

2021 Premier's reading challenge



Years 2-3 Book List

#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/ NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
1	Blackall, Sophie	Hello lighthouse (2019) Have you ever wondered what it is like to live in a lighthouse? This beautifully illustrated book shows the life of a lighthouse keeper and his family as they look after the light. What will they do when things begin to change? (QDoE)	JF	40	Family life; Picture book; Historical fiction	9781408357392
2	Gibbes, Lesley; Watson, Judy (illus.)	Searching for cicadas (2019) In this story, a child and his grandfather embark on a camping trip to go searching for cicadas. Will they find the rare Black Prince? Find out interesting facts about Cicadas on every page. (QDoE)	NF	28	Grandfathers; Insects; Natural environment	9781922244420
3	Holzwarth, Devon	Found You (2020) Sami has just moved to a new country, leaving his friends behind in his old home. He is lonely in his new home - until one day, he finds a little bird. As Sami sets off to help Little Bird find friends, will he make friends of his own along the way? (QDoE)	JF	32	Friendship	9781407196275
4	Murphy, Aunty Joy; Kelly, Andrew; Kennedy, Lisa (illus.)	Wilam: a Birrarung story (2019) Follow Birrarung, the Yarra river, on its winding journey beginning as rain falling on trees, and ending in the salt water bay. As the river winds its way from the bush to the city of Melbourne, we meet many different animals along the way. (QDoE)	NF	32	Aboriginal folklore; Australian landscape; Natural environment; Animals	9781925381764

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5	Stanton, Matt	The odds (2020) Imagine characters from your favourite books, television shows and video games came to life! That's just what happens to Kip in this funny and relatable graphic novel, from the author of the <i>Funny Kid</i> series. (QDoE)	F	208	Individuality; Graphic novel	9780733340635
6	Toering, Jodi; Harricks, Tannya (illus.)	Mallee sky (2019) Jodi Toering's poetic words along with Tannya Harricks' beautiful illustrations paint a picture of the Mallee sky and landscape; from the hot, dry, dusty drought to the long-awaited rain. (QDoE)	NF	32	Australian landscape; Environment	9781925381672
7	Do, Anh; McGuinness, Dan (illus.)	Snow Time! (2020) [Hot Dog! Series] Hotdog and his friends are looking forward to the sun, surf and sand of a tropical beach holiday. But how will they make the most of their trip when they end up in Snowville instead? (QDoE)	F	128	Holidays; Winter sports	9781743836538
8	Do, Anh; Faber, Jules (illus.)	Planet weird! (2020) [WeirDo Series] Weir Do is back with another funny adventure! Not only is it Weir's birthday, it's also Planet Day. He plans a birthday party so huge, you can see it from space! Will the party be a success, or a planet-sized disaster? (QDoE)	F	160	Birthdays; Environment;	9781743836675
9	Kelly, Andrew; Jackson, Mark (illus.); Potter, Heather (illus.)	Little Lon (2020) Little Lon tells the story of Marie Hayes, who grew up in Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, in the 1920s. The book tells the story of her daily life, as she remembers sailing boats in the gutters, eating ice-creams in summer and	NF	33	Australian history	9781742035970

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		playing with spinning tops in the street. (QDoE)				
10	Poshoglian, Yvette Danielle McDonald (illus)	Backyard campout (2020) [Ella and Olivia Series] Ella and Olivia are back with another adventure! When the girls are bored, Dad suggests they go camping – in their own backyard! (Adapted from Publisher)	F	64	Family; Camping	9781743832905
11	Rippin, Sally; Fukuoka, Aki (illus.)	The hat parade (2020) [Billie B Brown Series] Billie is having fun making hats from boxes, feathers and ribbons. She really wants to win first prize at her school's hat parade! What will she do when she has to spend the day of the parade in bed with a cold? (QDoE)	F	41	Family; Creating	9781760504984
12	Freeman, Pamela; Anelli, Liz (illus.)	Dry to dry: The seasons of Kakadu (2020) <i>Dry to Dry</i> describes the seasons of Kakadu as they move from dry, to wet, to dry again. Through beautiful illustrations, see how the landscape, plants and animals change as the weather changes throughout the year. (QDoE)	NF	29	Environment; Seasons	9781760650285
13	Pilkey, Dav	Grime and punishment (2020) [Dog man Series] The Supa Buddies bamboozled the baddies, but all's not right in the world. Dog Man has a new problem to pound, and he's going to need his entire pack to help him. Will he go barking up the wrong tree? (Publisher)	F	240	Humorous stories; Graphic novel	9781338535624

