

# 2018 Premier's reading challenge



## Year 1 – 3 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' [Premier's Reading Challenge booklists](#).

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Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
Anderton, Joanne; Erasmus, Karen (illus)	<b>The Flying Optometrist</b> Stephanie lives in a small town in the outback. She needs new glasses but she has to wait until the Flying Optometrist comes to visit her town. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	35	Glasses; outback	9780642279132
Balkan, Gabrielle; Brewster, Sam	<b>Book of bones: 10 record-breaking animals</b> Learn about record-breaking animal bones. Loads of information to discover such as which animal has the longest or heaviest, the spikiest or the tiniest bones. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	48	Facts; animals; bones	9780714875125
Base, Graham	<b>The amazing monster DetectoScope</b> Our hero has an amazing DetectoScope. He discovers monsters lurking everywhere in his house. Turn the flap book. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	28	Rhyme; monsters; childhood fears	9780670079308
Bauer, Michael Gerard; Krebs, Chrissie (illus)	<b>Rodney loses it!</b> Poor Rodney cannot cope when his favourite pen goes missing. A funny story about a temper tantrum. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Humour; rhyme	9781742991900
Binny	<b>Origami heart</b> Kabuki is very particular about how he likes things. He is missing one thing, someone with whom he can share his life. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	24	Companionship; sharing; acceptance	9781760277055



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Blabey, Aaron	<b>Pig the star</b> Pig and Trevor are having some glamorous photos taken with lots of costumes. Pig sees red when Trevor becomes the star. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	24	Rhyme; pigs	9781743812754
Black, Jess; Martins, Fern (illus)	<b>Bold Australian girl</b> Girls can do anything! With her mother's encouragement, the bold Australian girl can do anything. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	24	Indigenous story; girls; mothers	9781760276270
Bunting, Laura; Bunting, Phillip (illus)	<b>Koalas eat gum leaves</b> Koalas only eat gum leaves, except this one. He tries ice cream and that is all he can eat, until that is, he can eat no more. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Koalas; ice cream; humour	9781742991832
Clark, T.M; Magisson, Helene (illus)	<b>Slowly! Slowly!</b> Bogani is too young for school, but he wants to prove that he is big and strong like his cousins. Therefore, he tries to catch a monkey. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Family; monkeys	9781925563221
Cosgrove, Matt	<b>Macca the alpaca</b> Macca is a small friendly alpaca. One day he accidentally bumps head first into Harmer the llama. Macca sets about teaching Harmer a lesson. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	24	Animals; kindness	9781743816332
Cossins, Jennifer	<b>A-Z of endangered animals</b> Young readers are introduced to animals in need of conservation. Lots of beautiful pictures and interesting facts. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	64	Animals; endangered animals	9780734417954
Costain, Meredith; McDonald, Danielle (illus)	<b>Olivia's secret scribbles: my new best friend</b> Olivia writes about her day and all her questions in her diary. Olivia's ramblings will amuse young girls as they identify with their own days with friends at school. (Adapted from publisher)	F	96	Diary; friends	9781760277062

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Cummings, Phil; Devries, Shane (illus)	<b>Boy</b> Boy lives in a silent world. That does not stop him from sensing the fear around him. He knows what everyone must do. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Hearing impairment; war; community	9781760277055
Do, Anh; McGuinness, Dan (illus)	<b>Circus time [Hot Dog! series]</b> Hot Dog's friend Lizzie wants to join the circus like her sister. She wants to be the funniest clown around. (Adapted from publisher)	F	128	Circus; friends	9781760279028
Do, Anh; Faber, Jules (illus)	<b>Weirdo #9: spooky weird</b> Weirdo finds out that his family is moving away just as everyone is getting ready for Halloween. (Adapted from publisher)	F	160	Humour; halloween; family	9781760276775
Dahl, Roald; Blake, Quentin (illus)	<b>Billy and the Minpins (new ed.)</b> Billy's mum tells him never to go through the gate and into the dark forest. One day, that is exactly what he does. In the forest, he meets the Minpins and the terrifying Gruncher. (Adapted from publisher)	F	112	Forests; beasts	9780141377506
Dumbleton, Mike; Cowcher, Robin (illus)	<b>Digger</b> Digger is the story of a toy kangaroo, an Australian soldier and two girls, in two countries on opposite sides of the world during World War 1. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	War; soldiers	9781760296735
Foley, James	<b>Dungzilla</b> Sally Tinker's new invention can resize anything. She accidentally resizes a beetle rather than her slice of pizza. (Adapted from publisher)	F	120	Inventions; action; graphic novel	9781925164831
Fox, Mem; Ghosh, Ronojoy (illus)	<b>I'm Australian too</b> We come from everywhere to be Australians. A lovely book introducing multiculturalism to young readers. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Multiculturalism; Australia	9781760276218

