

# 2017 Premier's reading challenge

## 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge: Year 5 - Year 7 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
Abela, Deborah	<b>Stupendously spectacular spelling bee</b> India lacks confidence in her spelling ability but her family encourages her to sign up for a spelling bee. On her way to the finals shy India faces many obstacles, one of them being Summer, a spoilt rich girl who intends to win at all costs. (QDET)	F	232	Courage; Dreams	9781925324822
Adams, Michael	<b>The seven signs</b> [Skyfire series] The seven winners of the inaugural DARE awards are thrust together on a life-changing journey. The seven teenagers have seven days to save the world. (Adapted from publisher)	F	187	Suspense; Mystery	9781743628010
Banks, Angelica	<b>A week without Tuesday</b> [Tuesday McGillycuddy adventure series] A winged dog has fallen from the sky bearing an ominous note and Vercaka have invaded the city of the clocks. How can the mystery be solved, ending the chaos and mayhem? (Adapted from publisher)	F	391	Magic; Mystery	9781760110376
Brian, Janeen; Murphy, Claire (illus)	<b>Meet... Nellie Melba</b> [Meet... series] The story of Nellie Melba, Australia's first classical music star, and how she brought opera to Australians. (QDET)	NF	32	Australian story; Picture book; Biography	9780143780298



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Callaghan, Chris; Lalalimola (illus)	<b>The great chocoplot</b> When the end of chocolate is announced Jelly cannot believe it. Determined to investigate, Jelly and her gran follow a trail of clues to a posh chocolate shop. Is there a chocoplot afoot? (Adapted from publisher)	F	238	Humour; Adventure	9781910002513
Clark, Sherryl	<b>Pocket rocket</b> <b>[Ellyse Perry series]</b> All Ellyse wants to do is play sport, but now she is in high school things aren't so simple. There is homework, electives, debating and her friends. And to top it off she's not allowed on the cricket team because she is too small. Could anything be more unfair? (Adapted from publisher)	F	141	Girls in sport	9780143781240
Cleave, Rohan; Tulloch, Coral (illus)	<b>Phasmid, saving the Lord Howe Island stick insect</b> The true story of a conservation programme which saved a species once thought to be extinct. (QDET)	NF	32	Endangered creatures; Insects; Conservation	9781486301126
Cosgrove, Matt	<b>Snow Man and the seven ninjas</b> <b>[Epic fail tales series]</b> This completely awesome retelling of the well-known fairy tale brings the story to life for a whole new generation of bloodthirsty booger hunters. (Adapted from publisher)	F	92	Fantasy; Humour	9781743811696
Earls, Nick; Whidborne, Terry (illus)	<b>War of the word hunters</b> <b>[Word hunter series]</b> The final battle is coming. The grey robes are armed and dangerous. When Lexi and Al plunge into the past to fight for the English language they find that language is not the only thing worth fighting for. (Adapted from publisher)	F	319	Fantasy; Adventure	9780702249594



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Do, Ahn; Faber, Jules (illus)	<b>WeirDo</b> <b>[WeirDo Series]</b> The type of humour we have come to expect from Ahn Do. Weird, crazy and funny. (QDET)	F	136	Humour; School story	9781742837581
Falkner, Brian	<b>The most boring book in the world</b> It started with a book, the most boring book in the world. So boring no one would read it. A perfect place for hiding a secret. (Adapted from publisher)	F	286	Mystery	9780994456779
Farndon, John	<b>Rocks, minerals and gems</b> Includes information about how rocks and minerals form and where to look for them. Packed with fun facts, activities and high definition photography. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	120	Geology; Minerals; Gems	9781742459400
Farndon, John; Hutchinson, Tim (illus)	<b>Stuff you should know about the human body</b> An in-depth guide to body processes and systems. Large colourful diagrams. (QDET)	NF	80	Human body	9781784937300
Fisher, Isla ; Ceulemans, Eglantine (illus)	<b>Marge and the pirate baby</b> <b>[Marge in charge series]</b> A second story in the hilarious Marge in charge series. Marge is back but can she keep pirate baby Zara under control? (QDET)	F	176	Humour	9781848125933
Flanagan, John	<b>The Ghostfaces [Brotherband series]</b> The Brotherband crew are caught up in a massive storm at sea and blown far off course. More heart-stopping action for Hal's Brotherband. (Adapted from publisher)	F	386	Adventure; Friendship	9780857980113



