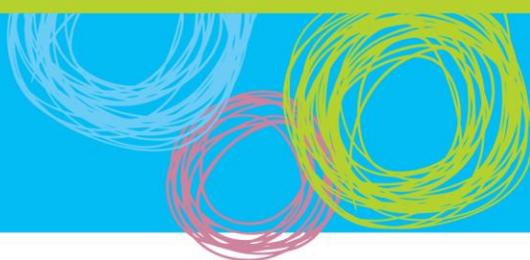


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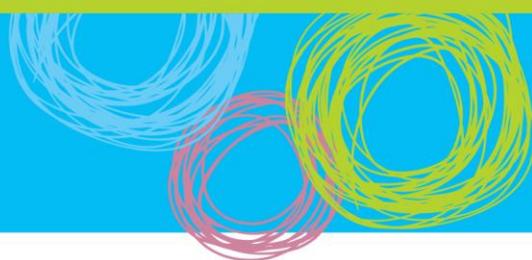
Students, parents, guardians and teachers may choose books from this list or may select any suitable books, including those on previous years' [Premier's Reading Challenge booklists](#).

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Antony, Steve	I'll wait, Mr Panda Mr Panda is baking something delicious but none of the animals who arrive will wait to find out what it is, except Penguin. Will his patience be rewarded? (QDET)	JF	32	Patience; Manners	9781444916669
Baker, Jeannie	Circle This beautifully illustrated book tells the story of the bar-tailed godwit through the eyes of a young boy who watches the birds set off on the "longest unbroken journey of any animal in the world." (QDET)	NF	32	Animals; Birds; Ecology	9781406338010
Bentley, Jonathan	Where is Bear? Bear is missing, and Theodore is determined to find him! A clever book with a twist at the end. (QDET)	JF	32	Humour; Bears	9781760122911
Blabey, Aaron	Pig the winner [Pig the pug series] Pig's competitive, greedy nature gets him into trouble again. Will he ever learn? (QDET)	JF	32	Competition; Behaviour; Humour	9781760154288
Black, Jess; Trembl, Renee (illus)	Moon dance Celebrate with the animals from Eucalypt Gully as they have fun in the moonlight doing different dances and moves to the beat. (QDET)	JF	32	Australian animals; Rhyming text	9781760150525
Brian, Janeen; Johns, Cheryl (illus)	Silly squid! Poems about the sea A colourful picture book with funny and informative poems for young children about different Australian sea animals. Includes brief information on each animal on the page as well. (QDET)	NF	32	Poetry; Marine animals	9781742990965



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Bright, Rachel; Field, Jim (illus)	The koala who could Kevin the koala likes everything the same – he doesn't like change. A woodpecker provides the catalyst for Kevin's discovery that the world can be an exciting place when you try something new. A colourful, rhyming text about facing change in a positive way. (QDET)	JF	32	Anxiety; Overcoming fears; Change	9781408331637
Browne, Anthony	Willy and the cloud [Willy the chimp series] It's a beautiful day but Willy can't relax - he can't seem to escape a cloud that is following him. Finally he realises that there is only one thing that he can do... stand up to it. A story about facing your fears. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Anxiety; Overcoming fears	9781406366969
Caisley, Raewyn; Blair, Karen (illus)	Something wonderful Sam is a young boy on a farm who is curious and likes to pull things apart to see how they work. He is so involved with this that he often forgets his own jobs until one day he makes something wonderful. (QDET)	JF	32	Inventions; Discovery; Imagination	9780670078455
Chambers, Susannah; Jackson, Mark (illus)	The snow wombat After a journey through the snow, meeting other animals along the way, a wombat is pleased to return to his warm, dry burrow to sleep. A warm, beautifully illustrated story in rhyme. (QDET)	JF	32	Australian animals; Home; Rhyming text	9781760113810
Crumble, P.; Eckstrom, N. (illus)	Me and Moo & Roar too [Me and Moo series] A young boy and his toy called Moo are joined by Roar, a lion who seems to get into a lot of mischief. A sequel to Me and Moo. (QDET)	JF	24	Imagination; Play	9781760156930
Crumble, P.; Gifford, Lucinda (illus)	The cat wants custard Kevin is a spoilt cat. He is offered lots of treats for dinner but decides that he only wants custard. A funny story full of cat antics. (QDET)	JF	32	Humour; Cats	9781760155780



