

# 2019 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' booklists.

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| Author  | Title and book summary   | JF/F/NF | Pages | Theme   | ISBN          |
|---|--|---------|-------|---|---------------|
| Allen, Emma<br>Sommerville,<br>Hannah (Illus) | <p><b>Digby &amp; Claude (2018)</b></p> <p>The street Digby lives on is changing. He doesn't want it to change, until he makes a new friend and they build a place of their own where they both feel they belong. (QDoE)</p> <p>Contains non-fiction information at the back of the book about the different types of homes we can have.</p> | JF      | 48    | Friendship,<br>Connectedness,<br>Urban<br>environment | 9780642279279 |
| Allen, Pamela                                 | <p><b>A bag and a bird (2017)</b></p> <p>John and his mum are having a picnic when he accidentally loses his plastic bag to a gust of wind. A bird becomes trapped in the plastic bag and struggles to untangle itself. Luckily a helpful man rescues the bird which then flies away to safety. (QDoE)</p>                                   | JF      | 28    | Birds, Recycling,<br>Caring for the<br>environment    | 9780143783909 |
| Beekman, Sasha<br>To, Vivienne<br>(illus)     | <p><b>When you're going to the moon (2018)</b></p> <p>There's a lot you have to pack when you're going to the moon. A story about a big imagination that can take you a long way. (QDoE)</p>   | JF      | 32    | Imagination,<br>Dreams                                | 9781925584936 |
| Binks, Alison                                 | <p><b>Night walk (2018)</b></p> <p>Join Caspar as he takes a walk in the Australian bush at night time. Beautiful illustrations and language allows the reader to see and feel the bush as Caspar does. (QDoE)</p>   | JF      | 32    | Camping, Night<br>and day                             | 9780994384171 |



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| Blabey, Aaron   | <b>Pig the grub (2018)</b><br>Pig desperately needs a bath, he stinks! But Pig hates bath time and will do anything and everything to avoid it. (QDoE)   | JF          | 24    | Pug dogs, Baths,<br>Bad behaviour                               | 9781742769691 |
| Blabey, Aaron   | <b>Superbad (2018) [Bad Guys Series]</b><br>The International League of Heroes put The Bad Guys through their paces. Humorous Graphic Novel. (QDoE)  | F           | 137   | Rescue, Good<br>and evil, Space<br>travel                       | 9781760279509 |
| Blackall, Sophie                                      | <b>Hello lighthouse (2018)</b><br>From dusk to dawn the lighthouse sends its light out to sea to guide ships safely on their way. Beautiful representation of life in a remote lighthouse. (Adapted from publisher)                      | JF          | 46    | Lighthouses,<br>Family  | 9781408357163 |
| Boyle, Josie,<br>Prewett, Maggie<br>(illus)           | <b>Mrs White and the red desert</b><br>When a group of desert children invite their school teacher, Mrs White, home for dinner to show her why their homework is always grubby, no-one expects what is to come! (Adapted from Publisher) | JF          | 28    | School life,<br>Home life, Dust<br>storms, Deserts,<br>Teachers | 9781925360578 |
| Braxton-Smith,<br>Ananda<br>Newcomb, Lizzy<br>(Illus) | <b>Backyard (2018)</b><br>The Australian backyard is teeming with life. All you have to do is sit and survey what's around you. Stunning illustrations bring the text to life. (Adapted from the publisher)                              | JF          | 32    | Australian<br>backyards,<br>Gardens,<br>Animals                 | 9781925381177 |
| Bunting, Laura<br>Bunting, Philip<br>(illus)          | <b>Another book about bears (2018)</b><br>Bears are tired of having to do all the work. They seem to be in almost EVERY story. Bears want to know why writers can't write stories about other animals. (QDoE)                            | JF          | 32    | Bears, Books,<br>Humour   | 9781742991931 |

