

# 2017 Premier's reading challenge

## 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge: Early childhood (0-5 years) booklist

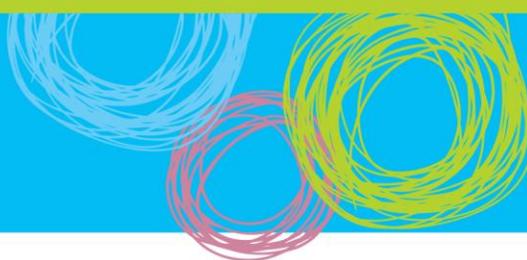
Students, parents, guardians and teachers may choose books from this list or may select any suitable books, including those on previous years' [Premier's Reading Challenge booklists](#).

\*QDET – Queensland Department of Education and Training

Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/ NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
Allen, Ed; Hardy, Sarah (illus)	<b>Hokey pokey</b> Sing and dance along to this traditional song with all your favourite Australian animals. Includes a wombat's paw, kookaburra's wing and platypus's fin dancing the hokey pokey. (QDET)	NF	24	Australian animals; Rhyme	9781760159924
Allen, Pamela	<b>The man with messy hair</b> Here is a man with messy hair. It didn't worry him that his hair looked terrible. But who would think that messy hair can get you into so much trouble? (QDET)	JF	28	Hair; Birds; Rhyme	9780670078677
Allen, Pamela	<b>Where's the gold?</b> Three pirates, Jeremy, Bellamy and Ted, and their annoying parrot set out to find treasure in an underground tunnel. The parrot repeatedly asks, "Where's the gold?" When they hear something scary they are convinced it is a monster. Mayhem ensues. (QDET)	JF	28	Pirates; Treasure; Parrots	9780143501473
Bell, Davina; Acton, Sara (illus)	<b>Oh, Albert!</b> Albert the dog gets into mischief when no one is at home. One day he goes too far and eats chocolate. This story is about a family and how much they love their pet. (QDET)	JF	31	Dogs; Family	9780670078608



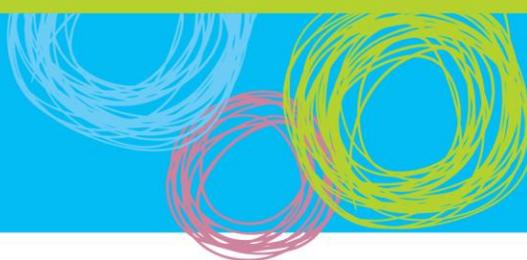
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Bell, Johanna; Beasley, Dion (illus)	<b>Go home, cheeky animals!</b> At Canteen Creek there are cheeky dogs everywhere to protect from cheeky animals. Then the mayhem begins with goats, donkeys, buffaloes, horses and camels making mischief in the camp. When will the dogs spring into action? (QDET)	JF	30	Animals	9781760291655
Blabey, Aaron	<b>Pig the elf</b> Pig cannot wait for Santa Claus and his presents! His list is endless. Find out what happens when Santa is confronted by Pig and his greed. (QDET)	JF	24	Christmas; Humour; Manners	9781760154271
Bland, Nick	<b>The very brave bear</b> Bear and Buffalo try to outdo each other in being brave. But then they arrive at a deep dark cave. What is inside lets out a mighty roar, so back flee Bear and Buffalo to the jungle. (QDET)	JF	22	Bears; Buffaloes; Rhyme	9781760150365
Brian, Janeen; James, Ann (illus)	<b>I'm a hungry dinosaur</b> Shake, stir, mix, bake. This little dinosaur is hungry to cook cake. The book's illustrations have been painted with flour, cocoa, icing and hundreds and thousands. (QDET)	JF	30	Cooking; Dinosaurs	9780670078103
Buchanan, Colin; Williams, Simon (illus)	<b>Aussie Easter hat parade</b> Join the Aussie animals as they create unusual bush hats for their very first Easter parade. Sing along with Colin Buchanan's CD. (QDET)	JF	21	Easter; Australian animals; Rhyming text	9781760157227
Daddo, Andrew; Bentley, Jonathan (illus)	<b>When I grow up</b> The teacher asks, "What do you want to be?" You have the potential to be whatever you want, but most importantly to be yourself. (QDET)	JF	30	Imagination	9780733333422



