

2022 Premier's reading challenge



Years 2-3 Book List

#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
1	McRitchie, Rebecca; McDonald, Danielle	Tooth trouble [Meet Ella series] (2021) Meet Ella! She likes green apples and the colour blue, and is very excited about her first wobbly tooth. But what will happen when Ella loses her first tooth on school photo day? (QDoE)	F	48	Teeth	9781760 973926
2	Costain, Meredith; McDonald, Danielle	Spooky surprise [Ella diaries series] (2021) When a whirling wind blows the roof off the pony school, Ella decides to join the holiday program at the Graves Street Community Centre. But what are the spooky wailing and banging sounds that keep interrupting their activities? And who is the mysterious old lady on the stairs? It's sure to be a spooky surprise! (QDoE)	F	143	Friendship Halloween	9781760 974237
3	Mara, Maddy	Naomi the rainbow glitter dragon [Dragon girls series] (2021) Naomi is no ordinary girl – when she enters the magic forest, she becomes a dragon girl. And not just any dragon girl – a GLITTER dragon girl! But not all is well in the magic forest. The Shadow Sprites' power is growing, and Naomi must use all her dragon magic to help her friends protect this special place. (QDoE)	F	123	Fantasy Dragons Fairies Friendship	9781761 123276



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4	Sumner Johnson, Janet; Dawson, Courtney [illus.]	Help wanted, must love books (2020) Shailey loves bedtime stories with her dad. But when he gets a new job, he has no time to read with her. Shailey decides to interview for a new bedtime storyteller. Will any of the applicants be just right? (QDoE)	JF	32	Reading Family Fairy tales	9781684 460755
5	Klassen, Jon	The rock from the sky (2021) Tortoise has found the perfect spot to stand. But somewhere in the sky above, a rock is falling from the sky. Children will love making predictions about what is going to happen next in this new book by the author of <i>I want my hat back</i> . (QDoE)	JF	96	Friendship Imagination	9781406 395570
6	Kane, Kim	Enough apples (2017) At the top of the fruit shed, behind a bright green door, lived a tiny man who loved apple pie. When New-Build Ned arrives, and all of the apple trees are gone, how will the tiny man find enough apples to make his pie? (QDoE)	JF	32	Change Environment	9781760 124915
7	McKenzie, Heath	Money doesn't grow on trees (2021) Why can't we just buy whatever we want from the shops? Money doesn't grow on trees! Kids will enjoy the fun illustrations, while parents will love the message in this book about why we can't just buy everything we want, and where the money on that little plastic card actually comes from. (QDoE)	NF	24	Money	9780655 221982

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8	Mlynowski, Sarah; Jenkins, Emily; Myracle, Lauren	Upside down magic – night owl [Upside down magic series] (2021) Nory the dritten (dragon-kitten) and her friends are back for another adventure! She is super excited for the magic school's sleepover and scavenger hunt and wants to win the prize. Her friend Sebastian is less excited – loud sounds are hurting him, and nobody seems to care. Will Nory learn that friendship is more important than winning? (QDoE)	F	166	Dragons Friendship Magic	9781338 662160
9	Rippen, Sally	Luna Boo has feelings too [School of monsters series] (2021) Luna Boo is a ghost – but not a scary one! She is quiet, helpful, gentle and meek. She's so quiet, sometimes her classmates accidentally leave her out of their games. Will Luna find a way to show her true colours, or will she scare away her classmates forever? (QDoE)	F	48	Feelings	9781760 507398
10	Jaye, Penny; Rogerson, Alicia [illus.]	One potoroo: a story of survival (2021) A beautifully illustrated story about the world's most endangered marsupial, the Gilbert's potoroo, and the conservation work that has kept this unique Australian alive. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Endangered animals	9781486 314645
11	Murphy, Julie; Clifford, Ben [illus.]	Tiny possum and the migrating moths (2021) A lyrical adventure following the critically endangered mountain pygmy possum and the bogong moths it relies on, and the conservation work helping them survive. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Endangered animals	9781486 314621

