

2021 Premier's reading challenge



Prep – Year 1 Book List

#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
1	Germein, Katrina; Sullivan, Rosemary; with the children of Manyallaluk School; Briggs, Karen (illus)	Tell 'em! (2020) Written along with the students of the Manyallaluk School in the Roper River region of the Northern Territory, this story tells us all the things these children want others to know about their life in a remote Australian community. (QDoE)	JF	32	Aboriginal life Children	9781921504921
2	Cossins, Jennifer	The ultimate animal alphabet book (2020) This A-Z book is packed full of interesting animal facts and illustrations of over 400 various animal species. Readers will have fun browsing the bright colourful pictures and discovering fascinating facts about animals from all over the globe. (QDoE)	NF	60	Animals Alphabet	9780734420091
3	Guest, Patrick; Bentley, Jonathan (illus)	Windows (2020) Through the perspective of five kids from different parts of the world, <i>Windows</i> shows how children connected and drew strength from their communities from behind the safety of their own windows during the Coronavirus pandemic. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Children Coronavirus pandemic Grandparents Communities Isolation	9781760507855
4	Edwards, Nicola; Wilkins, Sarah (illus)	Like the ocean we rise (2020) The peek-through pages of this picture book will delight readers as they explore how human impact has affected our Earth and how we can all make small changes to make a difference. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Environmental preservation Human impact	9781838910297
5	Roeder, Vanessa	The box turtle (2020) Terrance is a turtle who is different from other turtles; he was born without a shell. It doesn't bother him, until, others point out that his	JF	32	Friendship Individuality Turtles	9780735230507

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		'box' shell is a little weird. Terrance begins the search for a better shell. (QDoE)				
6	Allen, Sarah	Busy Beaks (2020) With vibrant illustrations and interesting facts, this is the perfect book for any bird loving, nature enthusiast. Learn about some of Australia's feathered fauna including both their common and scientific names. (QDoE)	NF	32	Birds Australian birds	9781925972948
7	Lawson, Sue; Anelli, Liz (illus)	The biscuit maker (2020) Everyone who lives on Mavin Road is always busy, except Benedict Stanley and his cat Audrey May. This is a delightful story of community and connectedness, highlighting the importance of looking out for each other. (QDoE)	JF	32	Community Connectedness relationships	9781760650438
8	Sworder, Zeno	This small blue dot (2020) In this stylistic book, a young girl shares her wealth of wisdom on the workings of the world and life on our planet to her newborn sibling. This book is full of life's little delights. (QDoE)	JF	32	Siblings	9781760761110
9	Newton, Gina; Tribout, Rachel (illus)	Hold on! Saving the spotted handfish (2020) This is a great introduction to the non-fiction genre and is perfect for any keen animal lover. Children will learn about the plight of the Spotted Handfish and how this little fish who walks on its 'hands' has survived since dinosaurs roamed the sea. (QDoE)	NF	32	Endangered species Spotted Handfish Fish	9781486311842
10	Gordon, Gus	Finding François (2020) Alice lives with her grandmother and wishes she had someone her own size to talk to. One day her wish comes true and through oceans, hope, love and loss, two little friends who need each other, find each other. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	34	Friendship Loneliness Sadness	9780143794141

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11	Gray, Kes; Blunt, Fred (illus)	The diddle that dummed (2020) In this laugh aloud story, you will meet Flinty Bo Diddle, who writes tunes for his fiddle. What will Flinty do when one of his diddles keeps going dum? Join in as Flinty tries to get the diddle to diddle, not dum. (QDoE)	JF	32	Humorous story Individuality Music	9781444953671
12	Whiting, Sue; White, Annie (illus)	Good question : a tale told backwards (2020) Told from Fox's perspective, in this story you will find many familiar fairy tale and nurse rhyme characters and story lines as fox continues to find himself in the wrong magical tale. (QDoE)	JF	32	Fairy tales Characters Foxes	9781760650841
13	McKinnon, Heidi	There's no such thing (2020) Bear and Ted are camping and Bear's imagination is running wild with worry. Ted soothes these fears with reasonable explanations as to why there is no such thing as hungry giants, blood-sucking spiders and fire-breathing dragons. Is there? (QDoE)	JF	32	Imagination Bears Fear Bedtime	9781760877279
14	Mann, Jennifer K	The camping trip (2020) Ernestine is invited on her first ever camping trip, she gets new supplies, packs her bag and heads off. Follow Ernestine's adventure as she experiences the highs and lows of trying new things, being brave and missing home. (QDoE)	JF	47	Camping Graphic novel	9781406393507
15	MacDonald, Beth; MacDonald, Paul; Eckstrom, Nathaniel (illus)	The hole idea (2019) Finnian Jones lived in a house surrounded by books. One morning, Finnian decided he wants to create of story of his own. Follow Finnian's journey as he takes his Gran's advice and 'digs deep' to find ideas for his story. (QDoE)	JF	32	Stories Books Adventure Ideas	9780648498902
16	Canty, John	Shapes and Colours (2020) This bright, visually appealing, early learning book explores all the colours of the rainbow while also allowing the reader to identify various objects (animals, food, vehicles and everyday items) by their silhouettes. (QDoE)	NF	32	Colours Shapes	9780648529187