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Flint, Shamini	<b>Ten</b> Ten-year-old Maya lives for soccer. Unfortunately no one in her town shares her obsession. Nevertheless she is determined to become a professional soccer player, even though she has never kicked a ball. (Adapted from publisher)	F	144	Growing up; Soccer	9781760112264
Forsyth, Kate	<b>Escape from Wolfhaven Castle, [The impossible quest series]</b> Wolfhaven Castle has been attacked and only Tom, Elanor, Sebastian and Quinn escape. Somehow they have to save their people and find four magical beasts. (Adapted from publisher)	F	192	Fantasy; Adventure	9781743624067
Foxlee, Karen	<b>A most magical girl</b> Magical machines, wizards, witches, mysterious underworlds, a race against time – and two girls on an unforgettable adventure. (Adapted from publisher)	F	304	Fantasy; Mystery; Adventure	9781471405808
Fraillon, Zana	<b>The bone sparrow</b> Subhi and Jimmie are refugees living in a permanent Australian detention centre. They might find their way to freedom but not before they have been braver than ever before. (Adapted from publisher)	F	240	Refugees	9780734417138
French, Jackie	<b>The secret of the black bushranger [The secret histories series]</b> Was Black Caesar a wronged man, an ex-slave who vowed to be free? Or was he a villain who intended to terrorise the early NSW colony? Did Barney Bean do right or wrong when he planned to help Black Caesar? (Adapted from publisher)	F	176	Historical fiction; Australian story	9780732299453



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Gleitzman, Morris	<b>Toad rage</b> The epic story of one slightly squashed cane toad's hunt for the truth, and the fun and games that result. (Adapted from publisher)	F	151	Humour; Animal story	9780143308805
Greenwood, Mark	<b>Diamond Jack</b> [History mysteries series] One of Australia's most baffling mysteries. In March 1942 a pilot is entrusted with a mysterious package. The plane is shot down and the package forgotten about until someone stumbles across the find of a lifetime. (Adapted from publisher)	F	88	Australian story; WWII; Courage	9780143309260
Greenwood, Mark; Lessac, Frané (illus)	<b>Ned Kelly and the green sash</b> As a young boy Ned Kelly saved a classmate from drowning and was rewarded with a green silk sash for his heroism. Ned later grew up to be one of Australia's best known bushrangers. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	39	Australian history; Bushrangers; Biography	9781922244598
Heath, Jack	<b>400 minutes of danger</b> Forty minutes of danger in 40 minutes of reading. When Tak's class goes on excursion to an army base an experimental military robot hunts them. Ten nail-biting short stories will terrify during the countdown to the last crucial moment. (Adapted from publisher)	F	201	Thriller; Adventure	9781760158798
Heffernan, John	<b>Naveed</b> [Through my eyes series] Naveed is a teenage boy living in Afghanistan. He is sick of war and the powers that have torn Afghanistan apart. (Adapted from publisher)	F	207	Historical fiction; War; Survival	9781743312483



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Helliar, Peter; Vamos, Lesley (illus)	<b>Frankie Fish and the sonic suitcase</b> Frankie is sent to stay with his grandparents and he discovers grandad is building a time machine. When grandad goes back in time he manages to change history and wipes out Frankie's entire family. Frankie and grandad must cooperate to put the past together again. (Adapted from publisher)	F	280	Humour; Time travel; Adventure	9781760128494
Hoge, Robert; Stathopoulos, Nick (illus)	<b>Ugly: a beaut story about one very ugly kid</b> The true story of how an extraordinary kid grew up to have an ordinary life, and how that became his greatest achievement of all. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	186	Courage; Autobiography	9780733634338
Ivanoff, George	<b>Medical mission [RFDS adventure series]</b> Josh's mother is taken to hospital by the RFDS after the birth of her baby. Back on the family's cattle station Josh is bitten by a deadly snake and it is his turn to require the services of the RFDS. (Adapted from publisher)	F	182	Outback life; Emergency services	9780857988805
Janu, Tamsin	<b>Figgy and the president</b> Figgy unexpectedly lands a role in a movie, not the only change in her life. The mother she has not seen since birth appears, due to have a baby, and Nana's father takes him away. Figgy has important things to think about and some growing up to do. (QDET)	F	181	Family; Friendship; Adventure	9781742991559
Lochran, Steven	<b>The riders of thunder realm [Paladero series]</b> Joss must face off against witches, monsters and even his own brethren to learn what it means to be a Paladero, all the time uncovering a dark conspiracy at the heart of the kingdom. (Adapted from publisher)	F	320	Fantasy; Mystery; Adventure	9781760124700



