

2017 Premier's reading challenge

2017 Premier's Reading Challenge: Year 3 - Year 5 booklist

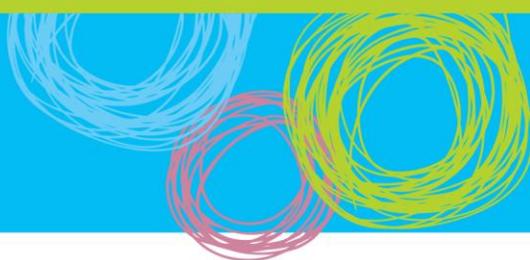
Students, parents, guardians and teachers may choose books from this list or may select any suitable books, including those on previous years' [Premier's Reading Challenge booklists](#).

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Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
Bancks, Tristan	My life and other weaponised muffins [My life series] Have you been trapped in a runaway car, broken a world record, had your dog do your homework, found something seriously disgusting in your food or sold head lice for profit? Tom Weekly has. (Publisher)	F	208	Humour; School stories	9780143781066
Bates, Diane (selector)	Our home is dirt by sea A collection of poetry written by over thirty different Australian poets for Australian children. Topics include school, family, special events like birthdays and Christmas, animals and sports. (Publisher)	NF	128	Poetry	9781925081190
Blabey, Aaron	Apocalypse meow [The Bad Guys series] Mad Marmalade has zombied the kittens. The bad good guys have to save the world from these zittens who seem to grow in number. Agent Fox finds a clever solution, but is it enough? (QDET)	F	140	Cats; Humour; Villains	9781760158774
Bott, Adrian C.; Isaac, Andy (illus)	The Grabbam getaway [Axel and Beast series] Axel is a gamer. The video games become reality when a high-tech robot, Beast, breaks into Alex's garage. They team together to fight against the ruthless Grabbam Industries and avenge their own tormentor. (QDET)	F	135	Gaming; Adventure; Action	9781760127800



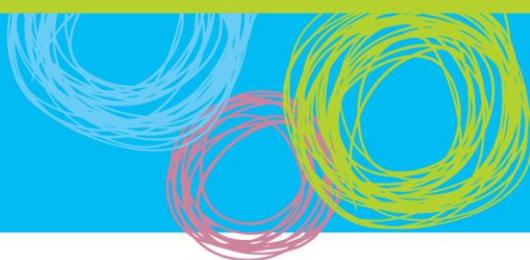
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Burgis, Stephanie; Harris, Freya (illus)	The dragon with a chocolate heart Aventurine is the fiercest, bravest kind of dragon, but when the human she captures tricks her into drinking enchanted hot chocolate, she finds herself transformed. (Adapted from publisher)	F	256	Dragons; Adventure; Chocolate	9781408880319
Cahill, Tim	Kids' World Cup [Tiny Timmy series] Soccer fanatic Tiny Timmy is excited to play for the Lions in the school's Kid's World Cup. His team is well prepared to win but its success is threatened by the attitude of two of their players. (QDET)	F	124	Sport; Soccer	9781760273668
Clark, Sherryl with Perry, Ellyse	Pocket rocket [Ellyse Perry Series] Ellyse Perry is a prominent Australian sportswoman. Ellyse tells a story of herself, a young sports mad girl, who desperately wanted to play cricket for her school. Obstacles, a mean coach and social issues threaten to de-rail her dream. Includes biography. (QDET)	F	146	Sport; Cricket; Biography	9780143781240
Cormick, Craig	Valdur the Viking and the ghostly Goths Valdur the Viking roams the seas on his father's ship, until he is kidnapped by the goth pirate Germanicus Bottom. Now Valdur has to fight Romans, sea monsters and the Pirate Goths to rescue his father. Luckily he has his dragon-dog Ragna. (Adapted from publisher)	F	115	Vikings; Ghosts; Adventure; Humorous stories	9781925272420
Do, Anh	Hotdog! Winston has fallen from his nest. The coolest sausage dog, Hotdog, his wacky feline friend Kevin and Lizzie the chameleon, endeavour to help Winston find his mother. Their adventures are whimsical yet determined. (QDET)	F	122	Humour; Animal stories	9781760279004



