

2021 Premier's reading challenge



Early Childhood Book List

#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
1	Base, Graeme	The tree (2020) Cow and Duck live in a very big tree. Cow hoards the Mooberries while Duck hides the Mushquacks, with neither willing to share. A storm shatters their tree so there is nothing for either. They nurture a new tree and learn to live happily together. (QDoE)	JF	32	Sharing Trees	9781760897048
2	Bertini, Anthony; Goldsmith, Jennifer (illus)	Where happiness hides (2020) This is a story that invites you to find the mysterious places where happiness might be waiting for you. You won't have to look very far ... happiness is hiding right inside you. In this story you will see where two children find the keys to their happiness, in the small moments of their everyday life. (Publisher)	JF	32	Happiness	9780646813325
3	Bland, Nick	Wolfred (2020) Wolfred works the lift in the Fancy Pants Hotel. He is not allowed to speak to the fancy guests. However he does observe them, then writes about their odd behaviours. There's a nice twist at the end of the story. (QDoE)	JF	32	Wolves Writing	9781760505660
4	Briggs, Adam; Moon, Kate (illus); Sarra, Rachael (illus)	Our home, our heartbeat (2020) Adapted from Briggs' celebrated song <i>The Children Came Back</i> , <i>Our home, our heartbeat</i> is a celebration of past and present Indigenous legends, as well as emerging generations, and at its heart, honours the oldest	JF	24	Celebrating indigenous Australians	9781760504168

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		continuous culture on earth. (Publisher)				
5	Bunting, Philip	Give me some space! (2020) Una has always loved space. She is not tall enough to be an astronaut so plans her own mission: to find life in space. Diagrams and space facts support the story. Chosen for National Simultaneous Storytime 2021 and intends to be read from the International Space Station. (QDoE)	NF	32	Space	9781760972356
6	Bunting, Philip	Wild about dads (2020) Which dads have fishy breath? Which give piggybacks all day? Who serves up a barfy breakfast? Find out how wild animal dads look after their young: oh... except for a hungry grizzly bear dad in need of a meal. (QDoE)	NF	32	Animals	9781760506926
7	Bunting, Philip	Wombat (2020) A wombat can be so many things – a pingbat, a pongbat, a splatbat or a plumbat! Enjoy the illustrations of all these wombat varieties and more in this humorous rhyming book. (QDoE)	JF	32	Wombats Rhyming	9781760972370
8	Carr, Matt	Now wash your hands (2020) Doctorpus Doris explains to a class of small children the importance of hand washing. Colourful illustrations accompany the text. (QDoE)	NF	24	Hygiene Germs	9781760978600
9	deGennaro, Sue	Missing Marvin (2018) Marvin is a hard worker who loves his job. His work mates don't work as hard as Marvin and often play practical jokes on him. They realize their mistake when Marvin doesn't come to	JF	32	Practical jokes Friendship	9781742769509

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		work. Don't worry, there is a happy ending. (QDoE)				
10	Evans, Gabriel	Norton and the bear (2020) Norton wants to feel unique and different so he makes fashion statements of his own. Unfortunately, the bear loves every new look and copies it. This really annoys Norton. Eventually they come to an understanding. They may look the same, are different, but can still be friends. (QDoE)	JF	32	Copying Individuality	9780648785132
11	Godwin, Jane; Lester, Alison (illus)	Sing me the Summer (2020) Using lilting prose we are taken on a journey through the changing seasons with friends and family. View their celebrations, outings and play through the stunning illustrations. (QDoE)	JF	32	Seasons	9781925972924
12	Jeffers, Oliver	What we'll build: plans for our together future (2020) A heart-warming story where a father and daughter plan their future together. "We'll build a tower to the sky, and other worlds that pass us by". Beautifully written and illustrated. (QDoE)	JF	40	Family Future	9780008382209
13	King, Stephen Michael	Three (2019) Three is a happy-go-lucky stray mutt who hops happily around the city on his three legs. One fine day he ventures out into the countryside where he meets a friend, finding warmth, love and a home. (QDoE)	JF	32	Disability Friendship	9781760664053
14	Kurman, Hollis;	Hello! a counting book of kindnesses (2020) Hold my hand and count to ten. Together we'll make it better again! A highly original 1 to 10	NF	32	Counting Refugees	9781913074999

