

## 2022 Premier's reading challenge



## Years 4-5 Book List

#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
1	Parrett, Favel	<p><b>Wandi (2021)</b></p> <p>After pure alpine dingo pup Wandi is separated from his family, he meets his first human and his journey begins. This true story is beautifully told from the differing perspectives of Wandi the endangered alpine dingo, his carers and Bunjil the eagle in the stars. (QDoE)</p> <p><i>Teaching notes:</i>  <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3zdeme26">https://tinyurl.com/3zdeme26</a></p>	F	136	Dingoes Wildlife conservation Indigenous	9780734 420633
2	Nannestad, Katrina; Orsini, Cheryl (illus.)	<p><b>Mim and the baffling bully [Travelling bookshop #1] (2021)</b></p> <p>A magical story where the right book will help solve all your problems! Mim and her family live in a travelling bookshop and dispense books to make the world a kinder place. First stop – The Netherlands, first problem – bullies! (QDoE)</p>	F	206	Books Bullying Travel	9780733 341656
3	Prior, Natalie Jane; Howe, Simon	<p><b>Naughty dragons try school [Naughty dragons #2] (2021)</b></p> <p>Graun and Fafnine soon discover that school isn't all fun and games; there are new rules to learn, and not all dragons are nice. Will they be able to stay out of mischief, or will these two naughty dragons cause trouble again? (Adapted from Publisher)</p>	F	192	Dragons Family School	9781760 50585
4	Amoore, Nat	<p><b>The right way to rock (2021)</b></p> <p>Mac Fleetwood Cooper doesn't want to be in a rock band like his mum – he wants to be in a musical. When his teacher asks him to join a secret musical society, Mac meets Flynn. Together they make music and magic happen. CBCA Notable Book 2022 (QDoE)</p>	F	337	Friendship Musical theatre Schools Disability	9781760 897703



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5	Amba, Samone	<p><b>Save the joeys! [The good times of Pelican Rise 1] (2021)</b></p> <p>Sunday Moon hates nits, after-school care and karaoke. She likes doing headstands, knitting and pancakes. After a bushfire ravages the local area, Sunday and her friends get creative making baby animal pouches and spreading goodwill in the community. CBCA Notable Book 2022 (QDoE)</p>	F	265	Wildlife conservation Friendship Kangaroos	9781922419217
6	Laguna, Ingrid	<p><b>Songbird (2019)</b></p> <p>Songbird is a tender story about settling in a new place, making friends and discovering the things that let you shine. When Jamila joins the choir, she finds a place she belongs and can dare to hope. Includes a glossary of Arabic words. (Adapted from publisher)</p> <p><i>Teaching notes:</i> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/cfhvtyw7">https://tinyurl.com/cfhvtyw7</a></p>	F	169	Community Family Belonging	9781925773538
7	Kerr, Sam; Harris, Fiona; Fukuoka, Aki (illus.)	<p><b>The flip out [Sam Kerr: Kicking goals] (2021)</b></p> <p>When Sam is excluded from her AFL team, code-hopping is the only choice. Reluctantly she joins the Knight's soccer team and gradually learns the rules. When she can finally be herself, her confidence and skills grow with every game. (QDoE)</p>	F	160	Friendship Resilience Soccer	9781761100857
8	Clark, Sheryl; Stewart, Briony	<p><b>Mina and the whole wide world (2021)</b></p> <p>Mina is desperately waiting for her new room to be finished. When someone arrives who needs it more, Mina has to cope with her disappointment. She also learns tolerance, empathy, kindness, and standing up for others. CBCA Notable Book 2022 (QDoE)</p>	F	105	Friendship Refugees Tolerance Resilience Verse novel	9780702263231

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9	Cossins, Jennifer	<b>The book of curious birds (2021)</b> In this book you'll find colourful feathers alongside peculiar beaks, beady eyes and funny-coloured feet. You'll read of dangerous, clever, awkward, silly, massive birds and tiny birds. Most of all, you'll learn that birds are awesome and deserve our love, care and respect. CBCA Notable Book 2022 (Adapted from publisher)	NF	58	Birds Behaviour	9780734 420473
10	Do, Ahn; Creagh, Lachlan (illus.)	<b>Across the sea [Wolf girl #5] (2021)</b> On a mission to find their families, Gwen, Rupert and the dogs strike out across ice and freezing oceans. They must stowaway on a ship full of enemy soldiers. Someone new will join the pack ... but who will leave? (Adapted from publisher)	F	222	Dogs Survival	9781760 879044
11	Sieveking, Laura	<b>The London thief – [Ella at Eden #6] (2021)</b> Ella and Grace are off to London to represent Eden College in an international art competition. But Grace's artwork goes missing from the exhibit, and so does a multi-million dollar painting. Now Ella has two mysteries to solve! (Adapted from publisher)	F	192	School Art theft	9781761 123351
12	Do, Ahn; Faber, Jules	<b>Tasty weird [Weirdo #16] (2021)</b> The cook-off is on! Weir and his friends have their eyes on the prize — a trip to Queen Bubblegum's lolly factory! Will the battle be a piece of cake? It won't be easy... but it will be funny! (Adapted from publisher)	F	153	Cooking Jokes Humour	9781760 974657

