

2021 Premier's reading challenge



Years 8-9 Book List

#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
1	Alexander, Kwame; Anyabwile, Dawud (illus)	The Crossover (2020) A graphic novel told in verse. The story follows the journey of twin brothers that share a love of basketball. Winner of the 2015 Newberry medal and Coretta Scott King Award. (QDoE)	F	240	Family	9780544107717
2	Anderson, Clayton.C	It's a question of space (2018) Covering topics as intriguing as walking in space, what astronauts are supposed to do when they see UFOs, and what role astronauts play in espionage, Anderson's book is written in an accessible question-and-answer format that covers nearly all aspects of life in space imaginable (Adapted from publisher)	NF	224	Space	9781496205087
3	Asphyxia	Future girl (2020) Set in futuristic Melbourne, Piper comes of age as a deaf girl. As an environmental catastrophe threatens she realises there are more important things to worry about than being 'normal' (QDoE)	F	384	Coming of age	9781760294373
4	Archbold, Charlie	Indigo owl (2020) Narrated by three voices on the same journey, elements of surprise and questions of trust keep the reader on the edge as mysteries piece together. (QDoE)	F	336	Fantasy Dystopia n	9781743057322
5	Arja, Rawah	F team (2020) Choices can have serious consequences and Tariq learns this the hard way. With complications all around him he has to find out what it takes to really be a leader.(QDoE)	F	368	Coming of age	9781925818543



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6	Brown, Don	Machines that think! Big ideas that changed the world; 2. (2020) Be amazed as Don Brown takes you on exploration of computers and technology. Did you ever wonder where smart phones came from? Here's the place to find out. (QDoE)	NF	128	Technology	9781419740985
7	Brydon, Alli; Iredale, Julia (illus)	Myths and legends of the world: Lonely Planet Kids(2019) Time travel to 21 awe inspiring places as you visit every corner of the globe. Past generations, heroes and the fates of mortals are waiting to be discovered. Beautifully illustrated. (QDoE)	NF	192	Myths and Legends	9781788683074
8	Di Bartolo, Jim	The boy who became a dragon (2020) The visually explosive story of martial arts legend Bruce Lee. Read about the determination it takes to become a global star.(QDoE)	NF	240	Biography	9781338134117
9	DiMartino, Michael Dante	Legend of Kora. Ruins of the empire. Part 1 (2020) The sequel to 'Avatar: The Last Airbender,' Korra is introduced as the new Avatar 70 years on. The world is now separated into four nations and Korra must perfect a new craft. (QDoE)	F	128	Fantasy Adventure	9781506708942
10	Do, Anh; Hart, James (illus)	Sky dragon (2020) Controlling her new ability might be the hardest thing Amber has ever done. Especially when she is running for her life. Who is her mysterious enemy? What connection does he have to Amber's past? And, most importantly, does Amber have what it takes to truly become . . . Sky dragon? (Adapted from publisher)	F	232	Adventure	9781760876364
11	Facey, A.B	A fortunate life: Edition for young readers (2018) The autobiography of Albert Facey a private at Gallipoli during World War 1. Bert lived an extraordinary life to the full. (QDoE)	NF	200	Autobiography	9781925591446