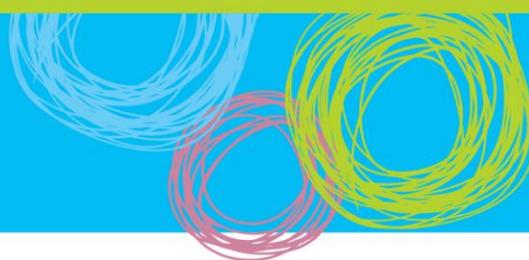
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Daywalt, Drew; Jeffers, Oliver (illus)	<b>The crayons' book of colours</b> Duncan and his crayons are busy creating lots of colourful drawings – a different colour is featured on each page. (QDET)	JF	18	Drawing; Colours	9780008212858
Daywalt, Drew; Jeffers, Oliver (illus)	<b>The crayons' book of numbers</b> Poor Duncan! His favourite colours have gone missing. Can you help find them for him and count along the way? A colourful board book introducing young readers to numbers. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	18	Counting	9780008212865
Dewar, Jim; Williams, Simon (illus)	<b>Why did the chicken cross the road?</b> Finally this book lets us know why the chicken crossed the road! But when his brother tries he is met by an angry kangaroo, crocodile, dingo and koala. (QDET)	JF	21	Chickens; Australian animals; Humour	9781760159276
Do, Anh; Wood, Laura (illus)	<b>What do they do with all the poo from all the animals at the zoo?</b> There is so much poo at the zoo. What happens to it? Does it go into the swimming pool, mix it in ice cream or sprinkle on pizza? Sing along with the CD in search of the poo's destination. (QDET)	JF	24	Zoo animals; Song; Humour	9781760276324
Dunstan, Kylie	<b>Nannie loves</b> Nannie lives on a farm and loves her farm life. But most of all Nannie loves the grandchildren when they come to stay. (QDET)	JF	32	Grandparents ; Farms	9781921504839



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Fox, Lee; Wilcox, Cathy (illus)	<b>Ella Kazoo will not brush her hair</b> Ella does anything to avoid having her hair brushed. Her mother despairs as Ella's hair goes from bad to worse. Ella's mother finds a solution to make Ella and herself happy. (QDET)	JF	30	Girls; Personal grooming; Hair	9780733636356
Fox, Mem; Horacek, Judy (illus)	<b>This &amp; that</b> The story about this and that is a lovely bedtime read. Follow the two mice through an imaginative world leading to a goodnight kiss. (QDET)	JF	30	Imagination; Bedtime; Rhyme	9781743622537
French, Jackie; Whatley, Bruce (illus)	<b>Grandma wombat</b> Grandma wombat is babysitting the best-behaved grandson ever. Pity about the rude kangaroos. While grandma naps, baby wombat takes off on his own adventure. (QDET)	JF	32	Wombats; Grandparents	9780732299590
Germein, Katrina; Jellett, Tom (illus)	<b>My mum says the strangest things</b> We use the strangest expressions every day. This book explores those that busy mums use, like "carrots make you see in the dark" and "mum is run off her feet". (QDET)	JF	25	Mothers; Speech	9781925126310
Gleeson, Libby; Blackwood, Freya (illus)	<b>Clancy &amp; Millie and the very fine house</b> Clancy has moved house. His new house is too big and he is lonely. Then Clancy meets a new playmate Millie. Clancy builds a friendship and finds his new home is just right. (QDET)	JF	32	Friendship; Family	9781760126681



