

2021 Premier's reading challenge



Years 4-5 Book List

#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/ NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
1	Amoore, Nat	Secrets of a schoolyard millionaire (2019) There's a right and a wrong side to most things, and when Tess finds a million dollars in her backyard, some of her decisions are wrong. As her Top Tip 30 says: We all make mistakes. Learn from them and change. (QDoE)	F	270	Friendship School stories Money	9780143796374
2	Wilkinson, Carole; Pittock, Prue (illus)	Matthew Flinders Adventures on Leaky Ships (2020) A pictorial account of Matthew Flinders voyages from England to Terra Australis, and his explorations of Australia and Van Diemen's land. Maps, timelines and detailed illustrations provide information about his travels and the hardships encountered on leaky ships. (QDoE)	NF	37	History Explorers	9781742034935
3	Prior, Natalie Jane; Howe, Simon (illus)	Naughty dragons make trouble (2020) Imagine having two baby dragons to stay? Complete with Dragon Mover transport, a Dragon Emergency service for when things go wrong, DragonPlay – a mobile dragon play centre, and of course a can of Dragon Freeze for when things get totally crazy! (QDoE)	F	183	Fantasy Dragons	9781760505554

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4	Chun, Matt	<p>Australian mammals (2020)</p> <p>Matt Chun's full page pencil and watercolour illustrations provide a close up view of sixteen of Australia's unique mammals. The accompanying text details description, habitat, life cycles, diet and behaviour, making this book the perfect source for research. (QDoE)</p>	NF	36	Animals	9781760506759
5	Ivanoff, George	<p>The Human Body Survival Guide (2020)</p> <p>Want to know all about the human body? This visual guide is a feast for the senses! With a focus on gross to engage young readers, Ivanoff provides detailed information on the human anatomy. A must for aspiring medicos! (QDoE)</p>	NF	170	Biology Anatomy	9781760896744
6	McDonald, Andrew; Wood, Ben (illus)	<p>Get Bready (2020) [Real Pigeons #6]</p> <p>The pigeons are in trouble. The Mayor of the city has a hatred of birds so decides to ban them all, and a bread monster is causing a shortage of food. Can the pigeons survive to fight crime once more? (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	224	Humour Crime	9781760505301
7	Saxby, Claire; Racklyeft Jess (illus)	<p>Iceberg (2020)</p> <p>An exquisite description of the life cycle of an iceberg, and the biodiversity it supports, written in rich literary verse text. Mixed media illustrations enhance the text, inspiring awe. An amazing artwork to connect readers with this pristine environment. (QDoE)</p>	NF	27	Antarctica Sustainability Climate change Seasons Natural environment	9781760526047

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8	Bayly, Sami	The illustrated encyclopaedia of dangerous animals (2020) Behind every dangerous animal is a clever adaptation to ensure their survival. Bayly's realistic watercolour images are almost photographic in their detail while the informative text provides a wealth of knowledge for inquiring minds. (QDoE)	NF	128	Adaptations Animals	9780734420015
9	Harman, Alice; Lozano, Andres (illus)	Climate change and how we'll fix it (2020) This colourful guide to climate change gives equal weight to the facts, the problems and the solutions required to make a difference to our planet. (QDoE)	NF	63	Climate change Environment Problem solving	9781925847956
10	Dellavedova, Matthew; Ortega, Nathalie (illus)	Going for gold (2020) [Daring Delly #3] Sam and Delly are billeting basketball players from Japan and America. When disaster strikes and the Tri-nation Basketball Tournament is about to be cancelled, can the Maryborough Blazers field a team? (QDoE)	F	142	Sport School Basketball Friendship	9781743832028
11	Gifford, Lucinda	The wolves of Greycoat Hall (2020) The wolves of Morovia love to travel, and are delighted that Scotland, their ancestral homeland, has opened its borders again to wolves. Join the Greycoats on their holiday adventure, and immerse yourself in adventures, Scottish culture and history. (QDoE)	F	222	Wolves History Travel	9781760651596
12	Knowles, Laura; Madden,	We build our homes (2018)	NF	64	Animal Habitats	9781925695229

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	Chris (illus)	Explore the architectural skills of 26 animals from across the world. Birds, minibeasts and mammals, including humans, all display their creative genius in building homes for their families in this visual guide. (QDoE)				
13	Sieveking, Laura	The Secret Journal (2020) [Ella at Eden #2] When Ella discovers a hidden journal and a secret passage at Eden College, she has her story for the newspaper. Whose journal was it? Why was there a secret passage? These questions and more are answered at the Alumni Luncheon. (QDoE)	F	183	School Friendship Secrets History	9781743834947
14	Herrick, Steven	Zoe, Max and the Bicycle Bus A joyous and inspiring verse novel about community working together to make a difference. The kids in class 5D, the lollypop man, and their teacher, start their own cycle revolution and become passionate advocates for pedal power. (QDoE)	F	240	Action Sustainability Family Friendship Humour	9780702263002
15	Reeder, Stephanie Owen; McCartney, Tania (illus)	Australia's wild weird wonderful weather (2020) This compendium contains a collection of concise but detailed information about everything weather related, including indigenous weather knowledge, climate change and extreme records. McCartney's colourful visuals and infographics elevate this book to a work of art. (QDoE)	NF	68	Weather Seasons Climate	9780642279637