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12	Fraillon, Zana	Lost soul atlas (2020) Protagonist Twig discovers his afterlife is not as expected. With a comforting amount of humour, Twig and Flea face the ultimate test of loyalty. (QDoE)	F	240	Friendship Fantasy	9780734419934
13	Fusillo, Archimede	Tribal lores (2020) An honest look at the importance of looking past the things that make us different and focusing on the things we share. (QDoE)	F	432	Sense of belonging	9781760651954
14	Greder, Armin	Diamonds (2020) An excellent picture book for readers wanting to learn about world issues in a thought-provoking way. Great discussion starter. (QDoE)	PB	36	Equality	9781760877040
15	Gregg, Stacy	The forever horse (2020) This book is a must for horse lovers. You will be enchanted by Maisie's adventure to Paris and the joy that unfolds. (QDoE)	F	240	Adventure	9780008332358
16	Gulledge, Laura Lee	The dark matter of Mona Starr (2020) Learn how Mona turns her fears into strengths and discover a new way to look for meaning and connections. (QDoE)	F	192	Self-discovery	9781419742002
17	Hanningan, Kate; Spaziante Patrick (illus)	The league of secret heroes: Cape book 1 (2020) Have you ever dreamed of being a super hero? See what happens when Josie and her friends become the new caped heroes in town. (QDoE)	F	352	Adventure	9781534439122
18	Hart, Christopher	Master guide to drawing anime: How to draw original characters from simple templates.(new edition 2018) Become an artist. Best-selling how to draw author, Christopher Hart, will show you how. Learn to draw the six most popular types of anime. (QDoE)	NF	144	Anime	9781936096862
19	Honey, Elizabeth	From Stella Street to Amsterdam: and everything that happened. (2021)	F	432	Adventure/ Mystery	9781865084541

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		When Henni travels with his neighbour to Amsterdam there are a few unexpected surprises along the way. Will Henni find out the families mystery secret from World War II? (QDoE)				
20	Higgie, Rebecca	The history of mischief (2020) What would you do if you found a book called <i>The History of Mischief</i> under the floorboards at your grandmother's house? Be amazed at the lengths Jessie will go to find out its accuracy. (QDoE)	F	376	Mystery	9781925816266
21	Jennings, Paul	Untwisted, the story of my life. (2020) If you've loved Paul Jenning's stories, get to know the man behind your favorite tales. Maybe even learn a thing or two from a pro. Unreal! (QDoE)	NF	336	Autobiography	9781760525828
22	Kaufman, Amie & Spooner, Meagan	The other side of the sky (2020) You won't want to put this one down. A thrilling love story told in alternate voices. The power of good overcomes darkness. (QDoE)	F	480	Fantasy	978176063765
23	King, Jonathan	Inkberg enigma (2020) A boy who loves books and a girl who loves adventure team up to uncover a dark secret in their home fishing town. (QDoE)	F	128	Graphic book	9781776572663
24	Kirtley, Sophie	The wild way home (2020) A wild, big-hearted adventure as Charlie and the Stone Age boy set out together to find what they have lost – their courage, their hope, their family and their way home. (Adapted from publisher)	F	256	Adventure	9781526616289
25	MacDibble, Bren	Across the risen sea (2020) Neoma and Jag and their small community are living gentle lives on high ground surrounded by the risen sea that has caused widespread devastation. When strangers from the Valley of the Sun arrive unannounced, the friends find themselves drawn into a web of secrecy and lies that endangers the way of life of their	F	288	Adventure	9781760526054

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		entire community. (Adapted from Publisher)				
26	Marwood, Lorraine	<p>Footprints on the moon (2020)</p> <p>A breathtaking verse novel about one girl finding the courage to take her own small steps for humankind.</p> <p>Humans are about to leave footprints on the moon, but what sort of mark can one girl make here on earth?</p> <p>(Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	256		9780702262838
27	Meddings, Lize	<p>The sad ghost club (2021)</p> <p>Ever feel alone or like you don't fit in? Discover what it takes to be part of the sad ghost club, where you are never alone.(QDoE)</p>	F	208	Identity	9781444957358
28	Moore, Cath	<p>Metal fish, falling snow (2020)</p> <p>Dylan dreams of going to Paris where she might fit in and no one will notice the colour of her skin. When her mother dies she heads off on a totally different adventure. (QDoE)</p>	F	272	Belonging	9781922330079
29	O'Donnell, Kate	<p>This one is ours (2020)</p> <p><i>This one is ours</i> is a call to action for anyone who feels helpless about the state of society, as well as an ode to all the tiny beautiful things that make our world worth saving. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	312	Adventure	9780702260285
30	Oliver, Ben	<p>Loop,1 (2020)</p> <p>The world is changing and Luka has to face a new reality where he must struggle against the power of technology to save those he loves. (QDoE)</p>	F	384	Science - fiction	9781912626557
31	Plozza, Shivaun	<p>The boy, the wolf and the stars (2020)</p> <p>Young Bo is charged with a monumental task: freeing the land of its curse by returning the stars to the sky. If Bo releases the stars, he can make a wish of his own and maybe find the mother who left him behind.</p> <p>(Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	384	Adventure	9781760893453