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| Byrnes, Kellie<br>Finn, Ann-Marie<br>(Illus)    | <b>Cloud conductor (2018)</b><br>Frankie loves to watch the clouds, sometimes she conducts them as if they were creating symphonies in the sky. Even when Frankie gets sick, she still conducts the clouds from her bed. (Adapted from the publisher). | JF | 32  | Imagination,<br>Sickness,<br>Disease | 9781925563344 |
| Cosgrove, Matt                                  | <b>Alpacas with maracas (2018)</b><br>Macca and Al are best friends. When they hear of an up-coming talent quest they decide to enter. Macca and Al realise the only talent they have is to shake their maracas.<br>(QDoE)                             | JF | 24  | Alpacas,<br>Humour,<br>Competition   | 9781743816349 |
| Daddo, Andrew<br>Bentley,<br>Jonathan (Illus)   | <b>Old friends, new friends (2018)</b><br>Nerves can get the better of you on the first day of school in a new class with none of your old friends.<br>(QDoE)  | JF | 32  | Friendship, New<br>school year       | 9780733338137 |
| Dickson, John<br>Guridi, Raúl(illus)            | <b>Under my bed (2018)</b><br>The Monsters are planning a celebration for Monster Day. It's impossible to sleep when there are so many preparations going on. When confronted with our fears it may be more fun to just join in.<br>(QDoE)             | JF | 36  | Monsters,<br>Bedtime                 | 9780994384133 |
| Do, Anh<br>McGuinness, Dan<br>(illus)           | <b>Camping time! (2018) [Hot Dog! Series]</b><br>The gang are off on a camping trip. They are going to learn all the things needed for surviving in the bush. Full of fun jokes and silliness.<br>(QDoE)   | F  | 128 | Dogs, Camping,<br>Humour             | 9781742993768 |
| Dubosarsky,<br>Ursula<br>Brooks, Ron<br>(Illus) | <b>Midnight at the library (2018)</b><br>This story takes us on a journey of how a book is made from the imagination of the author to writing to publishing and then finally, how we treasure them in libraries.<br>(QDoE)                             | JF | 37  | Libraries, Books                     | 9780642279316 |
| Feiner, Beck<br>Feiner, Robin                   | <b>If I was prime minister (2018)</b><br>Being Prime Minister of Australia is a really important job, but every PM has been a grown-up. This book takes a look at what issues are important to kids. (QDoE)  | JF | 30  | Prime Ministers,<br>Role play        | 9780733338953 |

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| Fox, Mem<br>Horacek, Judy<br>(Illus)                                | <b>Bonnie and Ben rhyme again (2018)</b><br>Lovely rhyming story of Ben and Bonnie and their baby sitter as they recite well known rhymes along their walk. (QDoE)  | JF | 32 | Rhyme, Travel                                       | 9781742996240 |
| Gallasch, Carrie<br>Acton, Sarah<br>(Illus)                         | <b>Stitches and stuffing (2017)</b><br>Adeline and her toy Bunnybear go everywhere together. When Bunnybear is damaged by a dog, Adeline believes he is not the same, even after Nanna has repaired him. (QDoE)   | JF | 32 | Toys,<br>Grandmothers,<br>Love                      | 9781760127787 |
| Gibbes, Lesley<br>Dawson,<br>Michelle (Illus)                       | <b>Fluke (2017)</b><br>Fluke is a southern right whale calf who becomes separated from his mother. He panics and flees to the bottom of the ocean. (Adapted from the publisher)   | JF | 32 | Whales  | 9781921504891 |
| Guest, Patrick<br>Eckstrom,<br>Nathaniel (Illus)                    | <b>The dress-up box (2018)</b><br>A child's imagination is very powerful. Even though the Frolleys have to move to a house with dripping taps and stinky carpets, they still have their dress-up box and that makes it a home. (QDoE)   | JF | 32 | Moving house  | 9781760124922 |
| Haji-Ali, Frances,<br>Haji-Ali, Lindsay,<br>Hardy, David<br>(illus) | <b>On the way to Nana's house</b><br>As a family drives across the remote landscape of the beautiful Kimberley to visit Nana, they count the sights (backwards) as they go. (Adapted from Publisher)  | JF | 32 | Counting,<br>Families,<br>Holidays,<br>Grandparents | 9781925360301 |
| Hall, Susan<br>Hallityanungku,<br>Susan                             | <b>Ngana ngai? Who am I? (2019)</b><br>Facts about Australian animals with stunning illustrations. Parallel text in English and Kurna language. Information in the back of the book on pronunciation of Kurna sounds as well as the collection of Aboriginal languages of the first European settlers. (QDoE) | NF | 27 | Australian<br>animals                               | 9780642279446 |
| Jolly, Jane<br>Joyner, Andrew<br>(illus)                            | <b>The man with small hair (2018)</b><br>The man with small hair looks different to everyone else in his town. He tries to fit in until he realises that he is much happier when he is himself. (QDoE)  | JF | 30 | Self-esteem,<br>Confidence, Hair                    | 9781742977584 |