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12	Bancroft, Bronwyn	Coming home to country (2020) Bronwyn Bancroft describes in poetic prose the familiar sites of home. The emotive text is accompanied by Bronwyn's beautiful and vibrant illustrations. (QDoE)	JF	24	Aboriginal peoples Home	9781760 501921
13	Evans, Gabriel	Norton and the borrowing bear (2021) Norton enjoys spending time with his friend, the bear. But the bear is always wanting to borrow things, and it makes Norton upset – especially when the bear doesn't return the things he borrows. What will the bear do when Norton finally says 'No'? (QDoE)	JJF	32	Sharing Friendship	9780645 069655
14	Saxby, Claire; Lane, Cindy [illus.]	Great white shark (2021) This nature storybook includes a narrative story of a great white shark searching for warm, safe waters for her pups to grow. Each page of the story is accompanied by factual information about sharks, along with beautiful watercolour illustrations. (QDoE)	F NF	32	Sharks	9781760 651848
15	Bayly, Sami	The illustrated encyclopaedia of peculiar pairs in nature (2021) Children will be immediately drawn in by the stunning full-page illustrations in this book by the author of <i>The encyclopedia of ugly animals</i> . This book describes some interesting and unusual animals, and the peculiar ways they help each other survive. (QDoE)	NF	128	Animals	9780734 420046
16	Hosking, Jackie; Vamos, Lesley [illus.]	An amazing Australian road trip (2022) A family sets out on an epic road trip to find the perfect spot to celebrate Aunty's 60 th birthday. As the story takes us through significant Australian places and landmarks, the accompanying text includes factual information about each of the places. (QDoE)	JF NF	40	Australia Travel	9781760 653842

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17	Conlon, Dom; Izlesou, Anastasia [illus.]	Swim, Shark, swim! (2021) Dom Conlon's poetic prose and Anastasia Izlesou's beautiful illustrations take the reader on a journey with Shark, through underwater forests and reefs, meeting hammerheads, stingrays and dolphins, on his search for a home to call his own. (QDoE)	F	36	Sharks Ocean habitats	9781486 316045
18	Prior, Natalie Jane; Howe, Simon [illus.]	Naughty dragons try school (2021) Graun and Fagnine are dragons. They're not bad dragons, but they can be a little bit naughty. They are excited to start dragon lessons at school, but soon find school can be trickier than they thought! They will need to learn the rules and try to stay out of mischief! (QDoE)	F	191	Dragons Siblings	9781760 505851
19	Lucas, Diane; Tyler, Ben; Long, Emma [illus.]	Walking in Gagudju country: exploring the monsoon forest (2021) Go for a walk in Gagudju country, and explore the monsoon forest of Kakadu. Discover all the unique plants and animals, and learn their names in Kundjeyhmi language. (QDoE)	NF	32	Rainforests Aboriginal peoples	9781760 525958
20	Bunting, Phillip	The gentle genius of trees (2021) Children will love the humour and the engaging illustrations in this book by Phillip Bunting, as they learn all about what makes trees so interesting, and so important to our environment. (QDoE)	NF	32	Trees	9781760 975173
21	Nash, Eryl; Albero, Ana [illus.]	Life savers (2021) Have you ever wanted to spend a day in the life of a firefighter, a flying doctor or a police officer? In this book you can, as 12 emergency services workers from all around the world tell all about what they do in a day. Graphic novel style illustrations show all the equipment they need for their jobs. (QDoE)	NF	32	Emergency services	9781913 520168

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22	Pyke, Josh; Ghosh, Ronojoy [illus.]	Family tree (2022) It started with a seed. As the seed begins to grow, 'through feast and famine, drought and storms' the community around it grows too. A celebration of family and the diverse nature of Australian communities, and accompanied by Ronojoy Ghosh's colourful illustrations, <i>Family tree</i> has been chosen for this year's National Simultaneous Storytime event. (QDoE)	JF	32	Family	9781761 126307
23	Pilkey, Dav	Perspectives [Cat Kid comic club series] (2021) Flippy, Molly, Li'l Petey and 21 baby frogs each have something to say. Naomi and Melvin don't see eye to eye and Poppy perceives the world differently than her siblings. Will the baby frogs figure out how to work together and appreciate one another's point of view both inside and outside the classroom? (Adapted from publisher)	F	224	Humour Graphic novels	9781338 784855
24	Martin, Ann M.; Farina, Katy [illus.]	Karen's school picture [Baby-sitters little sister] (2021) In this graphic-novel update to the popular <i>Baby-sitters little sister</i> series, Karen has to get glasses and she is not happy about it! Especially with school photos happening soon. She picks out two pretty pairs and likes how grown up they make her look. But when Yicky Ricky starts teasing her about them, Karen is afraid to wear her glasses in her school picture. (QDoE)	F	128	School Self-image Graphic novels	9781338 762532