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17	Santoso, Charles	Happy hippo (2020) Hippo is a hippo, nothing more nothing less.... until he helps a turtle, who grants him some wishes in return. The illustrations support this hilarious tale to prove - you need to be careful what you wish for. (QDoE)	JF	32	Body image Hippos Turtles	9781760273262
18	Lehman, Katrina; Beer, Sophie (illus)	Izzy and Frank (2020) The thing Izzy loves most is her seagull friend Frank. Together they play, explore, dream, imagine and roam around their island, where she lives in her house with no corners. Everything changes when Izzy moves to the city. (QDoE)	JF	32	Friendship Moving house Island Seagull Lighthouse	9781760273262
19	Knowles, Sheena; Bentley, Jonathan (illus)	What a lot of nonsense : a book of animals and anagrams (2020) Readers will delight in the rhyme as they imagine all sorts of nonsense in this engaging, funny story. With two ways of reading this book, it can be read for pure enjoyment and also to extend and challenge the reader. (QDoE)	JF	29	Animals Humour Rhyme Anagrams Wordplay	9781460756140
20	Donaldson, Julia; Scheffler, Axel (illus)	The smeds and the smoos (2020) The Smeds (who are red) and the the Smoos (who are blue) live on the same planet, but they never associate. So, when Janet, a young Smed and Bill, a Smoo fall in love, their families strongly object. (QDoE)	JF	32	Aliens Friendship Acceptance	9781407188898
21	Tapsell, Miranda; Tyler, Joshua; Fry Samantha (illus)	Aunty's Wedding (2020) A story of celebration, love and culture is told in this lovely book, as a young girl is full of questions when her family prepare for her Aunty's wedding. (QDoE)	JF	30	Aboriginal peoples Weddings Marriage customs	9781760524838
22	McKenzie, Heath	The colouring competition (2020) This story starts with a colouring competition and ends with a firm friendship between two boys. Readers will love the creative decorations the two boys add to the black and white city where they live. (QDoE)	JF	32	Competition Colour Friendship	9781760158859

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23	Beekman, Sasha; To, Vivienne	<p>When you're going to the moon (2018)</p> <p>What do you pack when you're going to the moon? Your pet iguana, a yellow kazoo, an inflatable moose and other essentials of course. This is a story that celebrates the innocence of children and the importance of dreaming big. (QDoE)</p>	JF	32	Imagination Dreaming Moon	9781925584936
24	Carthew, Mark; Dave Atze (illus)	<p>The dingle dangle jungle (2020)</p> <p>This book takes the reader on a journey through the Amazon looking at the vast array of animals that live there. Giving facts on various animals' appearance, habitats and food, this book will be a joy for any animal lover. (QDoE)</p>	JF	30	Amazon Animals Jungle animals	9781925804409
25	Love, Jessica	<p>Julian at the wedding [Julian] (2020)</p> <p>Julian and his family are going to a wedding. Better yet, Julian is in the wedding party. When he has finished his duties, he takes off with his cousin for some fun, imagining, laughter and a little magical mischief.</p> <p>(Adapted from publisher)</p>	JF	40	Individuality Friendship Grandparents LGBTQ	9781536212389
26	Marchetta, Melina; Hudson, Deb (illus)	<p>What Zola did on Monday [Zola] (2020)</p> <p>In this chapter book for independent and emergent readers, we meet Zola. Zola is a little girl with a problem - no matter how much she tries; she can't keep out of trouble! Join Zola as she goes on adventures.</p> <p>(Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	86	Families Dogs Communities	9781760895150
27	Bell, Davina; Lovlie, Jenny (illus)	<p>All the factors of why I love tractors (2019)</p> <p>When Frankie heads to the library, he wants one thing....books about tractors. Frankie's Mum tries to convince him to read a book about something else - cars, planes, rockets, trains - anything!</p> <p>(Adapted from publisher)</p>	JF	32	Tractors Reading Persuasive	9781760501457