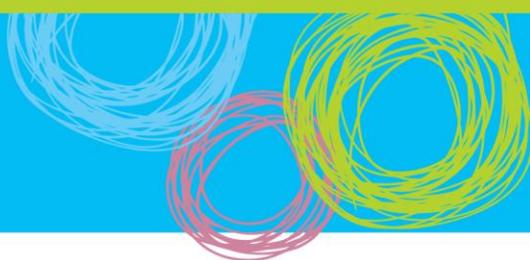
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Estela, Lucy; Ottley, Matt (illus)	Suri's wall Suri is lonely amongst other children – but she is taller and can see over their compound wall. One child's curiosity builds amongst the others for Suri's stories of what lies beyond their enclosure and in return gives Suri a much desired reward. (QDET)	F	30	Imagination; Refugees; Friendship	9780670077755
Fienberg, Anna	Wicked's way Fabulous new high-seas pirate adventure – featuring scoundrels and blaggards, devilish treachery, and pirates who long for a bit of comfort. (Publisher)	F	288	Adventure; Humour; Sea stories	9781743319901
Fisher, Isla; Ceulemans, Eglantine (illus)	Marge in charge Three hilarious, anarchic and utterly charming stories about a wildly fun babysitter who gets up to all sorts of mischief the moment Jemima and Jake's parents leave the house. (Publisher)	F	167	Humour; Family; Short stories	9781848125339
Foley, James	Brobot Sally Tinker wants a better brother than her baby brother Joe. So she invents one – a Brobot! But when the remote gets broken, Sally soon discovers that nothing is ever perfect. (QDET)	F	112	Humour; Siblings; Graphic novel	9781925163919
Garth, Claire	Grover finds a home [Grover McBane series] Grover's life is miserable. Mistreated neglected and afraid, Grover manages to escape one stormy night. Caught by an animal ranger, he is taken to a rescue shelter where he has to deal with his many fears. (QDET)	F	88	Animal stories; Emotions	9781863958134



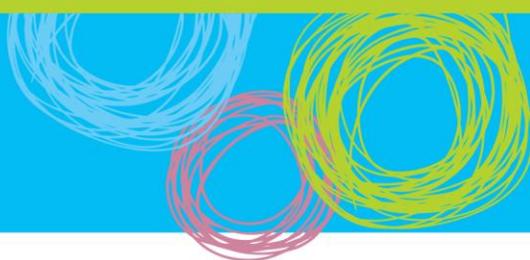
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Gibbes, Lesley; King, Stephen Michael	Fizz and the show dog jewel thief [Fizz series] Fizz begins his first case as an undercover police dog. At the last three show dog championships the winner's tiara was stolen. Fizz goes undercover at the Pemberley Show Dog Trials to try to catch the jewel thief red-handed. (Publisher)	F	80	Mystery; Detectives; Animals	9781760112882
Gleitzman, Morris	Toad delight Why do humans dislike cane toads so much? Limpy leaves his toad family on a quest to search for answers. His brave adventures find him rescuing his best friend Goliath from comical misadventures and certain disaster. (QDET)	F	131	Fantasy; Animal stories; Adventure stories	9780143309239
Griffiths, Andy; Denton, Terry (illus)	The 78-storey treehouse: Movie opening night [Treehouse series] The boys prepare to make a movie of their latest treehouse additions but it's not as Andy had hoped. Fired from his own movie, abandoned by Terry, life goes downhill. Come movie opening night things don't go as they had expected! (QDET)	F	374	Film making; Humour; Friendship	9781743535004
Harding, David; Folau, Izzy; Fosdike, James (illus)	Standing tall Rugby Union players Daniel and Sione are in Sydney for the State Championships. Their team, under coach Izzy Folau, is nervous but excited to be playing at this level of competition. The competition is tough and winning won't be easy. (QDET)	F	151	Sport competitions ; Rugby Union	9780857986672



