

2020 Premier's reading challenge



Years 4-5 Book List

This book list 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' book lists.

*QDoE – Queensland Department of Education

Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
Axelsen, Stephen	<p>The Nelly Gang: The Adventures of Nelly Nolan (2013)</p> <p>Everyone on the goldfields wants to get rich but when Nelly and her pa, Paddy, finally strike gold, bushrangers are ready to pounce. Will Nelly and her gang be able to rescue Paddy from their evil clutches?</p> <p>(Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	45	Comic strip picture book Gold rush Bushrangers Adventure Friendship	9781921977916
Balchin, Lance	<p>Jurassica: A Beginner's Field Guide (2019)</p> <p>Love dinosaurs? Love robotics? Put them together for a futuristic menagerie of prehistoric mechanical engineering. In 2250 when all animal life is extinct and "Mechapets" overtake the world, Jurassica are created to save humanity with dire results.</p> <p>(QDoE)</p>	NF	32	Robots Dinosaurs Future	9781760685669
Bancroft, Bronwyn	<p>Coming Home to Country (2020)</p> <p>A visual and lyrical description of coming home to country. Bancroft's rich literary language describes the physical and spiritual experience of returning to one's special place.</p> <p>(Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	24	Indigenous Australians Sense of place	9781760501921
Bayly, Sami	<p>The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Ugly Animals (2019)</p> <p>Did you know a baby Surinam Toad emerges from holes on its mother's back? Thirty weird and wonderful creatures, many</p>	NF	127	Animals; Habitats	9780734419019



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	endangered, from around the world. Each detailed entry includes description, conservation status, diet, location/habitat, fun facts and artwork. (QDoE)				
Blabey, Aaron	The Big Bad Wolf (2019) [Bad Guys #9] When Mr Wolf is blown up to Godzilla proportions, the Bad Guys find themselves in monster-sized trouble! Can they stop an alien invasion and get Wolfie back to his old self? (Adapted from publisher)	F	139	Villians Animals Graphic novel	9781742993737
Cheng, Christopher; Whatley, Bruce (illus)	One Tree (2019) One small boy and a seedling can change the world of his grandfather. A moving story about coping with change, importance of family, and our connection with the natural world. Whatley's digitally reconstructed linoprint technique reflects Chinese culture and tradition. (QDoE)	F (PIC)	28	Asian connection Family Sustainability Environment	9780143786733
Chun, Matt	Australian Sea Life (2019) Did you know a bluebottle was made of four different zooids? This informative text is combined with exquisite artwork to detail the life of sixteen Australian marine creatures. The illustrations will entrance and encourage readers to engage with the factual text. (QDoE)	NF	36	Marine animals	9781760504694
Costain, Meredith; McDonald, Danielle	Wildlife Rescue (2020) [Ella diaries #18] Ella can't stop thinking about the possum she found in the park. Where did the rescue lady take it? Ella is determined to find out. (Adapted from publisher)	F	143	Wildlife conservation Possums	9781743832301



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Daddo, Andrew; King, Stephen Michael	Atticus Van Tasticus (2019) [Atticus Van Tasticus series] On the day he turned ten, Atticus van Tasticus could choose anything he wanted from his Grandnan's shed. "Don't look with you head Atticus....Look with your heart." What he chose would change his life forever! (QDoE)	F	225	Pirates Imagination	9780143796541
Daddo, Andrew; King, Stephen Michael	Atticus Van Tasticus: The Map of Half Maps (2020) [Atticus Van Tasticus series] Atticus and his crew roll from adventure to certain disaster. Who is Captain Half Map, and more importantly, where is the treasure? (Adapted from publisher)	F	272	Pirates	9781760892913
Dellavedova, Matthew	Country vs City (2020) [Daring Delly series] The Maryborough Blazers basketball team needs to train hard to be match ready. Dellavedova, an NBA champion, cleverly combines technical basketball tips with an action-packed story. (QDoE)	F	142	Sport Basketball Reluctant readers	9781743832011
Dellavedova, Matthew	Team Tryouts! [Daring Delly series] Delly really wants to make the team but his week is busy with tennis lessons, spelling tests, AFL – how will he ever get enough time to train? Learn some basketball tactics along the way with NBA player Matty Dellavedova. (QDoE)	F	142	Basketball	9781743831922
Do, Ahn; Ley, Jeremy (illus)	Into The Wild (2019) [Wolf girl series] When disaster separates Gwen from her family, she must fend for herself. When a wolf puppy, a Chihuahua, a greyhound and a Labrador befriend her, Grace discovers talents she didn't know she possessed. (Adapted from publisher)	F	212	Dogs Survival	9781760525095



