect	9781742991658
Canty, John	Heads and Tails: Insects (2018) Clues and interesting facts to discover twelve familiar insects. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	32	Insects	9780994384164
Cherbourg artist group, Cherbourg Community Children	Budburra's garden Feeling tired and hungry, Sammy sees Budburra's colourful garden full of delicious food. Budburra invites Sammy to have something to eat. Soon Sammy is feeling full – COLOURful! (Adapted from publisher)	JF	21	Bush tucker; Colours, Healthy eating, Descriptive language	9780987134813
Cosgrove, Matt	Macca the Alpaca (2017) Macca who gives cuddles meets the llama, Harmer, who is a thug. Challenges are set. Although Macca is small, Harmer learns he is surprisingly strong. (QDoE)	JF	24	Llamas, Alpacas	9781743816332
Crumble, P. Gifford, Lucinda (illus)	The Cat wants Kittens (2018) Kevin, the king of this castle, is bored. Two playmates arrive. Kevin's castle has been occupied and he is not happy. (QDoE)	JF	32	Cats, Pets	9781742769097
Flynn, Rachel, Ainslie, Tamsin (illus)	Collecting Sunshine (2018) The characters like to collect lots of things on their walks but what happens when it rains? (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Nature, Imagination	9780143785187
Gibbes, Lesley, King, Stephen Michael (illus)	Scary Night (2015) One scary night, hare, cat and pig set out with a hat, a cake and a parcel creeping past the midnight shadows. I wonder where they were going so determinedly. (QDoE)	JF	30	Fear, Rhyme	9781921504617

Godwin, Jane, Reiseger, Jane (illus)	Red House, Blue House, Green House, Tree House! (2018) The different houses help children identify colours.	JF	32	Houses, Colours	9781925584691
Greenberg, Nicki	My Dog Dash (2016) Dash behaves like a dog: he sniffs, chews, runs away, slobbers and leaves puddles on the floor. But Dash does not look like a dog. (QDoE)	JF	31	Humour, Imagination, Pets	9781760110673
Guest, Patrick, Eckstrom, Nathaniel (illus)	The Dress-Up Box (2018) A family moves house to one with stinky carpets and dripping taps only to find their dress-up box helps make it a home. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Belonging, Imagination	9781760124922
Hymans, Anna	Lighty Faust the lion: For real and imaginary friends (2012) Ru has a wonderful imaginary friend, Lighty Faust, to play with and go on adventures. (QDoE)	JF	28	Friendship	9781743004128
King, Stephen Michael	Snail and Turtle Rainy Days (2016) It looked like it would never stop raining and snail stayed dry inside his shell. Turtle wanted to play with his friend. What was Turtle's plan to keep snail dry? (QDoE)	JF	32	Snails, Turtles, Rain	9781760159061
King, Stephen Michael, Daddo, Andrew	Whatcha Building? (2017) Each day Davy visits the site of a milk bar being demolished. Each day Bruce the builder gives Davy a piece of the building. What is Davy constructing with the timber? (QDoE)	JF	30	Recycling, Creativity	9780733334153
Lalara, Rhoda, Lalara, Alfred (illus)	When We Go Walkabout Set on Groote Eylandt, this beautiful book invites children to look for animals in different habitats throughout the course of one day. The text is in Anandilyakwa language and English. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Australian animals, Indigenous language	9781743314562