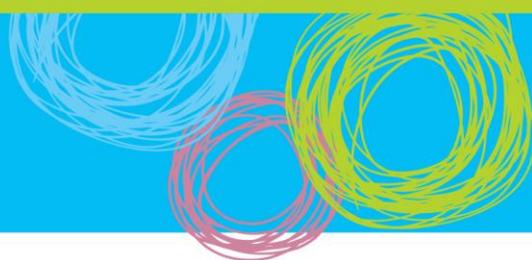
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Dr Seuss	Horton and the Kwuggerbug and more lost stories Includes four newly discovered stories with characters both new and old. Stories include: <i>Horton and the Kwuggerbug</i> , <i>Marco comes late</i> , <i>How Officer Pat saved the whole town</i> and <i>The Hoobub and the Grinch</i> . (QDET)	JF	48	Humour; Imagination; Behaviour	9780008131272
Escoffier, Michael; Di Giacomo, Kris (illus)	Take away the A: an alphabeast of a book This cleverly written and illustrated book manages to incorporate the alphabet and make wordplay fun. As one letter from a word is removed a totally new word is created. Try to create some of your own examples. (QDET)	NF	64	Alphabet; Vocabulary; Language	9781783443444
Fairgray, Richard (illus); Jones, Terry	Gorillas in our midst You never know where a gorilla might be hiding as they are masters of disguise! An entertaining book for both child and adult readers. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Humour; Animals; Gorillas	9781775433613
Greenberg, Nicki	My dog Dash Dash's loving owner describes his good and bad habits, likes and dislikes. Then, one night, Dash goes missing. A clever beginning to this witty picture book will have children pause, and then laugh, in response to the key reveal of a girl's unusual pet. (Adapted from The Source)	JF	32	Humour; Pets	9781760110673
Guillain, Charlotte; Dorado, Steve (illus)	Why the spider has long legs [Folk tales from around the world] Anansi the spider expects the other animals to provide meals for him. His carefully laid plans result in an unexpected change of shape as he learns that you have to work to get what you want. An enjoyable traditional African Folktale. (QDET)	NF	24	Folktales	9781406281354



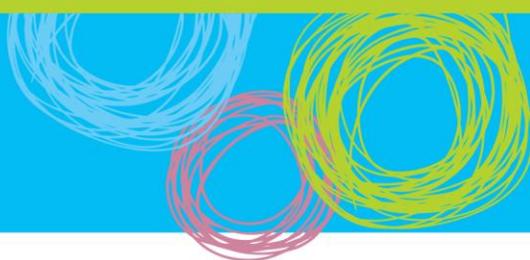
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Hathorn, Libby; Chapman, Gay (illus)	Incredibilia Little Georgie is the youngest in the family. Her brother and sister often forget about her and she finds herself excluded. Georgie is imaginative and is happily playing her own game when her siblings return and request to play Incredibilia with her. (QDET)	JF	32	Imagination; Play; Family; Siblings	9781760125257
Higgins, Ryan T.	Mother Bruce Grumpy Bruce the bear gets a nasty surprise when his eggs don't boil, but hatch! He finds himself with a brood of goslings who view him as mum. This leads to some funny situations when he attempts to teach the goslings to leave home. (QDET)	JF	39	Humour; Family; Animals	9781484730881
Hobbs, Leigh	Mr Chicken arriva a Roma [Mr Chicken series] Mr Chicken is back and this time he is in Rome. Follow his hilarious antics while touring Rome and be sure to look carefully at the illustrations. (QDET)	JF	32	Travel; Rome; History	9781925266771
Holmes, Janet A.; Bentley, Jonathan (illus)	Blue sky yellow kite A beautiful yellow kite tempts a young girl to take it, but her conscience leads her to return it to her friend. He kindly helps her make her own and the friendship resumes. (QDET)	JF	32	Emotions; Friendship; Courage	0781760124229
Horáček, Petr	The greedy goat When goat decides that she wants a change of diet, chaos results! Goat gets more than she bargained for due to her greed - but has she learnt her lesson? A funny, cautionary tale. (QDET)	JF	32	Farm animals; Goats; Greed; Humour	9781406367164
Jarvis	Alan's big scary teeth Alan is an alligator with a jealously guarded secret and when this is revealed, he is devastated. What will he do? The animals take pity on him and devise a new role suitable for his talents. (QDET)	JF	32	Animals; Humour; Friendship; Self esteem	9781406361124