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16	Harvey, Jacqueline	Full Speed (2020) [Kensy and Max #6] Kensy and Max are whisked away to Zermatt, Switzerland on a Pharos mission. They are on a mission for justice and they won't stop until it's served. Crack the QWERTY code to decipher the hidden messages. (Adapted from publisher)	F	357	Secret agents Switzerland	9781760890025
17	Gordon, Kate; Flett, Sandy (illus)	Juno Jones Book sleuth (2020) [Juno Jones #3] Juno Jones finds the perfect library book, the best book ever, and can't stop rereading it. Her plan to reborrow it is thwarted when the book disappears from the library. A full-scale court case ensues to discover the book's whereabouts! (QDoE)	F	108	School Books Reading	9780648492566
18	Do, Ahn; Creagh, Lachlan (illus)	The secret cave (2020) [Wolf girl #3] Gwen, Rupert and her trusty canine pack need to overcome many challenges in their attempts to escape the enemies and continue the search for her family. Along the way they make some good friends to assist them in their quest. (QDoE)	F	189	Dogs Bravery Adventure Survival	9781760876371
19	Lai, Remy	Fly on the wall (2020) Henry is about to get caught for writing an anonymous blog on his school website. Instead he decides to board a plane to Singapore. That will prove his independence from his over-protective family. Nothing can possibly go wrong! (QDoE)	F	330	Family Cartoon Martial arts Independence	9781760652654

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20	Amoore, Nat	The power of positive pranking (2020) Casey Wu and the Green Peas club at Watterson Primary, use their prankster skills to be activists. Their plot to expose the Mayor takes pranking to the next level. Sometimes you need to take action to make a difference. (QDoE)	F	351	School stories Practical jokes Activism	9780143796381
21	Do, Ahn Jules Faber (illus)	Vote Weirdo (2020) [Weirdo #14] Can a bad haircut ruin your chances of being voted class captain? Weir Do hopes not as he attempts to persuade his classmates to vote for him. (QDoE)	F	149	Humour School	9781743836668
22	Hart, Alison	School rules are optional (2020) Year 6 is all about school captains, school camp and Year 6 jerseys. Jesse doesn't want to be school captain, hates school camp and has lost his Year 6 jersey on his first day. Surely the year can only get better? (DoE)	F	185	Humour Responsibility Friendship School Family	9781760525712
23	Griffiths, Andy; Denton, Terry	The 130-storey treehouse (2020) Only Andy and Terry could be chosen to represent their planet in an intergalactic death battle with a giant flying eyeball. The tree house has 13 new levels, so come on up! (QDoE)	F	315	Humour Writing Space	9781760786168
24	Denton, Terry	Terry Denton's really truly amazing guide to everything (2020) Become a 'Professor of (almost) Everything' in true Terry Denton humorous, pictorial style. Guaranteed to engage, entertain and	NF	259	Science Life Weather Biology	9781760898922

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		impart vital facts simultaneously. (QDoE)				
25	Greenwood, Mark; Tulloch, Carol (illus)	The Book of Stone (2019) A rich literary text revealing the true beauty and boundless qualities of stones. From its informative end papers to the pictorial text, every page highlights the myriad of stones which serve a purpose in our world, past and present. (QDoE)	NF	40	Geology Crystals Rocks	9781760650872
26	Flannery, Tim; Caldwell, Sam (illus)	Deep Dive into Deep Sea (2020) Travel with world renowned scientist Tim Flannery to the different zones of the ocean; the twilight zone, the midnight zone, and the abyss. Meet the creatures who inhabit each zone and learn how they have adapted to extreme conditions. (QDoE)	NF	126	Oceans Biology	9781760507275
27	Norton Lodge, Zoe; Norton Lodge, Georgia (illus)	Elizabella and the great tuckshop takeover (2019) When Bilby Creek Primary School tuckshop is taken over by Nutriicorp, Miss Duck the tuckshop lady needs to put her skills to work elsewhere. Can Elizabella – the champion of impossible - defeat the evil corporation and restore order at school? (QDoE)	F	217	School stories Problem solving	9781760650551
28	Dubosarsky, Ursula; Nielsen, Christopher (illus)	Pierre's not there (2020) An intriguing story from Australian Children's Laureate, Ursula Dubosarsky. Lara and Pierre adventure through time and place via the magical scenes of a puppetry playscript. Friendship and trust win through, as Pierre searches	F	193	Puppets Fairytale Dogs Wolves Trust Friendship	9781760525934