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Do, Ahn; Ley, Jeremy (illus)	The Great Escape (2019) [Wolf Girl series] After four years in the wild, Gwen is overjoyed to see another person. When she is captured, things don't look so good. Will her pack find her? Luckily, bars and fences are no match for wolf girl. (Adapted from publisher)	F	208	Dogs Survival	9781760876357
Dubosarsky, Ursula; Joyner, Andrew (illus)	Ask Hercules Quick (2019) Magic can happen in the most unexpected places! Hercules Quick needs money and he knows just how to earn it. Join Hercules as he sets out to achieve his magic goal. (QDoE)	JF	60	Family Employment Humorous stories	9781760296827
Elliot, Mick	Squidge Dibley Destroys the School (2019) Things are going downhill fast for class 6PU, until Squidge Dibley arrives with his rare medical conditions: nervous belly belchus and bungee bones. Will Craglands South Primary ever be the same again? (Adapted from publisher)	F	174	School stories Teachers	9780734419422
Elliot, Mick	Squidge Dibley Destroys the Galaxy (2019) [Squidge Dibley #2] "Pump up the bass, we're heading for space!" Squidge and his classmates from 6PU are off to space camp! Can Squidge save the day? (QDoE)	F	174	School Excursions Space flight	9780734419446
Flannery, Tim	Explore Your World: Weird, Wild, Amazing! (2019) A very readable tome of interesting and fun facts about animals, environment and climate change from Australia's own Professor Tim Flannery, with captivating illustrations by Sam Calwell. A great book to dip into for facts and knowledge. (QDoE)	NF	242	Animals Habitat Environmental impact	9781760501587



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France, Adam; Zainal, Zahra (illus)	Paddy T. and the Time Travelling Trampoline (2019) Paddy is a normal everyday kid but what happens to him is far from normal. For Paddy T, being a kid means expecting the unexpected. These seven short stories make for an action-packed, weird and wild ride. (Adapted from publisher)	F	155	Australian short stories; Time travel	9781760523763
Gibbes, Judy; Watson, Judy (illus)	Searching for Cicadas (2019) [Nature Storybook] A nature storybook combining both story and facts about Australia's favourite summertime insect, the cicada. Will they find the rare black prince? (QDoE)	NF	28	Cicadas	9781922244420
Gordon, Kate; Flett, Sandy (illus)	Juno Jones Word Ninja (2019) [Juno Jones series] Juno Jones loves her school but the men in suits want to close it down! Only reading and writing can stop them. Juno Jones doesn't like reading so instead decides to become a Word Ninja! (Adapted from publisher)	F	110	Books and reading Ninjutsu	9780994557094
Greenwood, Mark	Lasseter's Gold (2017) [History Mysteries series] In 1930, Harold Lasseter claims to have discovered gold in Central Australia. As he journeys to find it, he buries maps and secret messages. Included are a timeline and links to explore further. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	88	Goldmining History	9780143309321
Griffiths, Andy; Denton, Terry (illus)	The 117-Storey Treehouse (2019) Andy and Terry's new tree-house has thirteen more crazy stories including an Underpants Museum, a photo-bombing room and more! What are you waiting for? Come on up! (Adapted from publisher)	F	371	Treehouses Humour	9781760559144