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32	Springer, Nancy	Enola Holmes, Case of the missing marquess (2020) Upon the disappearance of their mother, Enola Holmes, the child sister of Sherlock and Mycroft Holmes runs away to become a fugitive private detective herself. (Adapted from publisher)	F	240	Mystery	9781760878696
33	Stalenhag, Simon	Tales from the loop (2020) These are the tales of an extraordinary journey: from the small towns of Sweden to the deserts of Nevada to the bitter chill of Siberia. A journey where children make friends with abandoned robots... in a world where dinosaurs roam freely. (Adapted from publisher)	PB/F	128	Dystopia n	9781471194412
34	Tait, A.L	The fire star (2020) An intense page turner. With only three days to solve a mystery Maven and Reeve could lose everything. (QDoE)	F	320	Mystery	9781760897079
35	Townsend, Jessica	Hollowpox: The hunt for Morrigan Crow (2020) Morrigan Crow faces her most dangerous challenge yet in her latest wondrous adventure. (Adapted from publisher)	F	528	Adventur e	9780734418241
36	Tan, Shaun	Dog (2020) A delightful look at the relationship between dogs and humans. (QDoE)	JF	40	Relations hips	9781760526139
37	Parr, Lesley	The Valley of Lost Secrets (2021) A hidden skull found in a tree starts a mysterious adventure. Jimmy needs to find out who he can trust to help discover the secrets of the skull. (QDoE)	F	304	Mystery	9781526620521
38	Jonsberg, Barry	A song only I can hear (2018) Rob is determined to impress the new girl at school, but it's difficult for a super-shy kid. Then an anonymous texter starts sending Rob challenges. A novel about dreaming big, being brave and	F	288	Self- confidenc e, friendship, individuali ty	9781760630836

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		marching to the beat of your own drum. (Adapted from publisher)				
39	Falkner, Brian	Katipoe Joe, Blitzkrieg (2020) Schoolboy, spy, assassin. Joseph is the son of diplomats in 1930s Berlin. The Nazis are on the rise. After escaping from Germany with his mother, Joe is recruited by British Intelligence, given a mission to infiltrate the Hitler Youth movement. (Adapted from publisher)	F	416	War, spies	9781775436447
40	Tapsell, Miranda	Top End girl (2020) Miranda Tapsell's belief in the saying 'you can't be what you can't see' inspired her to write this memoir while still quite young. She wants to show young people that age, gender, race, and physique should not be a barrier to success.	NF	305	Autobiography memoir Diversity Celebrity Family Identity Film/movies/TV	9780733642432
41	Various authors Sally Morgan (Editor)	Remembered by heart (2014) From life in the desert to growing up on a mission, enduring devastating policies in the 1930s to bravely seizing new opportunities in the 1960s, these are fifteen true stories reflect a diverse range of Aboriginal Australian experiences. (Publisher)	NF	172	Autobiographical True stories Survival Family Community	9781922089779
42	Kwaymullina, Ambellin	Living on stolen land (2020) Behind the pretty cover of this innocuous-looking book is a collection of prose-poetry that really packs a punch. It is a challenging, thought-provoking and highly original study of the impact of colonisation. (QDoE)	NF	64	History Colonisation Decolonisation Culture Free verse	9781925936247