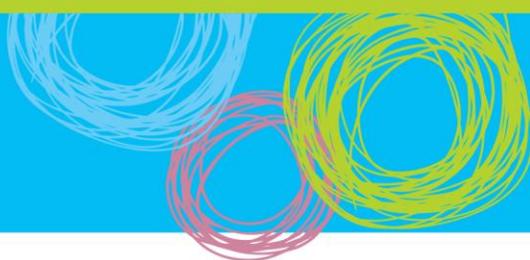
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Harvey, Jacqueline	Alice-Miranda in China [Alice-Miranda series] Alice-Miranda and her friends are off to China for a school exchange. Their trip is culturally fascinating, but Alice-Miranda finds herself involved in a plot to steal priceless artefacts and has a mystery to solve. (QDET)	F	355	Mystery; Culture; School stories	9780857985200
Harvey, Jacqueline	Clementine Rose and the Paris puzzle [Clementine Rose series] Clementine Rose and her family are off to Paris! Exploring the city, she encounters rather curious characters. After a series of strange coincidences and a last-minute disaster, Clementine begins to wonder if it's all part of one very tricky puzzle. (Publisher)	F	144	Travel; Mystery	9780857987884
Harvey, Roland	On the river Travel from the head of the Murray River to its mouth and enjoy its frolicking journey. Discover interesting facts about its history, and wildlife, and the many ways people use it. A fun, light-hearted look at Australia's longest river. (QDET)	F	31	Adventure; Picture book; Rivers	9781760112455
Heath, Jack	Shockwave [Countdown to danger series] Your adventure begins when you go for surf and notice a dark shadow in the water. What happens next depends on the choices you make. Fast and dangerous, action packed. Will you survive? (QDET)	F	139	Surfing; Suspense; Survival	9781760159634



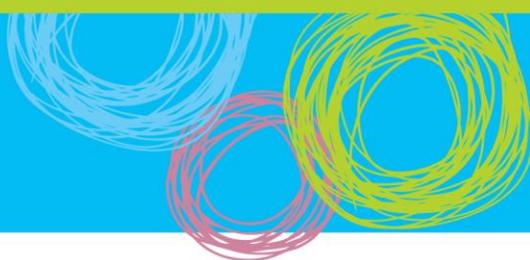
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Heiss, Anita; Goodes, Adam; O'Loughlin, Michael	Kicking goals with Goodesy and Magic AFL legends Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin are two of the best footballers ever to play for the Sydney Swans. What were they like as kids? What kind of scrapes did they get into? And what is it like to be AFL superstars? (Adapted from SCIS)	NF	83	Sport; AFL; Autobiography	9781863958530
Helliar, Peter	Frankie Fish and the sonic suitcase Frankie Fish hates visiting his grandparents, but is sent there after misbehaving at school. He learns that grandad is building a time machine that goes back in time and accidentally wipes out Frankie's entire family – except Frankie and his grandad. (Publisher)	F	300	Humour; Adventure	9781760128494
Hobbs, Leigh	The big book of Mr Badger Mr Badger is the Special Events Manager for the Boubles Grand Hotel. His daily life can have challenges, not least the ill-behaved grand-daughter of the hotel owners, Sylvia Smothers-Carruthers. Four stories in this book share some of his surprises. (QDET)	F	294	Humour; Adventure; Short stories	9781760112431
Ingram, Tania	Jinny & Cooper search for the sea bogle [Jinny & Cooper series] On holidays, Jinny's finds her troublesome guinea pig, Cooper, smuggled into her backpack. Things disappear, the hotel owner behaves suspiciously and Jinny finds a sea bogle in her room who transforms her into Cooper. To remedy this, she has to catch the bogle. (QDET)	F	126	Humour; Mystery	9780143309215