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		for his long lost family. (QDoE)				
29	Stanton, Matt	The Odds (2020) Kip has the power to bring her imagination to life, in the shape of ten odd characters who arrive in her world. Kip and her Dad decide they are all a bit odd, which is just another word for special. (QDoE)	F	199	Graphic novel Friendship School Identity	9780733340635
30	Helliar, Peter; Vamos, Lesley (illus)	Frankie Fish and the Wild Wild Mess (2020) [Frankie Fish 5] Does the medicine man hold the secret to Frankie Fish's grandad's forgetfulness? Frankie and Drew take the sonic suitcase for another time travelling expedition to the Wild West to find the answer. (Adapted from publisher)	F	260	Family Adventure Time Travel	9781760502904
31	Hayes, Nicole; Beck, Adrian; Hart, James (illus)	Taking Sides (2020) [AFL Little legends] When Sanjay arrives at his new school he quickly discovers that footy can break down barriers and help him make friends. Sanjay wins tickets to a game of his favourite team and everyone wants to help him choose a team! (QDoE)	F	160	Sport Football AFL	9781760505431
32	Harvey, Jacqueline ;	Alice Miranda in the Outback (2020) Alice Miranda and her friends are heading to Hope Springs Station to help with the cattle mustering. They discover the outback is full of adventures and big Aussie bush characters. Can Miranda help find the hidden treasure? (Adapted from publisher)	F	367	Outback life Mining Treasure	9781760891039

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33	Farrell, Holly	<p>Get Growing – A family guide to gardening (2020)</p> <p>Become a green thumb with this comprehensive guide to gardening for children. Learn to identify and propagate plants, grow vegetables and herbs, how and when to water and feed your plants and more.</p> <p>(QDoE)</p>	NF	176	Gardening Nature	9781925847727
34	Tanner, Lian	<p>A Clue for Clara (2020)</p> <p>Can a small scruffy chook become a famous detective with her own television show? The town of Little Dismal needs help, and maybe Clara and Olive can use their skills to solve the crimes. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	310	Mystery Humour Rural Life	9781760877699
35	Spratt, R.A.	<p>The Final Mission (2020) [Peski Kids #5]</p> <p>The epic conclusion to the Peski Kids series. Is Currawong big enough for a team of international espionage agents and a potato festival? The order is to act normal and avoid detection – but for the Peski kids that is impossible.</p> <p>(Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	255	Siblings Country life Spies	9781760895785
36	Various authors (9)	<p>Twinkle twinkle little bat (2018)</p> <p>An anthology of beastly bedtime stories from some of Australia's most loved children's authors, including Andy Griffiths, Tim Harris, R.A. Spratt and more. These stories are sure to have kids shaking in their bed... with laughter.</p> <p>(Adapted from Publisher)</p>	F	188	Humour Short stories	9781760557263

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37	Briggs, Adam; Moon, Kate (illus); Sarraf, Rachael (illus)	Our home, our heartbeat (2020) Based on Briggs' rap song, <i>The children came back</i> , this picture book is a celebration of past and present Indigenous legends, as well as emerging generations. It is a story of great hope and promise. (QDoE) (The original song is available to view on YouTube)	NF	24	Picture book Indigenous heroes and legends Rap song Stolen generations Identity Pride	9781760504168
38	Castles, Jennifer; Seden, Paul (illus)	Say yes: a story of friendship, fairness and a vote for hope (2017) A fictional story about true events surrounding the 1967 Referendum, seen through the eyes of two little girls. Although they are best friends and have much in common, they are each treated differently by society because of the colour of their skin. (QDoE)	NF	32	Picture book Civil rights Referendum Friendship Fairness Discrimination	9781760294670
39	Burne, Cristy; Burnett, Amanda (illus)	To the lighthouse (2017) When anxious Isaac and risk-taker Emmy meet on a holiday island, they are aware of their differing parental restrictions. Their daring escapades lead them to discover that trust and honesty are more important than peer acceptance. (QDoE)	F	112	Friendship Adventure	9781925164619
40	Do, Ahn; Emdin, Anton (illus)	Ninja Giants (2020) [Ninja Kid #6] Nelson and Kenny want to be taller to go on all the rides at the Halloween Fair – but messing with Granny's size converter brings a whole new set of problems! Can Ninja Kid and H-Dude save the day? (QDoE)	F	186	Inventions	9781743835135

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41	Milroy, Helen	<p>Wombat, mudlark and other stories (2019)</p> <p>This is a collection of charming tales told in the style of traditional Dreaming stories. From a falling star to a lonely whale, an entertaining lizard to an enterprising penguin, these stories are full of wonder, adventure and enduring friendships. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	103	Animals Folklore Adventure Friendship	9781925815818
42	Morgan, Sally; Sheehan, Peter	<p>Charlie Burr and the three stolen dollars [Charlie Burr series] (2011)</p> <p>To get back in mum's good books, Charlie has to quickly find a way to recoup the three dollars he 'borrowed'. He also wants to convince mum to keep a dingo pup dad found. Of course chaos soon ensues but Charlie is never short of a resourceful plan! (QDoE)</p>	F	118	Family Humour Dingoes Money Problem solving	9781921714047