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13	Rodda, Emily	<p><b>Eliza Vanda's button box (2021)</b></p> <p>When 'Eliza Vanda, travelling dressmaker – No fixed address' arrives in Tidgy Bay, a spot of magic arrives with her. When Milly Dynes and her dad let their seaside cottage to Eliza, the enchantment begins. CBCA Notable Book 2022 (QDoE)</p>	F	271	Magic	9781460759608
14	Whiting, Sue	<p><b>Pearly and Pig and the Great Hairy Beast (2021)</b></p> <p>Pearly is an adventurer in training. She can speak 27 languages, including Pig... but will that help her find her parents and the Great Hairy Beast? To escape her captors and succeed, Pearly will need to tame her worries and be courageous. (QDoE)</p>	F	220	Adventure	9781760653590
15	Blabey, Aaron	<p><b>Cut to the chase [Bad guys #13] (2021)</b></p> <p>A mysterious doorway! Behold! The Bad Guys have entered a whole new world — like, literally — a very nasty new universe awaits ... What lies beyond?! An evil centipede? An alternate universe? A few decent explanations? Oh, Mr Snake, what have you done? (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	188	Good and evil Villains	9781760668686
16	Goodes, Adam; Laing, Ellie; Hardy, Davis (illus.)	<p><b>Somebody's land [Welcome to our country] (2021)</b></p> <p>A simple repetitive text which sensitively introduces an important perspective of Australian history. An invitation to every Australian to understand Indigenous connection to country and acknowledgement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as traditional custodians of the land. (QDoE)</p> <p><i>Teaching notes and parent guide:</i> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/4kfnct7">https://tinyurl.com/4kfnct7</a></p>	F	24	Indigenous culture Reconciliation Picture book	9781760526726

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17	Brandy, Larry	<p><b>Wiradjuri country (2021)</b></p> <p>A pictorial and informative collection describing Wiradjuri traditions, stories and language. Learn over 100 Wiradjuri words from the glossary while discovering deadly facts about native plants and animals. CBCA Notable Book 2022 (QDoE)</p> <p><b>Download</b> <i>Wiradjuri Language Dictionary</i> app for pronunciations.</p> <p><a href="https://wccpl.com.au/wiradjuri-dictionary/">https://wccpl.com.au/wiradjuri-dictionary/</a></p>	NF	90	Indigenous culture Language Nature	9780642279866
18	Flannery, Tim; Flannery, Emma; Guesne, Maude (illus.)	<p><b>Weirdest creatures in time [Explore your World] (2021)</b></p> <p>A tomb of knowledge from the inspiring Professor Tim Flannery and his daughter Emma, guaranteed to spread fossil fever to all who dare read. With Guesne's delightful illustrations and design, and Flannery's informal tone, authentic scientific information is presented in a fun way. (QDoE)</p>	NF	250	Extinct species Prehistoric animals Fossils	9781760507282
19	Bunting, Philip	<p><b>The world's most pointless animals (2021)</b></p> <p>Philip Bunting's humour and witty labelled illustrations will encourage readers to learn intimate facts about over fifty creatures. Includes a gentle reminder about diversity, conservation and getting along with others! (QDoE)</p>	NF	80	Animals Humour	9781760508371
20	McMullin, Neridah; Anthony, Sarah	<p><b>Drover (2021)</b></p> <p>Live a day in the life of a drover! Travel with Drover, Billy, Splinter and Bib as they lead their herd of bullocks thousands of kilometres across Australia's dry dusty landscape to Dajarra in Western Queensland. Based on a true story. (QDoE)</p> <p><i>Teaching notes:</i> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2jzyav59">https://tinyurl.com/2jzyav59</a></p>	F	32	Droving Outback Picture book	9781760652081