Lee, Andy, McKenzie, Heath	Seriously Do Not Open This Book (2018) Watch out! Nessie, the green monster, is getting closer from each page turning. Is she to be feared or become a friend? Look out for the smooch. (QDoE)	JF	28	Humour	9781760458850
Lester, Alison	The Very Noisy Baby (2017) From the pink house comes a growl, neigh, hoo, moo and squawk. A baby is making the sounds, not the missing creatures. But the baby can help find them. (QDoE)	JF	32	Infants, Animals	9781925475616
McKenzie, Heath	Nothing but oranges (2017) Oranges everywhere but none to be seen. Can you find the apple, banana and orange? (QDoE)	JF	25	Fruit, Humour	9781760452889
McKinnon, Heidi	I just ate my friend (2017) My friend has gone and now I need a new one. Choosing a new friend is a problem especially when he acts the same as me. (QDoE)	JF	31	Friendship, Humour	9781760294342
Millet, Peter, Cooper, Jenny (illus), Laga'aia, Jay (singer)	My Old Man, He Played Rugby (2018) Sing along to the hilarious and astonishing dads who attempt to play rugby in all its glory. The illustrator shows the rough and tumble of this contact sport. (QDoE)	JF	24	Rugby, Fathers, Songs	9781775435280
Morgan, Sally, Bancroft, Bronwyn (illus)	The amazing A-Z thing (2014) Each letter of the alphabet follows an Australian animal covering feelings and emotions. The illustrations detailed with vibrant colour will delight. (QDoE)	NF	30	Alphabet, Australia, Animals	9781921894190
Morgan, Sally, Kwaymullina, Ambellin (illus)	I Love me A joyous celebration of individuality and self-esteem, in bouncy, rhythmic prose and riotous colour. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	24	Body image, Identity, Self esteem	9781925163490

Moriarty, Ros, Balarinji (illus)	Splosh for the billabong A glorious celebration of country, animals and art in simple yet expressive language. [Indi Kindi Kids series] (Adapted from publisher)	JF	20	Descriptive language, Australian landscape, Indigenous art	9781760112127
Racliffe, Justine, Glassby, Cathie	Dads: A Field Guide (2013) There are all kinds of dads. Which is the best one? (QDoE)	JF	30	Fathers	9781742755496
Ritchie, Kate, Robaard, Jedda (illus)	It's Not Scribble to Me (2018) Bear creates more than scribbles in her colourful art. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Creative	9780143790136
Rudge, Leila	Gary (2016) Gary is a racing pigeon who cannot fly. One day Gary finds himself a long way from home. How will he find his way home when he cannot fly? (QDoE)	JF	32	Pigeons, Imagination	9781925081695
Seden, Paul, Briggs, Karen (illus)	Kick with My Left Foot (2014) Follow our young spirited footballer as he learns to lace up his boots, run, bounce, catch, kick and score his first goal. (QDoE)	JF	24	Aboriginal peoples, Australian rules	9781743313442
Shanahan, Lisa, Talib, Binny (illus)	Hark, It's Me, Ruby Lee! (2017) Each week Ruby's teacher chooses special people to do special jobs. Ruby Lee desires to be class messenger. Alas her imagination is too wild. But there is another special job to suit her talents. (QDoE)	JF	32	Imagination	9780734416568
Shanks, Matt	Eric the Postie (2017) Eric has a dream to be the best postman. His obstacle was that the post office did not hire echidnas. This was not going to get in the way of Eric's dream. (QDoE)	JF	22	Echidnas	9781743811931

Snell, Danny	Seagull (2015) Seagull is caught in fishing line. She asks animals to help him. Eventually a boy untangles his legs and Seagull is able to fly again. (QDoE)	JF	30	Sea animals, Pollution	9781921504815
Treml, Renee	Wombat Big, Puggle Small (2017) Watch wombat and echidna play as they demonstrate opposites and word duos. (QDoE)	JF	24	Wombats, Echidnas	9780143782940
Van Slyke, Rebecca, Robertson, Chris (illus)	Where Do Pants Go? (2016) Do pants go on your arms, on your neck or on your legs? Follow the child as he gets dressed and learns where each item of clothing fits. (QDoE)	JF	32	Clothing, Dressing	9781454915928
Walker, Anna	Florette (2017) Mae misses her garden after her family move to the city. She finds a small piece of forest and grows her own garden, finding new friends and a comforting green landscape. (QDoE)	JF	30	Gardens, Moving house	9780670079414
Watts, Frances , Watson, Judy (illus)	Goodnight Mice! (2016) Follows the bedtime sequence of four mice. Bath, drying, teeth cleaning, pyjamas, story, tuck into bed and kiss goodnight. (QDoE)	JF	24	Mice, Bedtime, Rhyme	9780733335594
Wild, Margaret, Ord, Mandy (illus)	Chalk boy (2018) Barnaby is a pavement artist who draws with chalk. He draws Chalk Boy who comes to life. However the rain comes and threatens to wash Chalk Boy away. (QDoE)	JF	32	Drawing, Artists	9781760630683