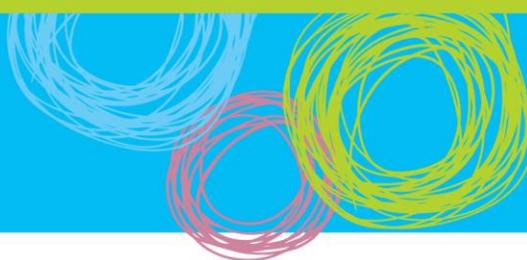
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Graham, Bob	<b>Home in the rain</b> Francie and her mum, who is expecting a baby girl, leave the highway for a picnic in the car. In the steamed-up window she spells out daddy and mummy leaving a space free for her baby sister. Later Francie thinks of the perfect name to write on the window. (QDET)	JF	28	Family; Siblings; Rain	9781406368239
Kwaymullin, Ezekiel; Jellett, Tom (illus)	<b>My amazing dad</b> Not all dads are handymen. Some don't fit the stereotype. In this book meet an amazing dad who knows how to turn the everyday into something exciting. (QDET)	JF	22	Fathers	9781921894862
Lahn, Dean	<b>Bad Ned</b> Ned has the same name as the famous bushranger. When he's bad he wears armour, steals cupcakes and ties up his toys. (QDET)	JF	32	Bushrangers; Imaginative play	9781742991313
Lee, Andy; McKenzie, Heath (illus)	<b>Do not open this book</b> This book tries every excuse and bribe so you do not turn the next page. Young readers love opening its pages when they are told not to. (QDET)	JF	28	Humour; Books; Reading	9781760451691
Lester, Alison	<b>Hello little babies</b> Sleeping, playing, eating, moving, exploring...babies all over the world experience their day in their own special way. (QDET)	JF	26	Babies	9780733330414
Lester, Alison	<b>My dog Bigsy</b> Bigsy lives on a farm. Every morning he visits the animals to let them know who is the boss. Follow Bigsy and the noisy animals on his morning rounds. (QDET)	JF	31	Dogs; Farm animals	9780670078936



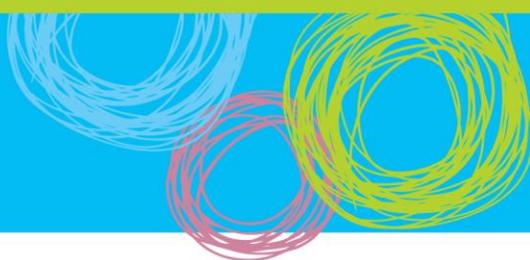
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Lester, Alison	<b>Noni the pony goes to the beach</b> Noni the pony is going to the beach with her best friends, Dave Dog, Coco Cat and the cows. Follow their happy day of adventure filled with friendship and fun. (QDET)	JF	23	Beach; Horses; Rhyme	9781743311141
McKenzie, Heath	<b>I wanna be a great big dinosaur!</b> I want to be a dinosaur says the boy. A dinosaur hears his wish and shows him what it takes. And then the boy shows the dinosaur what it takes to be a boy. (QDET)	JF	22	Imagination; Dinosaurs	9781743626009
Melling, David	<b>Hugless Douglas and the great cake bake</b> Douglas eats all his food with honey. Now the sheep have taken his honey to bake cupcakes. What will Douglas eat now there is no honey? (QDET)	JF	32	Bears; Cake; Honey	9781444919899
Mem Fox; Judy Horacek (illus)	<b>Ducks away!</b> Five little ducks went out one day, over the bridge, and they all fell in one by one. Mother Duck joins her ducklings swimming in the river. (QDET)	JF	32	Counting; Ducks; Nursery rhymes	9781760158514
Morgan, Sally; Ambelin Kwaymullina (illus)	<b>Dream little one, dream</b> Meander through the land and sea following animals, land, sky and ocean. A journey from dawn to dusk celebrating nature and life. A calming bedtime story. (QDET)	NF	32	Australian animals; Mothers; Bedtime	9780670078868
Morgan, Sally; Kwaymullin, Ambelin (illus)	<b>Joey counts to ten</b> Joey and his mum are going about their daily routine. They experience the bush by looking, listening and learning to count. (QDET)	JF	24	Counting; Australian animals; Rhyming text	9781760121266