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21	Pryor, Boori Monty Sinclair, Rita (illus.)	<p><b>Story doctors (2021)</b></p> <p>Story doctors is a celebration of the power of stories to unite us, how nature connects us, and the revelation that the medicine needed for healing lies within us all. Rich lyrical text. (Adapted from publisher)</p> <p><i>Teaching notes:</i>  <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2eus3tt7">https://tinyurl.com/2eus3tt7</a></p> <p><i>Listen to audio:</i>  <a href="https://tinyurl.com/4n3p434w">https://tinyurl.com/4n3p434w</a></p>	NF	32	Indigenous culture Reconciliation Picture book	9781760 526559
22	McDonald, Andrew; Wood, Ben (illus.)	<p><b>Spy high [Real Pigeons] (2021)</b></p> <p>The Real Pigeons' missions become high risk when a familiar fox shows up and a peregrine falcon comes snapping. The pigeons will need to fly like never before if they want to save the day – and avoid becoming falcon snacks! (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	215	Pigeons Insects Criminal investigations	9781760 506865
23	Tutt, Corey (editor)	<p><b>Deadly science – Wild weather (2021)</b></p> <p>A visual feast of infographics, photographs and diagrams and text to explain Australian seasons and extreme weather events. Indigenous perspective and knowledge are interwoven into this informative text. Interactive QR codes provide links to additional information, including experiments, videos and more. (QDoE)</p>	NF	32	Weather Indigenous	9781922 388162

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24	Tutt, Corey (editor)	<b>Deadly science – Animal adaptations (2021)</b> An authoritative and detailed look at many Australian animals and how they have adapted to changing environments. Indigenous perspective and knowledge are interwoven into this informative text. Interactive QR codes provide links to additional information, including experiments, videos and more. (QDoE)	NF	32	Animals Adaptations Indigenous	9781922 388155
25	Bullock, Marita; Hargreaves, Joan-Maree; Rowland, Liz (illus.)	<b>The big book of festivals (2021)</b> From widely celebrated religious festivals, to smaller events such as Australia's Bunya Dreaming festival, this book highlights harmony and diversity. Many symbols, motifs, foods and clothing are identifiable in the colourful illustrations demonstrating traditions, customs and beliefs. (QDoE)	NF	58	Festivals	9780734 419972
26	McCormick, Peter Dodds; Flowers, Tony (illus.)	<b>Advance Australia Fair (2021)</b> A pictorial representation of our national anthem illustrated to demonstrate the diversity in modern Australia – from urban, rural and remote locations. (QDoE)	NF	32	Australia Day National songs Picture book	9781761 126369
27	Burne, Cristy	<b>Off the track (2018)</b> When Harry prepares for a family hike, he packs all his essentials – spinner, trading cards, remote control car and phone; only to have them removed by Mum. When adventure turns to mayhem, maybe the phone could have been useful after all! (QDoE)	F	122	Hiking Family Technology	9781925 591743

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28	Tedesco, James; McKenzie, Heath (illus.)	<p><b>Hat trick Teddy (2021)</b></p> <p>Twelve-year-old Teddy is a footy star in the making. When a storm turns his team's fields into a mud-pit, Teddy is faced with the worst decision: if he wants to keep playing, he will need to switch teams. Twenty-four footy success tips included. (Adapted from publisher)</p> <p><i>Free chapter preview:</i>  <a href="https://tinyurl.com/mu555ht7">https://tinyurl.com/mu555ht7</a></p>	F	207	Family Friendship Rugby league	9781760 982911
29	Bayly, Sami	<p><b>The illustrated encyclopedia of peculiar pairs in nature (2021)</b></p> <p>Discover the most peculiar pairs and learn how plant and animal species rely on each other for their survival, in both symbiotic and parasitic relationships. The animals and plants in this book have evolved to form relationships with some of the most unlikely partners. CBCA Notable Book 2022 (Adapted from publisher)</p>	NF	126	Animals Symbiosis	9780734 420046
30	McInerney, Monica; Snell, Danny (illus.)	<p><b>Marcie Gill and the caravan cat (2021)</b></p> <p>Ten-year-old Marcie Gill has many questions that need answers, but she also has many plans to solve her family's problems. A wishing stone and a cat called George both help to make this summer holiday at the beach memorable! (QDoE)</p>	F	244	Family Magic Cats	9781760 894139



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31	Amores, Eva; Cosgrove, Matt (2021)	<b>Monday [Worst week ever #1] (2021)</b> An interactive and visually engaging timeline of Justin Chase's day one of his worst week ever! From 5:00 am until 11:59 pm – meet his family, read his texts, visit his school and relive his 'pool incident'! What else could possibly go wrong on Tuesday?! (QDoE)  <i>Activities:</i> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/4dhh45bw">https://tinyurl.com/4dhh45bw</a>	F	182	Boys Family School Bullying	9781760 979034
32	Stanton, Matt	<b>Run, odds, run [The Odds #2] (2021)</b> When Kip's 10 imaginary characters get too noisy for her inner-city apartment, a road trip is the answer. Along the way Kip discovers her power and that sometimes, running away is not the best solution! (QDoE)	F	199	Imagination Individuality Graphic novels	9780733 340642
33	Howarth, Kylie	<b>Fish Kid and the mega manta ray [Fish Kid #2] (2020)</b> Fish Kid can't wait to show Emely around and test out his new-found fish powers. When a secret mission goes horribly wrong, Fish Kid find himself in a terrifying tangle of trouble. He'll need more than fish powers to save himself. (Adapted from publisher)	F	157	Superheroes Manta rays	9781760 651138
34	Sieveking, Laura	<b>The school spy – [Ella at Eden #5] (2021)</b> There's a new girl in Ella's class and she is mean. Ella tries to give her a chance, but she is making life difficult. There's also a stranger in the school who is up to something. How can one girl save an entire school from disaster? (Adapted from publisher)	F	188	School Mystery and suspense	9781761 120787