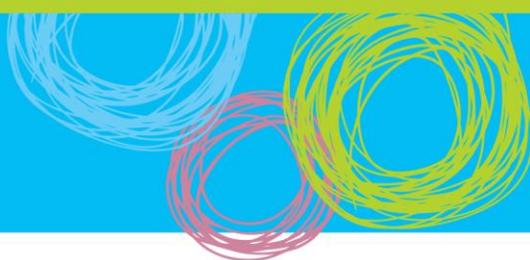
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Ivanoff, George; Wood, Ben (illus.)	Meet... the Flying Doctors [Meet... series] In the early 1900s, Reverend John Flynn saw a need for improved medical services to the outback. He campaigned for a service that used aeroplanes to provide urgent assistance for emergencies. The Royal Flying Doctors Service began. (QDET)	NF	32	Australian history; Aviation; Medical care	9780143780687
Jennings, Paul; Smith, Craig (illus)	The unforgettable What's His Name What's His Name likes to stay unnoticed, but he is also lonely. In a short space of time, everything changes when he learns he has special powers and a gang of bikies is after him. (QDET)	F	213	Humour; Adventure; Belonging	9781760290856
Jolly, Jane; Ingpen, Robert(illus)	Radio rescue! Jim loves living in the outback, but finds it lonely. Then a new radio arrives. Jim's parents can talk to neighbours. Jim wants to try too but is too young, until the day Jim's father is thrown from his horse. (QDET)	F	36	Action; Family	9780642278784
Jones, J. C.	Run, Pip, run Pip Sullivan is on the run. Her precious carer-grandfather is in hospital and Pip fears the worst. Dodging police and foster homes she fends for herself on the streets of Sydney befriending a mistreated dog and psychic cat. (QDET)	F	193	Social issues; Family; Survival	9781743319222
Katz, Danny; Vane, Mitch (illus)	Triple snack pack [Little lunch series] This is what happened during little lunch: the old climbing tree was going to get cut down and Battie wasn't happy about it. Max and Elsa disappeared and everybody tried to solve the mystery, and a grade six girl asked Rory out. (SCIS)	F	121	School stories; Humorous stories	9781925381276



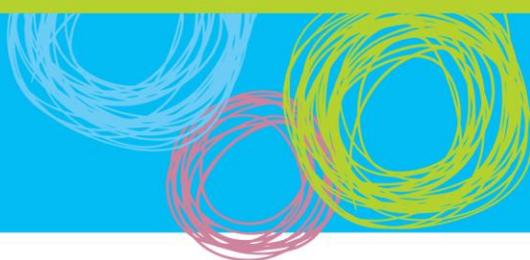
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Knapp, Kate	Ruby Red Shoes goes to London [Ruby Red Shoes series] Ruby and her grandmother Babushka venture off to London to meet up with family and explore the sights. Ruby is delighted to discover that red is a favourite colour in London too. (QDET)	F	44	Family; Travel	9780732297626
MacDonald, Alan; Roberts, David (illus)	Aliens! [Dirty Bertie series] Three stories. Bertie's visit to the library convinces him he'll meet an alien. In Twitter, he tries birdwatching, and in Report, Bertie doesn't want his parents to see his report. In each, Bertie is crazy, revolting and funny. (QDET)	F	96	Humour	9781760279936
McMullin, Neridah; McLean, Andrew (illus)	Fabish: the horse that braved the bushfire Fabish, a retired racehorse, shared his pastures with seven yearlings. When the dangerous Black Saturday bushfires approached, the trainer released Fabish who led his yearlings away to safety. Nobody knows where they went. Based on a true story. (QDET)	NF	32	Animal stories; Mystery	9781925266863
Morgan, Sally; Smith, Craig (illus)	Born to sing Maddie loves to make up her own songs, and she loves whales. When her family announces a road trip to see the whales, Maddie is super excited. However, her trip may not be what she is hoping for. (QDET)	F	53	Singing ; Whales	9781742991511
Murphy, Aunty Joy; Kennedy, Lisa (illus)	Welcome to Country This is a cultural greeting from the Aboriginal Elders to give permission for visitors to enter their traditional lands in the Yarra Valley. It tells of their connections to the land, the welcoming and the respect that it commands. (QDET)	NF	24	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; Sense of place	9781922244871