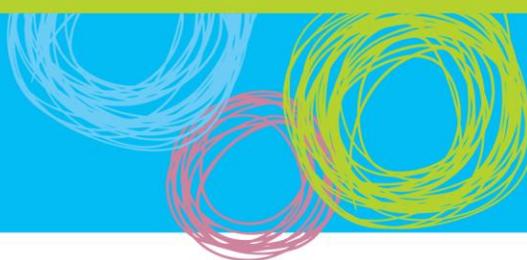
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Morrison, Yvonne; Gordon, Gus (illus)	<b>My Aussie dad</b> My Aussie dad takes a snap shot of the lovable stereotypical Aussie dad. Whether dad is a workman, business man, surfer, camper or barbecue expert you will find him humorously depicted in this book. (QDET)	JF	22	Fathers; Family; Rhyming text	9781742838700
Pignataro, Anna	<b>Agatha in the dark</b> Agatha is afraid of the dark. One day she is accidentally locked in a dark room at kindergarten and this makes matters worse. With help from her parents and her imagination she confronts her fear. (QDET)	JF	32	Overcoming fears	9781760402075
Quay, Emma	<b>Not a cloud in the sky</b> Bird is flying and everything looks the same. He spots a cloud and they start playing guess the shape. Bird finds friendship and this brightens his day. (QDET)	JF	32	Birds; Friendship; Clouds	9780733332678
Shanahan, Lisa; Rudge, Leila (illus)	<b>The whole caboodle</b> A man takes his pup for a walk in the park. Who do they meet? Irish Troodles, Goldendoodles and Pomeroodles. This book has interesting word combinations to test your tongue. (QDET)	JF	24	Dogs; Rhyme	9781743629321
Skinner, Tom; Goss, Mini (illus)	<b>Round fish square bowl</b> Sometimes you feel like you don't fit in. This book addresses the issue of feeling different in a cheerful and lively way. A celebration of the uniqueness of each one of us. (QDET)	JF	30	Diversity; Attitude	9781921042799



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Treml, Renee	<b>Ten little owls</b> Count with Australian baby animals. A book to teach counting to 10 using actions and sounds. (QDET)	JF	20	Counting; Owls; Animals	9780143780564
Vance, Paul; Pockriss, Lee; Mailman, Deborah (singer); Argent, Kerry (illus)	<b>Itsy bitsy teenie weenie yellow polka-dot bikini</b> The classic song has hilarious illustrations and a CD to sing along to. (QDET)	NF	21	Songs; Rhyme	9781760152642
Walker, Anna	<b>Mr Huff</b> Mr Huff is a story about the happiness and sadness in our lives. Bill is having a bad day. Mr Huff is following him and his sadness increases until they make friends. A story about changing your world view. (QDET)	JF	30	Resilience; Attitude; Moods	9780670078042
Walker, Sue; Tortop, Anil (illus)	<b>My perfect pup</b> Millie and Max are looking for a puppy. A puppy waits in a pet shop wishing for the perfect home. An engaging story where the puppy picks his family. (QDET)	JF	29	Dogs; Pets	9781925059601
Wild, Margaret; King, Stephen Michael (illus)	<b>The pocket dogs and the lost kitten</b> A lost kitten arrives at Mr Pockets' house. Biff and Buff are not happy as they want Mr Pockets all to themselves! A story about sharing. (QDET)	JF	30	Dogs; Cats; Sharing	9781742991054
Wild, Margaret; Russell, Judith (illus)	<b>Bogtrotter</b> Every day Bogtrotter runs around the bog, same as the day before. Then one afternoon he picks a flower for the first time and his life changes. (QDET)	JF	24	Monsters; Flowers	9781925126938



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Wilson, Tony; Wood, Laura (illus)	<b>The cow tripped over the moon</b> Hey diddle diddle, the cow jumps over the moon. But the moon is very high and requires moon clearance and perseverance. Follow cow's many attempts to jump over the moon. (QDET)	JF	32	Poetry; Nursery rhymes	9781743623541

