

2019 Premier's reading challenge



Year 3 – 5 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
Balchin, Lance	Aquatica: A beginner's field guide (2018) 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. (Adapted from publisher)	F	32	Future, Animals, Creativity	9781760404147
Bancks, Tristan; Gordon, Gus (illus)	My life and other failed experiments [Tom Weekly series # 6] (2018) The next instalment in Tom's crazy life where he reveals his latest tips on avoiding household chores, explains weird facts about guinea pigs and most importantly, how to eat a car. (Adapted from publisher)	F	240	Humorous stories, Adventure	9780143781615
Bishop, Gavin	Cook's cook: The cook who cooked for Captain Cook (2018) John Thompson was the one handed cook who cooked for the 94 crew on board the Endeavour. He tells the story of life aboard the ship and shares some of his recipes. (QDoE)	NF	32	Voyages and travel, Cooking, History, Explorers	9781776572045
Black, Jess	The tales of Mr Walker (2018) Mr Walker is a real life guide dog who has some unexpected adventures when he arrives at the grandest hotel in town. (Adapted from publisher)	F	192	Dogs, Adventure	9780143793076



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Cahill, Tim	The big break! [Tiny Timmy series # 6] (2017) Timmy is playing the best he's ever played and things are looking great, until a broken foot puts him out of action. Can he cope with missing the games, and will he pass the maths test? (QDoE)	F	125	Sports, Friendship	9781742764948
Calkhoven, Laurie	Judy, Prisoner of war [G.I. dogs series] (2018) Based on the true story of a loyal canine soldier and her best friend, Frank. Judy is an English pointer and a member of His Majesty's Royal Navy during WWII, who becomes a prisoner of war. (Adapted from publisher)	F	122	War, Dogs	9781338185232
Chun, Matt	Australian birds (2018) Acclaimed artist Matt Chun showcases sixteen remarkable species that have captured the imagination of the world - from the iconic cockatoo, to the endangered Cassowary. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	36	Birds	9781760502003
Costain, Meredith; McDonald, Danielle (illus)	Diary disaster [Ella diaries series #14] (2018) Ella's class is going to visit Turtle Island to see the baby turtles hatching, and Ella takes her diary along. With Her Royal Pushiness, Precious Princess Peach Parker sharing her cabin, will her diary be safe from prying eyes? (QDoE)	F	144	Diaries, Turtles	9781743818077
DK Publishing	I can't believe it! 2 - Even more amazing facts about our incredible world (2018) Stuffed full of improbable images, scientific strangeness, and the astounding answers to true-or-false myths. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	352	General knowledge	9780241351628

Dubosarsky, Ursula; Joyner, Andrew (illus)	<p>Brindabella (2018)</p> <p>Pender rescues Brindabella from the pouch of her mother. A friendship blossoms between the lonely boy and the orphaned joey. But Brindabella is no ordinary kangaroo. Though Pender saved her life, the untameable wildness of the bush calls to her... (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	208	Animal story, Outback life	9781760112042
Duddle, Jonny	<p>The Jolley-Rogers and the ghostly galleon [Jolley-Rogers series #1] (2016)</p> <p>Every full moon, a mysterious ship is seen off the coast of Dull-on-Sea and pirates loot the land. Can Matilda and Jim Lad retrieve the stolen booty, or will they end up stuck on board the ghostly galleon... forever? (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	148	Pirates, Adventure	9781742761459
Fisher, Isla	<p>Marge and the secret tunnel [Marge in charge series # 4] (2018)</p> <p>Life with Marge is NEVER boring! She has rainbow hair, goes skiing in summer and is the best babysitter anyone could wish for. Can Marge help Jemima and Jakey work out what's at the end of the secret tunnel? (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	144	Adventure, Imagination	9781848127333
French, Jackie	<p>The secret of the youngest rebel [The secret history series #5] (2019)</p> <p>Frog is an orphan, a pickpocket, starving on the streets of Parramatta in 1804. When Mr Cunningham talks of freedom from tyranny and the lash, Frog creeps out to join the rebels, the convicts who will take over the colony. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	128	Convicts, Australian history, Historical fiction	9781460754801

Gleitzman, Morris	<p>Help around the house (2018)</p> <p>Ludo helps other people. When Dad is elected to Federal Parliament, Ludo grabs the chance to make Australia a better place. He soon discovers it's not the homeless who most need his help - it's the rich and powerful. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	208	Kindness, Problem solving, Community life	9780143793236
Griffiths, Andy; Denton, Terry (illus)	<p>The 104-storey treehouse [Treehouse series # 8] (2018)</p> <p>You can throw some refrigerators, make some money with the money-making machine, climb the never-ending staircase, deposit some burps in the burp bank, get totally tangled up, or just take time out and relax in this latest adventure. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	368	Humorous stories, Adventure	9781760554170
Grylls, Bear; McCann, Emma (illus)	<p>The Desert Challenge [Bear Grylls adventures] (2017)</p> <p>Sophie is transported by a mysterious compass to a hot desert, where Bear Grylls is waiting for her. Their mission is to find water and overcome the desert dangers. Will she make it back to her friends? (QDoE)</p>	F	116	Adventure, Survival, Deserts	9781786960139
Heiss, Anita	<p>Harry's secret</p> <p>Harry has a secret. He loves to draw. But art is not considered a cool thing to do. Things get interesting when Harry enters an art competition. (QDoE)</p>	F	89	Sport; Art; Friendship	9781760152024
Hope, Charles	<p>The big book of the bicycle (2018)</p> <p>Everything about bicycles: how they are used around the world, their history and new technological innovations. (QDoE)</p>	NF	63	Bicycles, History	9781742033853

