

2022 Premier's reading challenge



Early Childhood Book List – 0-5 years

#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
1	Allen, Sarah	<p>Busy beaks (2020)</p> <p>Spend a day with Australia's most vibrant and unique feathered friends. Full of splashing shorebirds, clattering cockatoos, parading penguins and greedy galahs. The perfect introduction to Australian birds of all shapes and sizes. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	NF	32	Australian birds	9781925 972948
2	Allen, Sarah	<p>Jumping joeys (2021)</p> <p>Journey through the night with some of Australia's most fascinating furry friends. Meet waddling wombats, bounding bilbies, peculiar possums and daring devils in this delightful introduction to our cute and quirky marsupials. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	NF	32	Australian marsupials	9781922 626004
3	Barton, Ashleigh; Heiduczek, Martina (illus.)	<p>What do you call your grandma? (2021)</p> <p>So many grandmothers of so many nationalities. Is your grandmother a Bibi, a Nonna or a Ja Ja? 'Across the globe these grandmas roam', along with many, many more. All these grandmothers have a love of their grandchild in common. An informative glossary is included. (QDoE)</p>	NF	32	Family Grandmothers Inclusivity Multicultural	9780733 340840



#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
4	Barton, Ashleigh; Heiduczek, Martina (illus.)	What do you call your grandpa? (2020) So many grandfathers of so many nationalities. Is your grandfather a Saba, a Taid or a Yo? All these grandfathers have a love of their grandchild in common. An informative glossary is included. (QDoE)	NF	32	Family Grandfathers Inclusivity Multicultural	9780733 340864
5	Blackwood, Freya	The unwilling twin (2020) Jules and George are alike in every way. A quirky, funny view of identical twins. They are the same but are very, very different. Jules is a child and George is her pet pig. Engaging, humorous illustrations support the story. (QDoE)	JF	32	Friendship Pet pigs Twins	9781460 757536
6	Brumm, John	Bluey: daddy putdown (2021) It's Dad's turn to get Bluey and Bingo ready for bed. Will the daddy putdown go to plan? Bluey is an award-winning preschool show about Bluey, a blue heeler pup, and her family. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Bedtime Family	9781761 041174
7	Bunting, Laura; Johnston, Nicky (illus.)	Coco and the bee (2021) Coco is loving her new life in Tabby Valley. There are magical seeds to plant in the garden, and new friends to make. But when Coco meets a bee, and then a boy called Max, Coco realises that things aren't always what you think they might be. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	48	Bees Gardening Nature	9781760 975265

#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
8	Bunting, Philip	<p>Not cute (2020)</p> <p>Get a giggle from a quokka who desires to be anything but cute. Quokka would prefer to be dangerous or scary or deadly. Follow the illustrations as Quokka tries to convince his friends that he is not cute.</p> <p>CBCA 2021 Picture Book of the Year - Honours. (QDoE)</p>	JF	32	Identity Humour	9781760 972387
9	Bunting, Philip	<p>Wild about mums (2021)</p> <p>A book full of fascinating facts about animal mothers and the lengths they will go to in raising their babies. Clever, humorous illustrations complement the text. (QDoE)</p>	NF	24	Animal mothers Baby animals	9781760 507633
10	Cheng, Christopher; King, Stephen Michael (illus.)	<p>Bear and Rat (2021)</p> <p>Bear and Rat are the best of friends who do everything together, but Rat wonders if Bear will always be there to hold her hand, no matter what happens. A powerful and uplifting story about loving friendship, even through the hardest of times. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	JF	32	Friendship	9781760 896287
11	Clarke, Jane; Teckentrup, Britta (illus.)	<p>Tiptoe tiger (2021)</p> <p>Tara the tiger cub has too much energy left at bedtime. These interactive pages help Tara to settle down and snuggle into bed. (QDoE)</p>	JF	24	Animals Bedtime Interactive book	9781788 006538
12	Dickson, Sarina; Tapper, Hilary Jean (illus.)	<p>A stick and a stone (2021)</p> <p>Loved ones, family and friends make many discoveries on their camping journey into the forest. They find feathers, a fossil, a web and a leaf. A complication is added by a cheeky parrot. (QDoE)</p>	JF	32	Camping Family and friends Nature	9781869 714697