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35	Griffiths, Andy; Denton Terry (illus.)	<p><b>The 143-storey treehouse (2021)</b></p> <p>Andy and Terry are back with 13 more levels of mayhem &amp; madness! Their writing is so tiring they need a holiday- a camping holiday at their new camping ground. You can be sure this is not your usual camping trip!! (QDoE)</p> <p><i>Andy's website:</i> <a href="http://www.andygriffiths.com.au/">http://www.andygriffiths.com.au/</a></p>	F	288	Books and reading Treehouses	9781760 78636
36	Stanton, Matt	<p><b>Prank ninjas [Funny kid] (2021)</b></p> <p>It is school holidays in Redhill and there is a prank battle evolving. Nowhere is spared – not the library, the movies, the shopping mall! (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	249	Jokes Holidays	9780733 340628
37	Sala, Felicita	<p><b>A year in Fleurville (2021)</b></p> <p>Join the community of Fleurville and explore the seasons, as they plant, nurture and harvest a variety of fruit and vegetables in their urban gardens. Recipes are included to transform simple garden produce into wholesome dishes, ready to share. (QDoE)</p>	NF	42	Gardening Cooking Community	9781925 713299
38	Heath, Jack; Rambaldi, Max	<p><b>Kid president (2021)</b></p> <p>Jaxxon Mauriz is a primary school student who is inadvertently elected to president. Jaxxon takes advantage of this mistake by rewriting the rules! Free ice-cream, no homework, more skate parks...until he discovers the real problems of the world and commits to change. (QDoE)</p>	F	297	Leadership Responsibility	9781760 976095

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39	Burne, Cristy; Burnett, Amanda (illus.)	<b>Beneath the trees (2021)</b> Cam and Sophie want to see a platypus, but with the rain and the river turning wild they can't see a thing. Suddenly, a platypus is below them, and it needs help! When their rescue attempt goes wrong, it's not just the platypus that needs saving. (Adapted from publisher)	F	98	Animal rescue Survival	9781760 990411
40	Do, Ahn; Cheong, Peter	<b>An unexpected hero [Pow pow pig #1] (2021)</b> In 2050 when the world needs saving, the Z Team has to step up! When their time machine takes them to the wrong era they need to use all their resources to survive. (QDoE)	F	190	Heroes Friendship	9781760 526405
41	Collard- Spratt, Rhonda; Ferro, Kacki	<b>Grandfather emu and how the kangaroo got her pouch (2021)</b> A great spirit comes to Earth disguised as a frail, old emu. He asks for help from many animals, but they are all too busy, selfish or lazy. Eventually mother kangaroo gives him the help he needs. Told in the style of a modern dreaming story. (QDoE)	F	36	Picture book Animal Kindness Respect	9781925 877861
42	Namatjira, Vincent	<b>Albert Namatjira (2021)</b> In telling his great-grandfather's story, Vincent builds a compelling picture of the times and conditions in which Albert lived and worked, capturing his triumphs and tragedy against a backdrop of social change and historical injustices. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	32	Art Family History Social issues Picture book	9781925 936216

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43	Milroy, Helen	<p><b>The sweetest egg of all (2022)</b></p> <p>Gecko, Thorny Devil and Scrubby Python want to find a special birthday present for their friend, Bungarra. When they find out that Willy-Wagtail's egg is the sweetest egg of all, they hatch a plan to steal it. But Dingo and the Bush Mob go into action to save the egg. (QDoE)</p>	F	72	Australian animals Friendship Courage	9781922 613080
44	Mills, Patty; Thomas, Jared; Ziersch, Nahum (illus.)	<p><b>Patty hits the court: Game day! 1 (2017)</b></p> <p>Sports-mad Patty Mills is a star on the footy field, an ace at athletics, a ripper at rugby. When he tries out for basketball, it should be a breeze. But he soon discovers there's whole lot more to the game than just shooting hoops. (Adapted from publisher)</p> <p>Note: there are 4 books in the <i>Game day!</i> Series.</p>	F	120	Sport Basketball Perseverance	9781760 295103