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25	French, Jackie; Whatley, Bruce	<p>Christmas always comes (2021)</p> <p>It's Christmas eve in 1932, and Joey and his family are driving cattle through the drought. As he hangs his socks on a barbed-wire fence, Joey is certain that there will be presents and Christmas pudding in the morning. Christmas always comes! But how will Santa find them in the outback, and how will they have pudding when there are no shops to buy sultanas? (QDoE)</p>	JF	32	Christmas Drought	9781460 757895
26	Wyatt, Edwina; Quinn, Katherine	<p>The magic of Magnolia Moon [Magnolia Moon series] (2021)</p> <p>Magnolia Moon has the gift of being able to see magic all around her in the most mundane of things. Getting everyone else around her to see it too is not so easy! Can she find the right kind of magic to make her friend Reuben smile again? Accompanied by Katherine Quinn's charming illustrations, this book is a follow-up to the CBCA Shortlisted <i>The secrets of Magnolia Moon</i>, but it can be read as a stand-alone book. (QDoE)</p>	F	160	Magic Friendship School Family	9781760 652722
27	Kochalka, James	<p>Banana Fox and the Secret Sour Society (2021)</p> <p>The great detective Banana Fox is called back to duty to find a missing turtle. But the deeper he digs, the more he discovers, and it's worse than he thought! The Secret Sour Society is back, and they're mixing up a bunch of trouble. Can Banana Fox and his sidekick, Flashlight, put an end to the Secret Sour Society once and for all? (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	74	Humour Graphic novels	9781338 660487

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28	Evans, Maz; Jevons, Chris [illus.]	<p>The exploding life of Scarlett Fife (2021)</p> <p>Scarlett Fife has big feelings, and it's not easy keeping them in check! She tries her best to keep her feelings inside, but they tend to EXPLODE out – and when they do, other things explode too! Like her teacher's green smoothie, a pot or purple paint, or even a pile of elephant poo! Will Scarlett learn to manage her big feelings before something explodes at her aunt's wedding? (QDoE)</p>	F	223	Emotions Families	9781444 957679
29	Gregg, Stacy	<p>Magic and mischief [Spellbound ponies' series] (2021)</p> <p>The ponies of Pemberley Stables have been bound by magic and each of them are trapped in time. Can two brave girls help get them back?</p> <p>Bess the highway pony is very good at robbing the carriages and loves life just the way it is. Can Olivia and Eliza help break the spell that is making Bess so naughty, and prove that crime really doesn't pay? (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	124	Horses Magic	9780008 402815
30	Costain, Meredith; McDonald, Danielle [illus.]	<p>Diva drama [Ella diaries series] (2021)</p> <p>Ella is back with another top-secret diary entry, and she has exciting news! She is going to be in a real ad on TV! She gets to choose one friend to star in it with her – who will she choose? (QDoE)</p>	F	144	Friendship	9781760 974213