Jennings, Paul; Kelly, Geoff (illus)	A different boy (2018) When he finds himself in a cruel orphanage Anton hides on an ocean liner. Fear and desperation are his only companions. Two other passengers have secrets of their own. When nothing is what it seems, can they help each other? (Adapted from publisher)	F	96	Immigration, Belonging, Fear	9781910646465
Katz, Danny; Vane, Mitch (illus)	The Poppa Platoon in operation dessert storm [Poppa Platoon series #2] (2018) Can the platoon survive the horrors of the all-you-can-eat restaurant? Or will Operation Dessert Storm be their downfall? The Poppa Platoon has undertaken serious training before their outing. The first strategy: avoid soup, keep room for dessert! (Adapted from publisher)	F	192	Food, Adventure	9781742769240
Knapp, Kate	Ruby Red Shoes: A very aware hare [Ruby Red Shoes series] (2018) Ruby is a very aware hare and loves animals and people, trees and nature, flowers and sunshine – not forgetting red shoes . . . She also loves to travel! But home is where her heart lies. (Adapted from publisher)	F	48	Hares, Empathy	9781509891894
Mann, Greyson; Sandford, Grace (illus)	Secrets of an Overworld survivor – Lost in the jungle (2017) Will is longing for adventure so he heads for the jungle. It's not long before he realises that he is not prepared for the dangers. With the help of Mina and Shadow the cat, he finds his way home. (QDoE)	F	104	Adventure	9781742768960
Marwood, Lorraine	Leave Taking (2018) Toby's family have recently suffered the loss of his little sister Leah. His parents decide to sell their farm and move elsewhere. To help his loss, Toby ventures on a goodbye tour of the farm, creating a Leave Taking Map. (QDoE)	F	136	Drought, Farming life, Families, Grief	9780702260117

McDonald, Andrew; Wood, Ben (illus)	<p>Real pigeons fight crime [Real pigeons series # 1] (2018)</p> <p>Did you know your city is protected by a secret squad of crime-fighting pigeons? Master of disguise Rock Pigeon, bendy Tumbler, strong Frillback and super-finder Homey, the REAL PIGEONS, will solve any mystery and fight any bad guy! (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	204	Birds, Humorous stories, Detectives	9781760129293
McFarlane, Susannah; Norling, Beth (illus); Robertson, Claire (illus); Gifford, Lucinda (illus); Sher Rill Ng (illus)	<p>Fairytales for feisty girls (2018)</p> <p><i>Feisty: typically describes one who is relatively small, lively, determined and courageous.</i></p> <p>Girls can rescue themselves - just watch Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella and Thumbelina create their own happily ever afters in this emboldening bedtime book.</p> <p>(Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	128	Folklore, Girls, Heroes and heroines	9781760523541
Miles, Alex; Guesne, Maude (illus)	<p>Puppy Planet starring Olive Black (2017)</p> <p>Olive Black is starring in a hit animation as the voice of an intergalactic dog. Visiting the local animal shelter for research, Olive falls head over heels for a loveable pooch.</p> <p>(Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	153	Dogs, Actors	9781925475678
Milroy, Gladys; Milroy, Jill	<p>Eagle, crow and emu</p> <p>Told in the tradition of a Dreaming story, these 3 bird stories are full of action, adventure and interesting characters. (QDoE)</p>	F	82	Australian animals; Birds; Folklore	9781925163711
Morgan, Sally, Kwaymullina, Ambellin; Kwaymullina, Blaze; Kwaymullina, Ezekiel Sheehan, Peter (illus)	<p>Charlie Burr and the three stolen dollars</p> <p>Charlie has 'borrowed' three dollars from his mum to buy an icy pole, and Charlie's dad has brought home a dingo pup. So Mum isn't happy with either Dad or Charlie! Trouble soon follows, but Charlie soon hatches a plan.</p> <p>(Adapted from publisher). [Charlie Burr series]</p>	F	118	Humour; Dingoes; Money; Families	9781921714047