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14	Kinney, Jeff	Rowley Jefferson's awesome friendly adventure (2020) From the imagination of Rowley Jefferson comes an adventure of epic proportions. Join Roland and his best friend, Garg the Barbarian, as they leave the safety of their village and embark on a quest to save Roland's mum from the White Warlock. (Publisher)	F	271	Humorous stories	9781760897888
15	Reeder, Stephanie Owen Tania Mccartney (illus)	Australia's wild weird wonderful weather (2020) With lots of illustrations and infographics, this book is filled with fun facts about weather. How many seasons in the top end of Australia? Can it really rain frogs? Which is the wettest place in Australia? Find out these and other weird and wonderful facts about our weather. [QDoE]	NF	68	Weather	9780642279637
16	Mlynowski, Sarah	Upside down magic (2016) Nory has the magical ability to shapeshift into different animals. But her magic is a little bit wonky. So instead of being able to turn into a dragon or a kitten, she ends up as a mix of both... a dritten! Join Nory and the other students with unique magical powers in the upside down magic class. (QDoE)	F	196	Friendship; Magic; Fantasy	9780545800464
17	Walker, Anna	Lottie and Walter (2019) Lottie is afraid to go into the water. She is sure there is a shark in the pool that only she can see! Then one day, Walter appears. Walter is a walrus who loves to sing. Will Lottie's friendship with Walter help her to overcome her fears? (QDoE)	JF	36	Fear; Friendship	9780143787181

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18	Martin, Ann M. Farina, Katy (illus)	Karen's roller skates (2020) [Baby-sitters little sister series] Karen loves her roller skates, and her parents say she is a bit of a daredevil! But what happens when Karen tries a trick that is a little <i>too</i> tricky? A graphic novel adaptation of one of the spin-off books from the beloved Babysitters Club series. (QDoE)	F	125	Graphic novels.	9781338356144
19	Snaith, Tai	You might find yourself (2019) Through wonderful collage illustrations, <i>You might find yourself</i> shows us how the power of imagination can help us on the winding path of life. (QDoE)	JF	36	Imagination; Resilience	9781760760335
20	Black, Jess; Acton; Sara (illus)	Mr Walker and the dessert delight (2019) Follow the adventures of hotel dog, Mr Walker, as the hotel prepares for a very special anniversary celebration! Will a clash of two chefs cause a disaster? Inspired by the real-life Mr Walker, a Guide dog ambassador who lives at the Park Hyatt hotel in Melbourne. (QDoE)	F	96	Dogs; Cooking	9780143793083
21	Simpson, Kate; Ghosh, Ronojoy (illus)	Dear Grandpa (2019) When Henry has to move 2003 kilometres away from his Grandpa, they miss each other terribly. Told through letters, this story shows that even when they are far away, the ones we love are closer than we think. (QDoE)	JF	32	Family; Grandfathers	9781760523435

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22	Speechley, Michael	<p>The gift (2019)</p> <p>Who lives in the run-down house across the street, with the overgrown garden? Rosie knows someone lives there and decides to leave them an unusual gift. This touching story shows that even a small act of kindness can make a big difference. (QDoE)</p>	JF	32	Friendship; Kindness	9780143788980
23	West, Madeleine	<p>Orphan Annie (2018) [Lily D, V.A.P Series]</p> <p>Lily D is a V.A.P. – a very amazing performer! As she trains for the role of orphan Annie, Lily decides she needs to walk in Annie's shoes, and insists on doing everything for herself. Will her plan really help her to understand Annie? (QDoE)</p>	F	111	Entertainers; Family; Orphans	9781760683009
24	Murrell, Belinda; Geddes, Serena (illus.)	<p>Lulu Bell and the pirate fun (2020)</p> <p>Lulu Bell and her zany family are back. Lulu is at her favourite place, the farm, and is planning a pirate party for her little brother Gus's birthday. But how will she create the perfect pirate party, complete with a pirate ship, when it won't stop raining? (QDoE)</p>	F	96	Farms Parties Pirates	9780857985545
25	Kwaymullina, Ambelin	<p>Billie and the blue bike (2021)</p> <p>Billie wants the blue bike and she asks her Mum to buy it for her – but her Mum has no money to spend on a bike. She asks Uncle Jack and he won't give her the money either, but he will help her save up to buy the bike herself. This book has been designed to include financial literacy learning relevant to</p>	JF	32	Money; Personal finance	9781925936124

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		students at a Year 2 level. (Adapted from publisher)				
26	Wyatt, Edwina; Quinn, Katherine (illus.)	The secrets of Magnolia Moon (2019) Magnolia Moon is very good at keeping secrets. She knows just what to do with them, and so people are always entrusting her with their secrets! Each chapter of this book reveals a different secret Magnolia is keeping. [Adapted from Publisher]		160	Family; Friendship	9781760651541
27	Seymour, Jasmine; Watson, Leanne Mulgo (illus.)	Coeee mittigar: A story on Darug songlines Coeee mittigar, meaning come here friend, is an invitation to yana (walk), on Darug Country. This book tells a story on Darug Songlines, introducing children to Darug Nura (Country) and language. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	42	Aboriginal folklore; Seasons	9781925936865
28	Pilkey, Dav	Cat Kid comic club Fans of the Dog Man series will remember Dog Man's friend Lil' Petey. In this graphic novel, Lil' Petey decides to start a comic club – will he be able to teach 21 baby frogs to make their own comics? (QDoE)	F	173	Humour; Graphic novels	9781338712766
29	Luff, Nathan; Kennett, Chris (Illus.)	The nerd herd Barny the Lamb and his friends are sick of being picked on. So they decide to form a gang to show everyone that they are not as soft as they look. But how do three fluffy friends stand up to a cunning fox, a gigantic cat, and a bull with behavioural issues? (Publisher)	F	144	Bullying; Friendship	9781760971069