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Harris, Tim; Foley, James (illus)	Fully Booked (2019) [Toffle Towers Series] Chegwin Toffle is only ten years old, but he is determined to turn Toffle Towers Hotel into an incredibly exciting destination for children and their families. Can he turn his mad cap ideas into reality? (Adapted from publisher)	F	272	Hotels	9780143795421
Harris, Tim; Foley, James (illus)	The Great River Race (2019) [Toffle Towers series] The town of Alandale is preparing for the Great River Race. Chegwin Toffle finds himself going head to head with Brontessa Braxton, owner of the rival hotel. The stakes are high as he races to save his beloved Toffle Towers. (Adapted from publisher)	F	253	Hotels Boat racing	9780143795438
Harvey, Jacqueline	Out of Sight (2019) [Kensy and Max #4] When does a secret become a lie? How do you tell right from wrong when deception is all around you? Kensy and Max must juggle their studies and spy life, as well as preparing for the school play. (Adapted from the publisher)	F	342	Spies Twins Espionage	9780143791928
Harvey, Jacqueline	Clementine Rose and the Best News Yet (2019) [Clementine Rose series] Clementine Rose will soon have a new brother or sister, but not everything is ready for the baby's arrival. Can Clementine do everything herself? Or will there be chaos? (Adapted from publisher)	F	161	Family	9780143786054
Holcombe, Ella; Cox, David (illus)	The House on the Mountain (2019) Atmospheric and intensely moving, this is the story of a family experiencing a bushfire, its devastating aftermath and the long process of healing and rebuilding. (Adapted from publisher)	JF (PIC)	32	Bushfire Natural disaster Family	9781760636968



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Lai, Remy	<p>Pie in the Sky (2019)</p> <p>When Jingwen, aged 11, and his family move to Australia, he faces many challenges: learning English, making friends and looking after his brother. His family cookbook and joy of cooking help Jingwen remember his father.</p> <p>(QDoE)</p>	F	380	Immigration Cooking Cultural relations Family life Grief	9781760651626
Lemon-Scott, Candice	<p>Eco Rangers: Pelican in Peril (2019) [Eco Rangers series]</p> <p>When Ebony and Jay, eco-rangers, rescue a pelican covered in oil, they know something is wrong. Why is the sea full of oil? As the eco-rangers investigate they end up in big trouble.</p> <p>(Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	102	Environmental protection Wildlife	9781925594522
Lemon-Scott, Candice	<p>Eco Rangers: Microbat Mayhem (2019) [Eco Rangers series]</p> <p>Ebony and Jay love helping animals and protecting the environment. When they discover bats inside an old rollercoaster ride, they need to rescue them before it is demolished.</p> <p>(Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	100	Bats Wildlife conservation	9781925594829
Long, John; Karrimbi, Kirralaa	<p>Saga of King Waa-gun (2017)</p> <p>Waa-Gun the crow was once very humble with a good, kind heart but after being rewarded by the creator being for his goodness, he became arrogant and selfish. He was eventually punished and his eternal black feathers are the result.</p> <p>(QDoE)</p>	NF	24	Dreaming story Morals and ethics Birds	9781925522679
Macinnis, Peter	<p>The Big Book of Australian History (2019) (Fourth ed)</p> <p>A comprehensive compendium of historical information from ancient Australia to present day, presented in an easy to read, illustrated format for primary students.</p> <p>(QDoE)</p>	NF	292	Australian history; Exploration	9780642279491