#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
13	Dreiling, Katrin	A perfect pig (2021) Anton Pig is a perfectionist. Everything must be neat and in place. How will he cope when his surprise birthday arrangements for Lola don't go as planned? (QDoE)	JF	32	Humour Party planning Pigs	9781760 974374
14	Finn, Maura; Rycroft, Nina (illus.)	This is the dog (2021) The dog with the half-crumpled ear breaks free from the pet shop and goes in search of a home with someone to care for him. (QDoE)	JF	32	Dogs Friendship Rhyming story	9781775 435853
15	Godwin, Jane; Sala, Felicita (illus.)	Arno and his horse (2020) When Arno can't find a small wooden horse carved by his grandfather, he is distraught. Arno's family and friends help with the search but it's not to be found... until Arno dreams of his grandfather's favourite place. (QDoE)	JF	32	Friendship Loss Grandfathers	9781925 849486
16	Graham, Bob	Maxine (2021) Maxine is born into a superhero family. Her parents and brother Max embrace the superhero lifestyle. Unsure how she feels about carrying on the family tradition, Maxine does this in her own way. (QDoE)	JF	40	Family Individuality Superheros	9781406 387636
17	Graham, Brooke; Tatlow-Lord, Robin (illus.)	Go away, Worry Monster! (2020) Worry Monster loves 'helping' Archie worry, especially the night before he starts his new school. Archie feels so anxious that his head hurts, his tummy flutters and his heart pounds. He soon realizes the only way to feel better is to make Worry Monster go away. He does his belly breaths and faces facts to challenge his inner fears. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Anxiety	9781925 820393

#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
18	Hathorn, Libby; Hathorn-Jarman, Lisa (illus.)	No! Never! (2020) Georgie is a sweet child until she learns to manipulate others by using the words, 'No! Never!'. The family dilemma and resulting chaos is solved by some clever reverse-psychology from Mum and Dad. CBCA 2021 Book of the Year: Early Childhood – Winner. (QDoE)	JF	32	Behaviour Family	9780734 418906
19	Hutchings, Maggie; Sala, Felicita (illus.)	Your birthday was the best (2020) A sneaky cockroach is an uninvited guest at a birthday party. It then participates in all the party games and has a great time, much to the horror of the birthday boy. The humour is enhanced by the illustrations. (QDoE)	JF	32	Birthdays Cockroaches Humour	9781925 972535
20	Ip, Rachel; Hughes, Laura (illus.)	The forgettery (2021) Amelia and her granny both forget things. Amelia because she is very young and her granny because she is very old. Together they visit The Forgettery where lost memories are stored. A heart-warming story of love and understanding. (QDoE)	JF	32	Grandmothers Memory loss	9781405 294768
21	Jacobson, Megan; Feiner, Beck (illus.)	Big love (2021) No matter how different our families may be, the one thing we all have in common is love. The evocative text and vibrant artwork explore the boundless love of a parent, comparing the scope of the familiar and the great unknown to the love they have for their child. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Family Love and affection	9781760 652890
22	Jinks, Catherine; King, Stephen Michael (illus.)	Barney (2018) Barney is a pet dog with a huge appetite. He loves all types of food which he is very good at sneaking from his family who love him. (QDoE)	JF	32	Dogs Family Food Pets	9781742 996226

#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
23	Lester, Alison	Growl like a tiger (2021) A read along together book for adults with younger children. Pretend to be a variety of noisy animals. 'Laugh like a kookaburra. Trumpet like an elephant'. A good early learning book. (QDoE)	JF	12	Animal noises Board book	9781760 526337
24	Lester, Alison	Noni the pony counts to a million (2021) Noni the pony has so many things to count. Starting with easy one to 10 in text and illustrations. 'Seven fat puppies play hide-and-seeek'. Noni finishes her day and counting with millions of stars. (QDoE)	JF	24	Counting Rhyming	9781760 524395
25	McGeachin, Jess	Frankie and the fossil (2021) Frankie knows everything there is to know about dinosaurs. But when she ignores a sign at the museum and is followed home by a friendly fossil, Frankie finds there's more to dinosaurs than she ever imagined. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Dinosaurs	9781760 898847
26	Meatheringham, Catherine; Hudson, Deb (illus.)	All dogs bark (2021) An exploration of languages and countries all around the world through the way that dogs bark to say, 'hello'. In France it's 'jappe', China 'wang' and Bali 'kong'. The illustrations support the text as they are set in the featured country. (QDoE)	NF	28	Countries Dogs Languages Multicultural	9781922 081353
27	Morgan, Sally; Malibirr, Johnny Warrkatja (illus.)	The river (2021) A beautifully illustrated celebration of the life of the river. The reader takes a journey of what their eyes can see and their ears can hear. See green ants crawling, hear frogs croaking, a goanna running, a fish splashing. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	32	River life Animals Senses – sight and sound	9781922 613028

#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
28	O'Meara, Susan; Mes, Yvonne (illus.)	Trouble in the hen house (2021) When Ellie May, Audrey and Daisy can no longer stand the hot summer days that are cooking their eggs before they're even laid, Farmer John has to come up with an inventive solution. A fun rhyming story about farm life in the Australian summer and some very determined chickens. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Chickens Farms Rhyming story Summer heat	9780648 492597
29	Parappukaran, Sandhya; Pereira, Michelle (illus.)	The boy who tried to shrink his name (2021) Zimdalamashkermishkada is the new boy at school with the tricky name. His friendship with Elly helps him as she visits his home embracing his culture, learning his name a syllable at a time, while their friendship grows. (QDoE)	JF	32	Acceptance Friendship Inclusive Multicultural	9781760 509361
30	Pesenti, Antonia	Rhyme hungry (2021) From instant poodles to cheese ghostie, <i>Rhyme hungry</i> is the ultimate book of lunchtime wordplay! Flip the flaps to reveal unexpected rhymes and bold, bright illustrations. A book that will delight adults, appeal to design lovers, and get young kids squealing and begging to read it again and again. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	20	Board book Food Lift the flap book Rhyming	9781922 310828
31	Pyke, Josh; Parton, Daron (illus.)	Chatterpus (2021) Chatterpus is always chatting. Glenn likes to be quiet. Although they are so different they can still be good friends. (QDoE)	JF	32	Chatting Friendship	9781760 976491