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30	Clark, Maxine Beneba; Greenburg, Nicki (illus)	Meet Taj at the lighthouse [Aussie kids series] Meet Taj! Taj lives in a lighthouse in Victoria. His family came to Australia after a long journey. It was hard at first, but now he loves his new home. (Adapted from Publisher)	F	63	Children in Australia; Lighthouses	9781760894528
31	McInerney, Amelia; Brecon, Connah (illus.)	The Book Chook Ray the chook loves his life – he gets to wear trendy clothes and drink lattes. Then he finds out he’s not really a chook – he’s just a drawing of one! Will Ray escape his book? Or will he discover that being a book chook is better than being a real chook? (QDoE)	JF	22	Books and reading; Chickens; Self-esteem	9781742994987
32	Greenberg, Nicki	Miss Kraken Nobody wants to be in Miss Kraken’s class. Who would want a big scary sea monster as a teacher? Worst of all, she has so many rules! What will happen when Miss Kraken takes her unruly class on an excursion to the aquarium? (QDoE)	JF	32	Teachers	9781760637743
33	Saxby, Claire; Harricks, Tannya (illus)	Kookaburra Kook-kook-kook. Kak-kak-kak. What is that sunrise chorus that sounds like laughter? It is a kookaburra and her family, calling over the river. Follow these iconic Australian birds as they search for food and team up to defend their territory in preparation for the nesting season. (Publisher)	NF	32	Animals; Kookaburras	9781536215199
34	French, Jackie; Snell, Danny (illus)	The fire wombat As the flames of a bushfire approach, one small wombat shelters with other animals in her burrow. But that is just the beginning of their journey	JF	24	Animals; Bushfire	9781460759332

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		to safety. When the animals emerge from the wombat's burrow, they discover a very different landscape. (Adapted from publisher)				
35	Seden, Paul McKenna, Brenton (illus.)	Meet Sam at the mangrove creek [Aussie kids Series] Meet Sam! Sam lives in the Northern Territory. He loves exploring the mangrove creek with his cousin, Peter. Sam has a new throw net, and wants to try it out – will he be able to catch a big barra? (QDoE)	F	51	Children in Australia; Mangroves	9781760894122
36	Perlman, Elliot; Laura Stitzel (illus)	Catvinkle and the missing tulips [Catvinkle Series] When best friends Catvinkle and Ula are asked to defend two sheep accused of eating Amsterdam's tulips, they're not sure what to believe. The sheep say they're innocent, but they do look very sheepish. To win this case, Catvinkle will need the help of a wolfhound, a llama, two travelling koalas, a pair of Russian bears, and a very special bird. (Publisher)	F	293	Dogs; Friendship	9781760894382
37	McGregor, Anna	Anemone is not the enemy Anemone lives alone in the rock pool. The tide comes in and the tide goes out. All Anemone wants is a friend, but friends are hard to make when you accidentally sting everyone who comes near you. Perhaps Clownfish has a solution to the problem... (Publisher)	JF	32	Friendship; Sea Life	9781922310118
38	Darlison, Aleesah; Greiner, Simon (illus)	The golden llama [League of llamas Series] The League of Llamas (LOL) are a group of secret llama agents and they're on a mission to save the world – if	F	128	Llamas; Detectives	9781760894160

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		only Agent 0011 Phillippe Lllamar, would stop looking in the mirror at his luxurious fringe and Agent 0013 Lloyd Lllamanator could resist the temptation to eat everything in his path! (Publisher)				
39	Walleystack, Phillip; Caisley, Raewyn; Leffler, Dub (illus)	Rocky and Louie (2020) Rocky teaches his little brother Louie everything he knows about Country. But Rocky will be leaving soon to play football far away and Louie is very sad. Louie makes Rocky a very special gift to ensure he comes home to County and to him. (QDoE)	JF	32	Football Brothers Belonging Identity Connection to Country Culture	9780143786528
40	Spinifex Writing Camp children; Aitken, Chris; James, Ann (illus)	Hello, hello (2020) Walking home in the dark can be a bit scary! But singing a song as you go and trying to guess what is hiding in the dark can make it not so spooky. A QR code lets you listen and learn the song.	JF	38	Songs Night time Fear Darkness	9780648586418