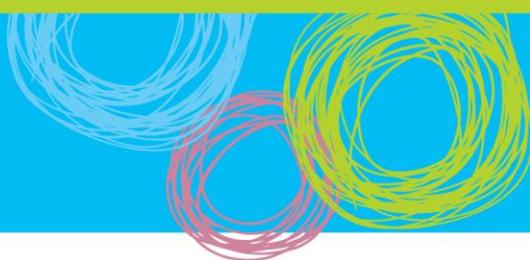
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Murphy, Sally	Sage Cookson's fishy surprise [Sage Cookson series] Sage takes her best friend Lucy to the beach for her parent's working holiday. The girls enjoy their time together but then strange things begin to happen. Their suspicions land Sage in a dangerous situation. (QDET)	F	60	Mystery; Suspense; Friendship	9781925059755
Oliver, Jo	The dreaming tree The dreaming tree is an illustrated collection of poetry written especially for children. Poems are set in Australia and relate to our landscapes, nature and way of life. (QDET)	NF	26	Australian poetry; Lifestyles; Landscapes	9781925059489
Penguin Random House Australia; Faber, Jules (illus)	Dog stories A group of Australia's popular children's authors have written a mix of twelve short stories about dogs. Some are funny, some weird, a little compassionate, a little mysterious, and some will gross you out. (QDET)	F	179	Animal stories; Humour; Mystery	9781925059755
Pung, Alice	Marly walks on the moon [Our Australian girl series] It's 1983 and baby mania has struck Marly's house with the arrival of her baby brother. No one's helping her with her costume for the school concert. Marly's secret plan is to perform the Moonwalk. But will she be ready? (SCIS)	F	124	Family; School stories; Performing arts	9780143308522
Roxburgh, Richard	Artie and the Grime wave Artie and his best friend Bumshoe have stumbled upon a cave-of-possibly-stolen-stuff and along with it a gang of shady characters. Their attempt to solve the mystery sparks a chaotic chain of events. (Publisher)	F	240	Adventure; Humour; Family	9781760292140



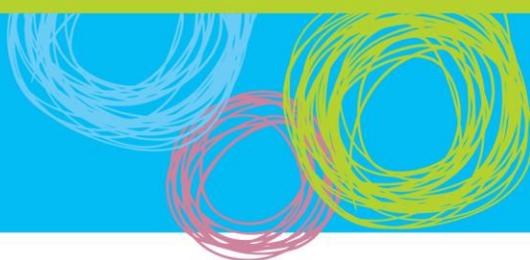
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Shanahan, Lisa	The grand, genius summer of Henry Hoobler The warm-hearted story of Henry Hoobler and the summer when a new friend, a silver bike and unexpected adventures turn him inside out like a pocket, into something new. (Publisher)	F	224	Friendship; Adventure; Personality	9781760293017
Smith, Jane	Shoot-out at the rock [Tommy Bell bushranger boy series] Tommy Bell is in trouble at school so is sent to his grandparent's farm for the holidays. Not happy about going, everything changes when he finds an old bushranger's hat that takes him back to the time of Captain Thunderbolt. (QDET)	F	75	Australian history; Time travel; Bushrangers	9781925275940
Spratt, R. A.	The plot thickens [Friday Barnes series] Friday Barnes has a keen eye for mystery. Her school, Highcrest Academy, gives her plenty of opportunity to use detective skills to solve a mystery, but she endures pranks, new teachers, and PE, all with a touch of humour. (QDET)	F	234	School stories; Mystery; Detectives	9780857989932
Walliams, David; Ross, Tony (illus)	The Midnight Gang At midnight most children are fast asleep, but for the Midnight Gang the journey is just beginning. This extraordinary story of five children in a wonderfully inventive and eccentric hospital setting promises to take fans on an unmissable midnight adventure. (Author)	F	480	Adventure; Hospitals; Friendship	9780008188573



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Warner, David; McGee, J. V.; Faber, Jules (illus)	Test match [Kaboom kid series] Little Davey Warner and his friends have planned a weekend of cricket on the beach, playing against Shimmer Bay and their captain, Mr Perfect. But when they hit the sand they find they'll have to share it with some unexpected visitors and more. (Publisher)	F	157	Sport; Cricket; Sharing	9781925368185
Whittle, Cate; King, Stephen Michael (illus)	Trouble and the missing cat [Trouble series] Georgia can't bring Trouble, her dragon, to school anymore – he's too much trouble. When Mrs Jones' cat Tibbles mysteriously disappears, Georgia hunts for clues to solve the mystery and engages Trouble to help. (QDET)	F	88	Fantasy; Mystery; Animals; Cats	9781742990774
Wild, Ailsa	Squishy Taylor and the mess-makers [Squishy Taylor series] Squishy adores child star Carmeline Clancy. When Carmeline is branded a brat for bad behaviour, Squishy is determined to clear her name. With the help of her sisters, her adventures lead to trouble but she vows to never give up. (QDET)	F	111	Acting; Adventure; Mystery	9781760126780