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| Kirk, Uncle Joe, Casey, Greer, Harold, Sandi (illus)      | <b>Duelgum</b><br>Duelgum the mother eel makes a long journey from her waterhole near the banks of the Brisbane River to lay her eggs. After they hatch, her babies have to make the return journey. (Adapted from Publisher)  | JF | 21  | Life cycles, Eels, Brisbane river | 9781743623114  |
| Kwaymullina, Ezekiel, Morgan, Sally, Smith, Craig (illus) | <b>Going bush with grandad</b><br>Pete and his grandpa head to the bush to go camping and prospecting for gold. Grandpa has a new, super-duper metal detector to try out. But Pete has to tangle with the wildlife and Grandpa's cooking first. (Adapted from Publisher) | F  | 55  | Grandparents, Camping, Family     | 9781742990262  |
| Lester, Alison  | <b>The very noisy baby (2017)</b><br>The baby in the pink house makes some very strange noises. When the animals in the town go astray, the noisy baby helps the townsfolk find them. (Adapted from the publisher)   | JF | 32  | Babies, Farm animals, Families    | 9781925475616  |
| MacDonald, Norma  | <b>Lucky and Spike (2019)</b><br>Two spinifex mice are chased by a feral cat when out searching for food. A dog joins the ruckus and chases the cat before an owl tries to make the mice its next meal too. (QDoE)   | JF | 30  | Mice, Feral animals, Australia    | 9781921248177<br>Control number (1904580)<br>Shares the same ISBN with another Magabala book |
| Magerl, Caroline  | <b>Maya and cat (2018)</b><br>Maya discovers a cat on a roof in terrible wet weather. Nothing will bring cat down, not feather boas or pretty pink shoelaces. (QDoE)   | JF | 32  | Cats, Pets, Friendship            | 9781921977282  |
| Masson, Sophie McMahon, Mike (Illus)                      | <b>Two rainbows (2017)</b><br>One by one each colour of the rainbow is explored in the context of two very different environments. Lovely, simple illustrations. (Adapted from the publisher)  | JF | 48  | Rainbows, Colour                  | 9781760127794  |
| McDonald, Andrew Wood, Ben (illus)                        | <b>Real pigeons eat danger (2018) [Real Pigeons Series]</b><br>The Real Pigeons are best friends and crime-fighters. Silly and humorous graphic novel. (Adapted from the publisher)  | F  | 204 | Pigeons, Crime, Friendship        | 9781760129309  |