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	Barroux, Stephane-Yves (illus.)	counting book celebrating cultural diversity, and centred on themes of migration, refuge and inclusivity. (Publisher)				
15	Kwok, Ashling; King, Cara (illus)	The battle: starting school can be scary sometimes! (2020) Edward is anxious on his first day at knight school. There are ogres, giants and dragons. His confidence grows and anxiety leaves when he shares cake, plays games and makes friends. He learns there is nothing to fear as the monsters are children just like him. (QDoE)	JF	32	Anxiety Starting school	9781925820904
16	McGeachin, Jess	Fly (2019) Lucy had always been good at fixing things, and Dad needed a bit of help. It was just the two of them after all. So when Lucy finds a bird with a broken wing, she's sure she can fix him too. But not everything that's broken can be fixed. (Publisher)	JF	32	Birds Determinati on Love	9781760892562
17	McKimmie, Chris	Colin Cockroach goes to Caloundra (2020) Pack your swimmers and holiday snacks, let off the roach bomb then drive up to Caloundra for a beach holiday. Colin the Cockroach comes along and has a great time. After a week he's had enough so goes home to find that his family has gone. Thankfully he finds them under the sink of the house next door. (QDoE)	JF	32	Cockroache s Holidays Humour	9781925804546
18	McKimmie, Chris	I need a parrot (2019) A child tries to convince the reader of his need for a parrot. This is explored through whimsical ideas and bright, humorous illustrations. CBCA	JF	32	Pets Humour	9781925804287

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		Picture Book of the Year 2020. (QDoE)				
19	McKinlay, Meg; Ottley, Matt (illus)	How to make a bird (2020) “The making of a bird is not a thing to be hurried.” Follow a child as she plans the steps in making a bird, then setting it free. Gently written and enchantingly illustrated. (QDoE)	JF	32	Birds Procedure	9781406397451
20	Macwhirter, Michelle; Beer, Sophie (illus)	There is no magic in this book (2020) Join the Bookkeeper on a march through a book “filled with ordinary things.” Magic abounds via the brilliant illustrations on every page. (QDoE)	JF	40	Fantasy Magic	9781921977299
21	Magerl, Caroline	Nop (2019) Nop is a scruffy kind of bear. He sits on a dusty armchair in Oddmint's Dumporeum surrounded by the beaders, knitters, patchers and stitchers who are much too busy to talk to him. So he watches the litter tumble until, armed with a new bow tie, he has an idea that will change his life forever. (Publisher)	JF	32	Friendship Teddy bears	9781760651251
22	Metzenthén, David; Murphy, Mairead (illus)	One runaway rabbit (2019) Take time to explore the beautiful illustrations in this book as they contribute greatly to the story. Look carefully to see how the rabbit outwits the fox in a life or death chase. (QDoE)	JF	24	Rabbits Foxes	9781760523558
23	Moone, Seb; Moone, Carly (illus)	My dad, the secret superhero (2020) Dad isn't just a farmer. When lightning strikes and starts a “fire monster,” Dad puts on his big yellow super suit then meets other heroes in a big fire truck. A	JF	32	Bushfires Rural fire brigade	9781925995190

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		homage to the true heroes of rural fire brigades. (QDoE)				
24	Morgan, Sally; Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr (illus)	Little bird's day (2019) Follow the events of a day in the life of little bird. She warbles to wake the lazy sleepers in the morning, through to nightfall where she settles with her family. Winner Magabala's Kestin Indigenous Illustrator Award. (QDoE)	JF	30	Australian Animals Birds	9781925768923
25	Moses, Alexa; Tortop, Anil (illus)	Bat vs Poss (2019) Meek lives with her three sisters, a gaggle of birds, lizards and other creatures next to a tumbledown terrace house. Everyone shares the space, and life is pretty sweet until the day a rude and messy fruit bat named Squabbles moves in - and demands everyone else move out. Will Meek be able to get rid of Squabbles, or is there a way for everyone to get along? (Publisher)	JF	32	Making friends Sharing	9780734418395
26	Muir, Aunty Fay; Lawson, Sue (illus); Seymour, Jasmine (illus)	Family (2020) <i>Family</i> is a thoughtful contemplation for all to learn the different ways that family makes us whole. It shows everyone that 'family' can be about heart and home; an endless sky; stories and songs. It 'learns' us how to be with each other and with Country. Families come in all shapes and sizes. Family can be many things. (Adapted from Publisher)	JF	32	Family First Nations' cultural philosophies	9781925936285
27	Novak B.J	The book with no pictures (2014) "It might seem no fun, or boring and serious to have a book with no pictures. Except...it's not." The laughter will erupt as the	JF	45	Humour	9780141361789

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		reader becomes a monkey and reads in a monkey voice... or has a head made of blueberry pizza! A must read out loud to children book. (QDoE)				
28	Palacio, RJ	We're all wonders (2017) Wonder is the unforgettable story of August Pullman, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face. He feels like any other kid, but he's not always seen that way. We're All Wonders taps into every child's longing to belong, and to be seen for who they truly are. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Empathy Kindness	9780141386416
29	Percival, Tom	Meesha makes friends (2020) Meesha loves to make things. She paints, cuts, glues and sews. Her problem is she can't make friends. She doesn't like noisy games and unfamiliar rules. Then she finds the joy in making things with someone... a friend. (QDoE)	JF	29	Craftwork Friendship	9781526612953
30	Seymour, Jasmine	Baby business (2019) Baby Business tells the story of a Darug baby smoking ceremony that welcomes baby to Country. The smoke is a blessing – it will protect the baby and remind them that they belong. This beautiful ritual is recounted in a way young children will completely relate to and is enhanced by gentle illustrations. CBCA New Illustrator winner 2020 (Publisher)	JF	32	Connection to Country Darug language Smoking ceremony	9781925768671