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Lewis, Robert (with National Museum of Australia)	<b>Story of Australia</b> Australian history from the formation of the continent to the growth of our modern nation. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	410	Australian history	9780857983145
McCartney, Tania	<b>Australia illustrated</b> Showcasing the plants, animals, foods, landmarks, sports and oddities that make regions around Australia special. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	92	Australian culture; Australia	9781925335217
McConnochie, Mardi	<b>Escape to the Moon Islands</b> <b>[Quest of the sunfish series]</b> Twins Annalie and Will are sailing half-way across the world to find their missing father, while trying to evade the all-powerful Admiralty that governs their world. (Adapted from publisher)	F	345	Adventure	9781760290917
McHugh, Evan	<b>Black Sunday</b> All Nipper wants to be is a lifesaver. One Sunday in 1938 on Bondi Beach his wishes are realised. Based on a true story. (QDET)	F	252	Historical fiction; Australian stories	9781743627990
Morgan, Sally	<b>Sister heart</b> An Aboriginal girl is taken from her family in the north of Australia and sent to an institution in the distant south. There she makes a new life for herself despite great tragedy, and finds strength in new friendships. (Adapted from publisher)	F	192	Stolen Generations; Indigenous story; Verse novel	9781925163131
Murphy, Joy; Kennedy, Lisa (illus)	<b>Welcome to Country</b> Beautifully presented explanation of customs and symbols of Indigenous Australia. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	32	Indigenous culture and customs	9781922244871



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Murphy, Sally	<b>1915</b> <b>[Australia's Great War series]</b> When Australia joins Britain in its fight against Germany, young teacher, Stan Moore, is the first to sign up swapping the classroom for adventure in Europe. Stan learns the hard lessons of war when his battalion is sent to the shores of Gallipoli. (Adapted from publisher)	F	208	War; WWI; Gallipoli campaign	9781743622483
Newsome, Richard	<b>The curiosity machine</b> <b>[Billionaire series]</b> Gerald finds himself in the centre of a web of mystery and danger. His parents have been kidnapped and one of his closest friends has betrayed him. Gerald and his friends take off on their final exciting adventure. (Adapted from publisher)	F	357	Mystery; Adventure; Friendship	9781925355246
Panckridge, Michael	<b>Switch-hit showdown</b> <b>[Big Bash League series]</b> Barney's team is going to play in the first ever T20 Blast School Cup. Things become complicated when Barney meets Fifi who leads the team that blitzes Barney's team in the opening game. (Adapted from publisher)	F	144	Cricket	9780143782193
Rossell, Judith	<b>Wormwood Mire</b> <b>[Stella Montgomery intrigue series]</b> Stella is sent away to live in the old family home at Wormwood Mire where dark secrets slither and skulk. Stella must be brave if she is to uncover the secrets. (Adapted from publisher)	F	278	Fantasy; Adventure	9780733333019
Rushby, Pamela	<b>Sing a rebel song</b> Maggie and her family are caught up in the 1891 shearers' strike and Maggie decides to help the Union through her writing. This may result in heartbreaking consequences. (Adapted from publisher)	F	226	Australian history; Australian stories	9781742991344





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Shanahan, Lisa	<b>The grand, genius summer of Henry Hoobler</b> The 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. (Adapted from publisher)	F	216	Adventure; Courage; Friendship	9781760293017
Warner, David; McGee, J.V; Faber, Jules (illus)	<b>The big switch</b> <b>[Kaboom kid series]</b> Little Davey Warner and his friends have a big game of cricket coming up against their arch rivals, but unfortunately their new teacher, Mr Mudge, HATES cricket, which means no cricket. The boys are desperate but how can they possibly win the game against Shimmer Bay? (Adapted from publisher)	F	158	Cricket	9781925030785
Webster, Allayne	<b>Paper planes</b> Niko and his family take shelter in the stairwell of their apartment building during the bombing of Sarajevo. They have trouble finding food and struggle to survive but find hope in the midst of war. (Adapted from publisher)	F	183	War; Historical fiction	9781742990699
Weetman, Nova	<b>The secrets we keep</b> Clem Timmins has lost everything in a fire, her house, her mum, her clothes and her possessions. Although she tries to hide from her past she finds that it is not possible. (Adapted from publisher)	F	226	Children; Friendship; Secrets	9780702254215