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28	Favretto, Robert; Suwannakit, Tull (illus)	Morphing Murphy (2020) Murphy is loving life in his weedy pond where he can swim around and eat algae all day. Life is good....until things starts to change. Join in, as Murphy isn't the only one who needs to adapt to change. (QDoE)	JF	30	Life cycles Frogs Change Adaptation	9781925804324
29	Chambers, Susannah; Jackson, Mark (illus)	The beach wombat (2019) Join wombat and her baby as they wander the beach in their local environment. Readers will enjoy joining in with the predictive text. (QDoE)	JF	32	Wombat Beach Australia	9781760631857
30	Foxlee, Karen; Barrow, Evie (illus)	Horatio Squeak (2019) A wonderful tale about standing up for what is right even if you are shy and scared. Horatio is a brave little mouse when he stands up to the kittens who are being unkind. (QDoE)	JF	40	Mice Cats Courage	9781760650476
31	McKinley, Alice	Nine lives Newton (2020) If Newton has nine lives, he can live more dangerously... right? That is what Newton thinks as he heads off on some daring adventures. What will happen when he realises he isn't as invincible as he thinks? (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Dogs Danger Humour	9781471181191
32	Gardner, Kate; Smith, Heidi (illus)	Lovely beasts : the surprising truth (2018) This book takes an alternate view on some of the world's most amazing beasts by providing an insight into some lesser-known facts that may surprise the reader. (QDoE)	NF	48	Animals	9780062741615
33	Crumble, P; Bentley, Jonathan (illus)	We are all kind (2020) There are so many ways to show caring and kindness. By lending a hand, helping a friend, sharing a laugh or loving one another, there are always ways to show...we are all kind. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	24	Kindness	9781760972363
34	Gleeson, Libby; Robaard, Jedda (illus)	Soon (2020) This beautiful story shows the anxious wait as an older sibling awaits the arrival of the newest member of the family. (QDoE)	JF	24	Babies Siblings	9781760501235

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35	Tanner, Lian; Bentley, Jonathan (illus)	Ella and the ocean (2019) Ella has never seen the ocean. After she dreams about it one night, she is full of wonder and asks those around her about it. This is a story of drought, dreams, determination and hope. (QDoE)	JF	32	Drought Ocean Australia	9781760633691
36	Wild, Margaret; Rossell, Judith (illus)	Pink! (2020) Pink is a dinosaur who was born to stand out, she doesn't want to be pretty and sweet, she wants to be brave and smart. However, when she finds herself in trouble she needs to stand out and be brave. (QDoE)	JF	32	Dinosaurs Acceptance Self-confidence	9781460757499
37	McKenzie, Heath	Now that's a hat! (2019) Finding a hat can be hard. It can't be too short, too tall, too big or too small....it needs to be just right. Will dog find the perfect hat? (QDoE)	JF	24	Humorous stories Hats	9781760664022
38	McKenzie, Heath	Zoo School (2020) Things are a little different at school one day. An Elephant for a teacher, a gorilla at the desk, lemurs in the playground....what next? Who is in charge when school turns wild? (QDoE)	JF	29	School stories Humour	9781760665586
39	Ben-Barak, Idan; Frost, Julian (illus.)	Argh! There's a skeleton inside you! (2019) Imagine how strange our skeletons would be to a green alien blob! In this book you can learn all about the bones, muscles, nerves that make our hands work. (QDoE)	NF	32	Human body	9781760631635
40	O'Keefe, Maureen Jipiyliya Nampijinpa; Booth, Christina (illus)	Mum's elephant (2020) Mum has a very special object that she treasures dearly. It's her most prized possession and no one is allowed to touch it. But what is this mysterious object that looks like a shiny elephant? (QDoE)	JF	32	Special objects Teapots Mothers Relationships	9781925936728
41	Lawrence, Nina; Bancroft, Bronwyn (illus)	Clever crow (2018) Clever crow is actually a very hungry crow! He is looking for food when he spies a turtle egg about to be cooked on a fire. Snatching the egg and flying off with it is easy but hanging on to it proves very tricky indeed! (QDoE)	JF	28	Crows Eggs Indigenous language - Djambarrpuynu	9781922142610

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42	Bland, Nick	The fabulous friend machine (2016) When Popcorn the chicken finds a mobile phone she makes fabulous new friends who say, "Hello... hello... hello". But who are they? She invites them to a party and is horrified when a pack wolves arrive. (QDoE)	JF	32	Cautionary tale Personal Safety Wolves	9781760277659