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31	Shanahan, Lisa; Quay, Emma (illus.)	Bear and Chook (2002) Bear and Chook are best friends. Bear is a clumsy dare devil. Chook is a worrier. Every day holds a new adventure where Bear rushes into disaster while Chook misses the wreck by a tail feather. (QDoE)	JF	32	Friendship	9780734411006
32	Streich, Michel	Scary bird (2020) A new bird moves into the aviary. He looks different, sounds different and behaves differently. So he's got to be scary. Over time he is accepted. Then.... a new bird moves into the aviary. He looks different... (QDoE)	JF	32	Birds Acceptance of others	9781743838594
33	Takeuchi, Chihiro	Whose bones? (2020) Can you guess the animal by looking at its bones? Award-winning paper-cut artist Chihiro Takeuchi creates another masterpiece in this clever, fun introduction to vertebrate animals. (Publisher)	NF	40	Animals Skeletons	9780648785163
34	Tinn- Disbury, Tom	My Summer with Grandad (2020) Eric wants to help his Grandad on his fishing boat. He's not quite ready. Eric gets the job of chief seagull shoo-er. Beaky, a seagull, injures his wing. Of great value is the procedural text, taking in the steps required in repairing the gull's wing. All ends well. (QDoE)	JF	32	Birds Fishing	9781922326140

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35	Tullet, Herve	Press here (2011) Magic hides between the pages of this book. Follow the instructions, then turn the page to see what change has occurred. Simple and delightful illustrations with positive language throughout. (QDoE)	JF	56	Colour Following instructions	9780811879545
36	Waters, Ruth	Not so quiet mouse (2019) Celebrate the joy of reading with not so quiet mouse, who loves to read very, very loudly. (Adapted from Publisher)	JF	32	Friendship Reading	9781922081803
37	Watts, Frances; Yi, A (illus)	My friend Fred (2019) Sometimes friends have nothing in common, but their friendship can be strong. There is a pleasant surprise on the last page. Don't peep! Now go back and look very closely at the illustrations for a further surprise. CBCA Book of the Year Early Childhood 2020 (QDoE)	JF	24	Pets Dogs Cats Friendship	9781760290948
38	Wedelich, Sam	Chicken Little. The real and totally true tale (2020) Chicken Little gets a bonk on the head. He has a chat with the sky who convinces him that all is well. It is, until the other chickens panic. This is a very funny twist on the traditional tale. (QDoE)	JF	40	Chickens Humour	9781760977795
39	Wild, Margaret; James, Ann (illus)	Goodbye house, hello house (2019) A heartwarming story of letting go and starting anew, of moving from the country to the city, with a unique illustration style that allows room and space for the reader's imagination. (Publisher)	JF	32	Change Moving house	9781743311103

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40	Willems, Mo	That is not a good idea! (2014) Silly mother goose follows Wolf through the deep, dark woods, all the way to Wolf's kitchen to make soup. "That is not a good idea." Or is it? Wait for the twist at the end of the tale. (QDoE)	JF	48	Geese Wolves	9781406355581
41	Germein, Katrina; Sullivan, Rosemary; the children from Manyallaluk School; Briggs, Karen (illus)	Tell 'em! (2020) The children from Manyallaluk School share the joyful aspects of their lives living in a remote Aboriginal community. The children are super keen to tell us how they have fun, keep busy and revel in living on Country. (QDoE)	JF	32	Indigenous community Children Play Games Culture Fun	9781921504921
42	Humes, Breanna; Kwaymullina, Ambelin	I want to be a superhero (2020) A little girl wants to be a superhero and thought that wishing on a star might be the way to achieve that ambition. With guidance from her elders, she learns there are other ways to become a super hero, they just might not involve wearing a cape! (QDoE)	JF	32	Childhood Heroes Dreams and goals	9781925360400
43	Coombes, Debbie	Going to the footy (2019) On the Tiwi Islands, everyone goes to the footy. Plane, bus, tinny or troopy, it doesn't matter how you get there! (QDoE)	JF	24	Transport Tiwi Islands Football Community	9781925936964
44	Godwin, Jane; Acton, Sara	I'll always be older than you (2020) A big sister shares all the things she will teach her younger brother. From peeling bananas to building sandcastles, she cannot wait to share these	JF	32	Siblings Brothers Sisters Families	9781760129781

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