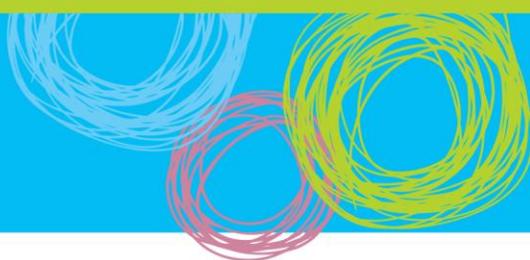
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John, Jory; Davies, Benji	I love you already! A hilarious story about Bear who craves some quiet time to relax at home alone and Duck, his neighbour who wants to be liked by Bear. (QDET)	JF	32	Friendship; Humour; Love	9780008165994
Kipling, Rudyard; Milbourne, Anna (retold); Joven, John (illus)	How the elephant got his trunk The story of how elephants got their long noses. A brightly illustrated and simple version for young children of one of Rudyard Kipling's Just So stories. (QDET)	JF	32	Animals; Elephants	9781474918497
Kitchin, Ben; Fieldhouse, Vicky (illus)	How many dinosaurs deep? A clever mum uses dinosaur size to help her young son understand depths of different bodies of water and help him overcome his fear of swimming in a slightly deeper area at the local pool. (QDET)	JF	32	Swimming; Overcoming fears	9781925059731
MacIver, Juliette; Baynton, Terri Rose (illus)	Gwendolyn! Gwendolyn is a penguin who lives in the jungle ...yes the jungle! When parrot queries whether she has ever been to Antarctica, Gwendolyn decides she really must go. (QDET)	JF	32	Animals; Jungle; Antarctica; Home	9780733335174
Martin, Helen; Simpson, Judith; Orsini, Cheryl (illus)	The ABC book of food This book celebrates food, where it comes from, the energy it gives us and how it reaches our homes. (Publisher)	NF	32	Food	9780733334276
Morgan, Sally; Erzinger, Tania (illus)	Dingo in the dark Dingo can't play with his friends because he is too tired. He can't sleep because he is frightened of the dark! Sharing his fears with Owl and Possum helps him feel safe at night. (QDET)	JF	32	Australian animals; Overcoming fears	9781742990972