#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
32	Rees, Jimmy; Stewart, Briony (illus.)	Bedtime sorted (2021) The bedtime routine of a bath, tuck into bed, a story and a kiss all goes smoothly for Dad. Keeping Lenny and the twins in their beds is the problem. They have so many excuses. 'I'm thirsty, I need another blanket, I'm too hot'. A humorous view into a common family drama. (QDoE)	JF	32	Bedtime Family Parenting	9781922 419064
33	Rippin, Sally; Gifford, Lucinda (illus.)	Big dog, little dog (2021) Big dog has a perfect, though boisterous life. Then little dog moves in and changes occur. It's a journey of give and take, from both, until they learn to live happily together. (QDoE)	JF	32	Dogs Pets	9781760 506117
34	Shanahan, Lisa; Rudge, Leila (illus.)	Hello world (2021) Follow a toddler on a fun filled day of exploration, discovery and play. (QDoE)	JF	24	Family Rhyming story Toddlers	9780733 340826
35	Stephen, Beth; Stephen, Byll; Howe, Simon (illus.)	Boss of your own body (2021) A book to empower young kids. 'You're not the boss of many things because you're little and still learning. You're not the boss of anyone else, you've got to let them be themselves. But you ARE the boss of one thing'. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	24	Self- awareness	9780733 341724
36	Stewart, Briony	We love you, Magoo (2020) Magoo is a very energetic puppy. His naughty behavior is gently directed by his loving family. Bright, uncluttered illustrations add to the story. (QDoE)	JF	32	Dogs Family Pets Rules	9781760 896904

#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
37	Stuart, Scott	Who's a goose? (2021) Humorous illustrations support a story that teaches children about collective nouns. 'Bats are a cauldron. Giraffes are a tower. Frogs are an army. They do like a shower'. (QDoE)	NF	32	Animals Collective nouns Grammar Rhyming story	9781761 122750
38	Wagner, Michael; McKenzie, Heath (illus.)	Can you do this? (2021) Sibling rivalry is the name of the game. Sometimes, when you're the littlest in the family, you can feel a bit second-rate. I mean, everyone knows that big kids are better at everything. Like, EVERYTHING! I mean, they are... aren't they? Sibling rivalry reaches dizzying new heights. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Family Sibling rivalry	9780733 335723
39	Wagner, Michael; Jellett, Tom (illus.)	Goodnight, little tough guy (2020) 'The superheroes are settling down. The firefighters are fitting in forty fabulous winks. And the cowboys and cowgirls are completely cactus!' After a long, hard day of being very strong and powerful, it's time for all the tough guys in the world to settle down for a peaceful night's sleep. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Alliteration Bedtime Family	9780733 339363
40	McCartney, Tania	Plume: world explorer (2021) Plume is not your typical Antarctic penguin. Sporting a bright yellow plume on the top of his head, Plume is bored of black and white, of shuffling around and snoozing on icebergs. He much prefers to cook, read, knit and sky dive. He craves colour, adventure, excitement! He wants to seize the world he's discovered in the books of his fantastical, glacier library. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	48	Acceptance Environment Friendship	9781741 177664

#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
41	Milroy, Helen	<p>Backyard birds (2020)</p> <p>A variety of lively Australian birds visit a backyard and show off their own special traits, bringing joy to those watching. Simple rhyming text and colourful illustrations make this an engaging book for early readers. (QDoE)</p>	JF	32	Birds Rhyming text	9781925 816563
42	Pascoe, Bruce; Ledden-Lewis, Charmaine (illus.)	<p>Found (2020)</p> <p>A calf is separated from his family and is quite distraught. Although he is surrounded by other animals with hooves and fur, they are not his family. But don't worry, as the title suggests there is a happy ending! (QDoE)</p>	JF	40	Family Separation Belonging	9781925 936483
43	Morgan, Shane	<p>Cheeky animals (2016)</p> <p>With rhyming text and lively illustrations this little board book captures the humour of some cheeky Aussie animals. (QDoE)</p>	JF	12	Animals Humour Board book	9781925 360431
44	Dreise, Gregg	<p>Today's sun (2021)</p> <p>Full of Australian animals and the joys and wonders of a new day, this beautifully illustrated board book is perfect for the very young reader. (QDoE)</p>	JF	16	Animals Time Sun Board book	9781760 898335