Morgan, Sally; Smith, Craig (illus)	Born to sing (2016) 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. (Adapted from publisher)	F	64	Indigenous Australians, Whales	9781742991511
Murray, Martine	Henrietta and the perfect night (2017) Henrietta the great go-getter loves life. Everything is an adventure, and she can't wait for her new baby sister or brother to arrive. Luckily she has a new best friend named Olive. (QDoE)	F	89	Friendship, Family	9781760290245
Murrell, Belinda	Puppy pandemonium [Pippa's Island series # 5] (2018) Life's hard when you're crammed into a caravan with your family. Pippa's looking forward to moving into their new home above the Beach Shack Café. Will her plan to make some cash work out? Pippa's Perfect Pooch Pampering! (Adapted from publisher)	F	240	Family, Resilience, Pets	9780143793267
Nannestad, Katrina	Olive of Groves [Olive of Groves series # 1] (2015) When Olive arrives at Mrs Groves' boarding school, she discover that it is a school for Naughty Boys, Talking Animals and Circus Performers, and Mrs Groves is completely bonkers! Will she fit in? Or will she have to leave? (QDoE)	F	260	Adventure, Individuality, Boarding school	9780733335846
Prewett, Melanie; Prewett, Maggie (illus)	Two mates The true story of the special friendship between two young boys who have grown up together in the coastal town of Broome in Australia's north-west. Jack is Indigenous and Raf is a non-Indigenous boy who has spina bifida. (QDoE)	JF	32	Friendship; Disability	9781921248450

Reeve, Penny; Hedstrom, Leigh (illus)	Camp Max [A Tania Abbey Adventure] (2018) Tania is all set to go to camp but her best friend doesn't have enough money to go. They decide to enter the talent show and win a ticket. Then Tania's ticket goes missing. What will the girls do? (QDoE)	F	90	Friendship, Empathy	9781925563306
Sager, Ryan K	The World's Greatest Chocolate-Covered Pork Chops (2017) Zoey is the best cook in town and she wants everyone to know. So what does a young chef do? Open up her own restaurant in an actual, working trolley car, or course! (Adapted from publisher)	F	239	Cooking, Competition	9781484767610
Shepherd, Andy	The boy who grew dragons (2018) Tomas picks a fruit from the tree in his grandad's garden and soon a dragon hatches from it. It's a dragon fruit tree! He soon discovers the fun and trouble a baby dragon can bring to his life. (QDoE)	F	214	Dragon, Mythical animals	9781848126497
Stafford, Liliana; Zielinski, Sophia (illus)	The Shy mala The true story of how the Warlpiri people of the central desert helped rescue a small nocturnal marsupial from extinction. (QDoE)	NF	32	Environment; Sustainability; Endangered animals; Animal protection	9781921136931
Stanton, Matt	Get licked! [Funny kid series #4] (2018) Putting the fun in fundraising, launching a puppy-smuggling operation, fighting the great Redhill canteen war and planning a secret theme park are just some of the things in store for Max and his friends in this brand-new Funny Kid adventure! (Adapted from publisher)	F	240	Humorous stories	9780733339479

Sutton, Sally; Richards, Kirsten (illus)	Comet's cross-country crime [Miniwings series #6] (2018) Sophia is determined that she and Clara will have a glorious victory in the cross country. When the day arrives and the race favourite's magic shoes go missing, they turn up in Sophia's bag! (Adapted from publisher)	F	96	Mythical animals, Horses	9781775434870
Tozer, Gabrielle	Melody Trumpet (2019) As the daughter of global music superstars, Melody was supposed to be extraordinary. But, as was discovered when Melody screamed her first out-of-tune note, this wasn't to be. For Melody Trumpet, it's about finding the extraordinary in ordinary! (Adapted from publisher)	F	256	Friendship, Individuality	9781460754979
Various	Speccy-tacular footy stories (2018) A collection of short football stories by a range of authors well known for writing great sports fiction, including George Ivanoff and Meredith Costain. (Adapted from publisher)	F	288	Sports, Football	9780143787327
Warner, David	Captain's knock [The kaboom kid series #8] (2016) Davey and his friends are off to Gold's Camp Cricket to help them get an upper hand on the summer of cricket ahead. But at camp they run into a new nemesis, Kaine – the opposition's captain. (Adapted from publisher)	F	176	Cricket, Sports, Teamwork	9781925368208
West, Madeleine	Sweet Juliet [Lily D, V.A.P. series #4] (2019) V.A.P. stands for Very Amazing Performer. Lily D wants to be an actress. In her latest role she is to play Juliet. In doing so she learns about friendship, loyalty and forbidden love. She even learns more about herself. (QDoE)	F	112	Drama, Friendship, Self-confidence	9781760503963

Wheeler, Samantha	<p>Turtle trackers (2018)</p> <p>Isaac helps his mum run a caravan park on the coast and wants to be a turtle tracker, watching over the hatching eggs. A book for young conservationists and wildlife lovers. (QDoE)</p>	F	182	Turtles, Environment, Conservation	9780702259951
Whittle, Cate; King, Stephen Michael (illus)	<p>Trouble and the exploding house [Trouble Series #4] (2017)</p> <p>Even though they didn't ask for their house to be stolen and plonked in a Wildlife Park, Georgia and her family have settled in and want to stay. Then Georgia finds out the government wants to blow up their house! (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	88	Dragons, Family, Problem solving	9781742990798