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Mackay, Gregory	<p>The Adventures of Anders (2019)</p> <p>Join Anders on his first three adventures with his animal friends and the inventor Dr Larsen. Written in popular graphic novel format, these three stories involve Anders and his friends playing, drawing and building cubbies, castles and other creations.</p> <p>(QDoE)</p>	F	445	Friendship Holidays Graphic novel	978176063207
Maxwell, Trent	<p>Beach Battle (2018) [Maxi the Lifeguard series]</p> <p>Maxi is stoked to hear that juniors from a British ocean swimming club are visiting. Maybe he will get to go to England in return. Hit the beach with this action-packed book from Bondi Rescue's Trent Maxwell.</p> <p>(Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	168	Life saving Beaches	9781925712612
Milroy, Helen	<p>Wombat, Mudlark and Other Stories (2019)</p> <p>From a fallen star to a lonely whale, from an entertaining lizard to an enterprising penguin, these eight stories are full of wonder, adventure and enduring friendships.</p> <p>(Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	103	Indigenous Australian Animals	9781925815818
Mitchell, Abbie; Hicks, Astrid (illus)	<p>A Hollow is a Home (2019)</p> <p>Environmental educator, Abbie Mitchell, will inspire you to become a hollow hero! Investigate the multitude of animals that live in hollows and the threats to their existence. Learn how to replicate these hollows in your garden or school playground.</p> <p>(QDoE)</p>	NF	104	Sustainability Habitat Wildlife	9781486308057
Murphy, Joy; Kelly, Andrew; Kennedy, Lisa (illus)	<p>Wilam – a Birrarung story (2019)</p> <p>This beautifully illustrated picture book tells the Indigenous and geographical story of Melbourne's Yarra river from its source to its mouth; from its pre-history to the present day.</p> <p>(Adapted from the publisher)</p>	JF	32	Picture book River Animals Ecology Language Caring for Country	9781925381764



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Norton Lodge, Zoe; Norton Lodge, Georgia (illus)	Elizabella Meets her Match (2018) [Elizabella series] Elizabella is a poet, a fixer of fairytales and the biggest prankster in the history of Bilby Creek Primary School. What happens when Minnie, an even bigger prankster shows up? (Adapted from publisher)	F	205	Friendship Tricks	9781760650544
Sala, Felicity	Lunch at 10 Pomegranate Street (2018) A collection of world recipes from the residents of 10 Pomegranate Street. With pictorial ingredients lists and simple instructions there are enough dishes for a communal feast! Sala's illustrations make this as much a looking as a cooking book! (QDoE)	NF	40	Cooking Community life	9781925849059
Sieveking, Laura	New Girl (2020) [Ella at Eden series] Come with Ella as she settles into high school, Eden College. In this first book, Ella joins the newspaper club, tries to catch a thief and makes new dorm buddies, while keeping Olivia updated via email. (QDoE)	F	191	Boarding school Friends	9781743834930
Tiwi College - Alalinguwi Jarrakarlinga ; Thomas, Jared	Shallow in the Deep End (2017) Shallow the baby buffalo and Bruno the dog have a lot of fun but cause a lot of havoc. When the biggest event of the year in the Tiwi Islands comes around - the footy final - Shallow really finds herself in the deep end. (Adapted from the publisher)	F	52	Indigenous community Pets Humour	9781742762692
Toering, Jodi; Harricks, Tannya (illus)	Mallee Sky (2019) This poetic text describes the effects of drought on the Mallee environment, on the physical landscape and the crops and the ripple effect it has on family and community. (Adapted from publisher)	F (PIC)	32	Drought	9781925381672



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Wild, Ailsa	<p>Squishy Taylor Versus the Mayor (2018) [Squishy Taylor series]</p> <p>Squishy Taylor and her bonus sister Vee, once again manage to mix up the details, creating chaos at the local town hall. All is forgiven when Squishy uses her climbing skills to save the day!</p> <p>(QDoE)</p>	F	117	Blended families Mayor	9781760129576
Wyatt, Edwina; Quinn, Katherine (illus)	<p>The Secrets of Magnolia Moon (2019)</p> <p>Magnolia Moon has many special talents, including spelling backwards, keeping secrets and an amazing perception of time! Her quirky personality radiates, bringing joy to all. Join Magnolia Moon on her adventures at school, with her family and friends.</p> <p>(QDoE)</p>	F	160	Family Friends	9781760651541