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31	Edwards, Gareth; Shaw, Hannah [illus.]	The disgusting sandwich (2021) One day, a boy drops his sandwich in a sandpit, and the race is on! A very hungry badger wants it, but he's just not quick enough. The sandwich is dropped, squashed and slithered over by everyone from a squirrel, to a fox, to a band of slugs. Will the badger ever get his paws on that sandwich? And will he even want it if he does, or will it just be too disgusting? (Adapted from publisher)	F	30	Humour	9780702 307461
32	Stilton, Thea	Thea Stilton and the rainforest rescue [Thea Stilton series] (2021) Thea Stilton and the Thea sisters are back for another mysterious adventure! In this installment of the popular series, they travel to Malaysia to explore the rainforest. What will they do when they discover a plan to cut down the trees of the rainforest? (QDoE)	F	176	Rainforests	9781338 655131
33	Walliams, David; Ross, Tony [illus.]	Geronimo (2021) At the bottomest bottom of the world, hatched a penguin named Geronimo, who has one dream, and one dream only – to fly! Everyone tells him that penguins can't fly – but can they? (QDoE)	JF	32	Animals Persistence	9780008 279790
34	Hartnett, Sonya; Evans, Gabriel [illus.]	Blue flower (2021) Going to school can be hard when you feel like you don't fit in. Everyone else is good at making friends, running fast, and making people laugh. Not all cats are tabby. Not all trees are tall... and not all flowers are yellow. A book about discovering that being different can be wonderful. (QDoE)	F	36	Individuality Self-esteem	9781760 894450

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35	Black, Jess; Geddes, Serena	A new friend [Pepper Creek ponies series] (2021) When Abby moves from the city to the country, she misses her old life. Despite her fear of horses, she visits Pepper Creek Pony Club in the hope of making friends. But Abby quickly learns that being a horse-girl is harder than she thought. Will Abby ever make a new friend? (Adapted from publisher)	F	144	Horses Friendship	9781743 838365
36	Beaty, Andrea; Roberts, David [illus]	Aaron Slater, illustrator (2021) Aaron Slater loves listening to stories in his garden at home, illustrating them with a bucket of chalk. He dreams of writing his own stories one day. But when he starts school, he realises that reading and writing is harder for him than it is for his friends. How can Aaron find his own unique way of sharing the story that is in his heart? (QDoE)	F	40	Drawing Reading Dyslexia Persistence	9781419 753961
37	Bunting, Laura; Johnston, Nicky [illus.]	Coco and the butterfly (2021) Moving house is a big change, especially when you've moved from the busy, exciting city to the quiet country. Coco does not like living in Tabby Valley, nor the insects she shares it with. Until one day, she meets a caterpillar, who teaches her that sometimes change can be beautiful. (QDoE)	F	48	Change	9781743 834923
38	Gimesy, Doug; Kiley, Heather	Life upside down: Australia's grey-headed flying foxes (2020) Learn about one of Australia's most misunderstood animals, the grey-headed flying fox, in this book filled with stunning full-page photography. (QDoE)	NF	48	Animals	9781922 388001

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39	Pilkey, Dav	Mothing heights [Dog Man series] (2021) Dog Man is down on his luck, Petey confronts his not so purr-fect past, and Grampa is up to no good. The world is spinning out of control as new villains spill into town. Everything seems dark and full of despair. But hope is not lost. Can the incredible power of love save the day? (Adapted from publisher)	F	240	Humour Graphic novels	9781338 680454
40	Williams, Lydia	Goal!!! (2021) Little Lydia has moved from the outback to the city. Although sad to leave her bush friends behind, she soon makes new ones, at the zoo! And they soon teach her lots of new skills so she can be the best she can be in her favourite sport. The author is the goalkeeper for the Matildas soccer team. (QDoE)	JF	32	Sport Soccer Friendship Resilience Perseverance Effort	9781760 526146
41	McQuire, Amy; Chun, Matt	Day break (2021) This is the story of a family making their way back to country on 26 January. We see them draw strength from each other and from the stories they share as they acknowledge the significance of this day in their own special way. (QDoE)	JF	24	Family History Australia Day	9781760 508159
42	Raymond, Stella; Binjari buk mob	Tudei en longtaim (2021) (Now and then) Move back and forth in time in Stella Raymond's fascinating book comparing how life is lived now to how it was lived in the olden days. The book is written in Kriol with English subtitles. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	24	Present Past Contemporary times Traditional times	9780648 928058

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43	Milroy, Helen	<p>The emu who ran through the sky (2021)</p> <p>Lofty, a young emu, desperately wants to win a big emu race, but he is slow and clumsy – and his first race ends in disaster! But, Lofty realises there is another way to win the race but he will need some help from some friends who really know how to fly! (QDoE)</p>	JF	64	Friendship Perseverance Inventions Creativity	9781925 936018