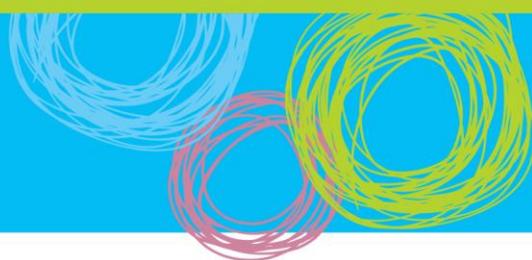
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Neil, Christopher Silas	Everyone A poignant and simple text which illustrates how everyone is affected by and has feelings. (QDET)	JF	32	Emotions	9781406368420
Newman, Paul; Jellett, Tom (illus)	Grandpa's big adventure Grandpa shares tall tales about his aquatic adventures while teaching his young grandchild how to swim. A humorous story which is good fun to read and share. (QDET)	JF	32	Family; Swimming; Grandfathers	9780670078172
O'Byrne, Nicola	The last book before bedtime What will the last story be? Cinderella hijacks the reader's story of the three little pigs until Red Riding Hood appears with the wolf. The characters make up their own story with plenty of danger, humour and cake. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	48	Fairy tales; Humour	9780857634283
Paul, Ruth	What's the time, dinosaur? Join in with the dinosaurs in this book based on the playground game. (QDET)	JF	32	Games; Time; Rhyming text	9781775433194
Poitier, Anton	Who's next? Guess who! Young children can use their skills of observation and the prompts to guess which animal will appear on the next page and which one has left. (QDET)	NF	32	Animals; Picture puzzles	9781760403133
Savage, Steven	The mixed-up truck There's a new cement mixer on the job who doesn't want to make any mistakes. When the other trucks ask him to mix the white powder he gets some unexpected results. He persists and learns that making mistakes isn't such a bad thing. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Self-esteem; Resilience; Persistence	9781626721531



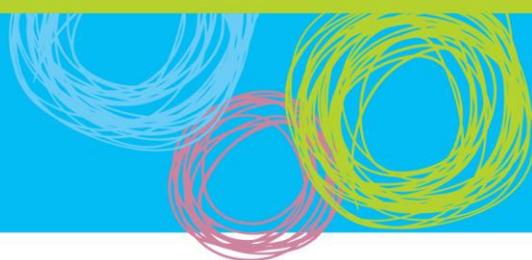
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Smith, Lane	There is a tribe of kids Dive into the ocean, run through the jungle and follow a family of stars with a young child who meets groups of animals, a colony of penguins and a turn of turtles as he looks for his own group... a tribe of kids. (QDET)	JF	32	Language; Collective nouns; Belonging	9781509812882
Stead, Philip; Stead, Erin E. (illus)	Lenny & Lucy Lenny, his father and Harold the dog, move to a new house. Lenny isn't happy about the move, the new house or its proximity to the dark woods. He sets about building a guardian for the bridge to the woods and while overcoming his fear he finds a friend. (QDET)	JF	48	Resilience; Friendship; Overcoming fears	9781760292119
Sutton, Sally; Parton, Daron (illus)	Zoo train Strange things happen as the train at the zoo moves amongst the animals. There's mischief afoot but who is the culprit? (QDET)	JF	32	Zoo animals; Trains	9781922179876
Szymanik, Melinda; Bixley, Donovan (illus)	Fuzzy doodle Fuzzy is a scribble, a doodle at the bottom of the page who grows as he chomps his way through words and colourful illustrations until finally like a caterpillar, he emerges from his cocoon as a beautiful book. (QDET)	JF	32	Language; Imagination; Life cycles	9781775432500
Toft, Kim Michelle; adapted from lyrics by Arthur Hamilton.	I can swim a rainbow [Adapted from the song, I can sing a rainbow] A stunningly illustrated book of Australian marine animals. The text includes double page spreads with colourful illustrations. Information on colour, how rainbows are formed and the animals on each page are found at the back of the book. The song with music is located on the endpapers. (QDET)	NF	48	Marine animals; Colour; Coral reefs; Conservation	9780994238801



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Walsh, Melanie	Isaac and his amazing Asperger superpowers! Straightforward and engaging, Isaac's first-person narrative will help children see the world through the eyes of a child with the high-cognitive type of autism spectrum disorder commonly known as Asperger syndrome. (Publisher)	JF	32	Autism; Asperger Syndrome	9781406344455
Young, Damon; Carnavas, Peter (illus)	My sister is a superhero [Companion to My Nanna is a ninja and My Pop is a pirate] A boy admires his sister comparing her to others who have diverse interests, but none have the superpower status of his sister! A humorous celebration of sisters. (QDET)	JF	32	Family; Siblings; Rhyming text	9780702253928