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George, Angela May; Swann, Owen (illus)	<b>Out</b> A sensitive and reassuring portrayal of the asylum seeker experience, told from a young girl's point of view, affirming confidence in her future. (QDoE)	JF	32	Refugees; immigration	9781743629000
Godwin, Jane; Walker, Anna (illus)	<b>Go Go and the Silver Shoes</b> Go Go is allowed to buy the most beautiful, sparkly shoes. She decides she is going to wear them everywhere until one day she loses one shoe. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Shoes; friendship	9780143785521
Gray-Barnett, Daniel	<b>Grandma Z</b> It was Albert's birthday and he wished for something more than the ordinary. That is all he is getting from his parents, but then Grandma Z arrives and gives him an extraordinary adventure. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Birthdays; adventure	9781925322156
Harmer, Wendy; Taylor, Gypsy (illus)	<b>Pearlie and the Imperial Princess</b> Pearlie has been invited to a Chinese New Year Party. A lost treasure and a mix-up threatens to ruin the party. Pearlie sets out to save the day. (Adapted from publisher)	F	48	Fairies; adventure; princess	9780857986283
Harrison, Penny; Pratley, Penelope (illus)	<b>The art garden: sowing the seeds of creativity</b> Sadie wants to be an artist like her friend Tom, but when she tries to paint like him, it ends in a big mess. Sadie then sees things from another perspective and learns about herself and her own creativity. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Individuality; self-acceptance; friendship	9781925335590

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Jenkins, Martin; Smythe, Richard (illus)	<b>Fox in the night (2017)</b> A beautifully illustrated science story about a fox hunting by the light of the moon and the streetlights, captioned with scientific concepts about light and dark. It includes an index, bibliography and questions to promote scientific inquiry. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Science; light and dark	9781406355154
Jones, Pip; Oglivie, Sara (illus)	<b>Izzy Gizmo</b> Izzy Gizmo loves to invent amazing things, but they do not always work. When she rescues a crow with broken wings, she sets out to make a new set of wings. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Rhyme; resilience; inventions	9780857075123
Knapp, Kate	<b>Ruby Red Shoes goes to London</b> Ruby and her grandmother love to travel. They are in London and there is so much to see and discover. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	48	Rabbits; travel; grandmothers	9780732297626
McAlister, Caroline; Wheeler, Eliza (illus)	<b>John Ronald's Dragons: the story of JRR Tolkien</b> John Ronald loved dragons. An enchanting picture book biography of a boy who imagined a whole new world full of dragons and grew up to be the beloved author JRR Tolkien. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	42	Biography; dragons	9781626720923
Morenos, Steve; Sharon Dalgleish	<b>Feather, fur, spines and other wild outfits</b> Learn about Australian animals and their features. Beautiful photos of real animals. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	24	Animals	9781925694611
Morenos, Steve; Sharon Dalgleish	<b>Shuffle, bounce, leap and other wild moves</b> Learn about Australian animals and their features. Beautiful photos of real animals. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	24	Animals	9781925694604

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Morgenstern, Susie; Bloch, Serge (illus)	<b>The pink suitcase</b> When Benjamin is a baby, his grandmother gives him an eccentric gift that he falls in love with. His mother calls it a 'monstrosity'. As he grows older, he shows no signs of wanting to give it up. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Resilience; family	9780987109941
Osborne, Robyn; Konchi, Sadami (illus)	<b>My dog Socks</b> Most people think Socks is just an ordinary dog, but through a child's eyes, he can become the most amazing creature. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Friendship; loyalty; dogs; imagination	9781925272826
Parker, Danny; Eckstrom, Nathaniel (illus)	<b>Road trip</b> Are we there yet? How long is an hour? Dad references how long an hour is by telling his son all the things that take an hour, even if the son becomes exasperated. Before you know it, they have arrived. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	48	Family; holidays	9781760127404
Parker, Danny; Ottley, Matt (illus)	<b>Sarah and the steep slope</b> Sarah feels like she will never be able to play with her friends up the steep slope. When the Hill Doctor suggests she talk to her friends, she realises the healing power of friendship. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Bravery; friendship	9781742974675
Pilkey, Dav	<b>Dog Man and Cat Kid</b> Dog Man and Cat Kid must save the day when a new kitty-sitter arrives and a glamorous starlet goes missing. (Adapted from publisher)	F	256	Graphic novel; humour; dogs; cats	9780545935180
Poshoglian, Yvette; McDonald, Danielle (illus)	<b>Little lifesavers [Ella and Olivia Series]</b> Ella and Olivia have enrolled in Nippers at Two Pines Beach. The girls compete at the surf club carnival. (Adapted from publisher)	F	64	Surf club; beach	9781743811498

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Rudge, Leila	<b>Gary</b> Gary is a pigeon that can't fly. One day he ends up in the basket with the racing pigeons. He embarks on an adventure to make his way home. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Birds; adventure	9781921977008
Saxby, Claire; Harris, Wayne	<b>Bird to bird</b> The truth behind this story is that the wood used to make bunks for the First Fleet was reused to make furniture and used again to make a piece of art. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Nature; history; recycling; art	9781925563221
Shelberg Sharpe, Rebecka; Edmonds, Andrea (illus)	<b>Visiting you</b> A heart-warming story about how our similarities are more important than our differences. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Love; connection; similarities and differences	9781925335668
Tyrell, Karen; Pocock, Aaron (illus)	<b>Bailey beats the blah</b> Bailey is at a new school and has no friends. Even his dog slobbers on him. Bailey learns to turn his mood from blah to ha-ha-ha. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	34	Self-esteem; resilience	9780987274045