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| Milner, Charlotte                                  | <b>The bee book (2018)</b><br>Find out all about bees with beautiful, yet simple illustrations and easy to read information. (QDoE)   | NF | 47  | Bees   | 9780143769897 |
| Murphy, Julie<br>Fleming, Garry<br>(Illus)         | <b>My Australia (2018)</b><br>A poetic journey across the Australian landscape. Emotive language and beautifully painted illustrations take us through our many and varied environments. (Adapted from the publisher)         | NF | 32  | Australian geography,<br>Landforms                               | 9780642279163 |
| Odgers, Sally.<br>Thomas, Adele<br>K (illus)       | <b>The flying unicorn (2018)</b><br>Pearl and her two best friends encounter many obstacles as they try to recover Pearl's lost glitter feathers in this illustrated adventure. (QDoE)  | F  | 128 | Unicorns,<br>Pirates,<br>Adventure,<br>Friendship                | 9781742997322 |
| Rance, Alex<br>McG, Shane<br>(Illus)               | <b>Tiger's roar (2018)</b><br>Tiger has an accident and needs help to get back to the top of the tree. (QDoE)   | JF | 31  | Self-esteem,<br>Friendship, Co-<br>operation                     | 9781760523916 |
| Robinson,<br>Michelle<br>Powell, Claire<br>(Illus) | <b>Have you seen my giraffe? (2017)</b><br>Where do you hide a pet giraffe so your parents can't see him? Finding the perfect spot to hide an animal like a giraffe turns out to be quite tricky. (QDoE)                      | JF | 32  | Giraffes, Pets   | 9781742762715 |
| Russell, Paul<br>Johnston, Nicky<br>(illus)        | <b>Grandma forgets (2017)</b><br>A story about the love and support within a family dealing with dementia and the relationship between grandparents and their grandchildren. (QDoE)   | JF | 24  | Family,<br>grandparents,<br>Dementia,<br>Relationships           | 9781925335477 |
| Saxby, Claire<br>Vivas, Julie<br>(Illus)           | <b>Koala (2017)</b><br>It's time for Little Koala to leave the safety of being with his mother. Follow him as he encounters new things as he matures to an adult. Each page includes facts about a koala's life cycle. (QDoE) | NF | 32  | Koalas, Life<br>cycle  | 9781925126396 |
| Seden, Paul  | <b>Crabbing with dad</b><br>Two children go out in a boat with their dad to catch crabs. When it's finally time to check the crab pots, they get a big surprise! (QDoE)   | JF | 24  | Family activity,<br>Boating, Fishing,<br>Coastal<br>environments | 9781925360158 |

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| Shanahan, Lisa<br>Talib, Binny<br>(Illus)   | <b>Hark, it's me, Ruby Lee! (2017)</b><br>Ruby Lee desperately loves helping her teacher Mrs Majestic-Jones. Until her imagination leads to all sorts of bother and she is given the job of class messenger. (QDoE) | JF | 32 | Classroom dynamics,<br>Imaginations         | 9780734416551 |
| Tidy, Samantha<br>Burrows, Fiona<br>(illus) | <b>The day we built the bridge (2019)</b><br>This book follows the life of a boy who sees the Sydney Harbour Bridge grow from an idea to a working bridge. (Adapted from publisher)                                 | NF | 32 | Bridges,<br>Connectedness                   | 9781925227437 |
| Walker, Anna                                | <b>Florette (2017)</b><br>Mae's family moves to a new home and she wishes she could take her garden with her. She soon discovers there are new gardens to be discovered in new places. (Adapted from the publisher) | JF | 32 | Moving house,<br>Change                     | 9780670079414 |
| Watts, Frances<br>Legge, David<br>(Illus)   | <b>It's a story, Rory! (2018)</b><br>Fun way to discover what a story is and how the structure of a narrative works. Follow the characters as they discover the parts of a story. (QDoE)                            | JF | 40 | Writing,<br>Creating texts                  | 9780733335938 |
| Wild, Margaret<br>Ord, Mandy<br>(illus)     | <b>Chalk boy (2018)</b><br>Barnaby the pavement artist draws a boy from chalk. This chalk boy then comes to life and he can think, see, hear and run. (QDoE)  | JF | 32 | Drawing,<br>Artists                         | 9781760630683 |
| Zanni, Louise<br>Bunting, Philip<br>(Illus) | <b>Errol (2018)</b><br>Errol doesn't listen when his mum asks him to follow her, even when she counts to three. (Adapted from the publisher)  | JF | 32 | Penguins,<br>Parent and child relationships | 9781742766300 |