

## 2022 Premier's reading challenge



## Years 6-7 Book List

| # | Author  | Title and book summary   | JF/F/NF | Pages | Theme   | ISBN          |
|---|---|--|---------|-------|---|---------------|
| 1 | Abela, Deborah                                | <p><b>Final storm [Grimsdon series] (2019)</b></p> <p>Isabella, Griffin and their friends have settled into New City but their home is facing a new threat – erratic weather patterns and fierce storms. Someone from Isabella's past returns and who is watching her? Can Isabella and Griffin's friendship survive? (Adapted from publisher)</p> | F       | 315   | Dystopia<br>Fantasy<br>Adventure                    | 9780143794462 |
| 2 | Bancks, Tristan;<br>Chatfield, Jason (illus.) | <p><b>Bancks' Ginger Meggs (2021)</b></p> <p>An Australian icon returns to celebrate 100 years. Ginger Meggs is up to his typical mischief and mayhem in these 4 new stories with added diverse characters to join in the fun. Written by the original Banck's great-great nephew. (QDoE)</p>  | F       | 181   | Short stories<br>Adventure<br>Australian literature | 9781760894818 |
| 3 | Binks, Danielle                               | <p><b>The year the maps changed (2020)</b></p> <p>Fred was 6 when her mum died, and is struggling to find her place within a blended family. Refugees arrive and her family each make contact in different ways, leading to moral and ethical issues on a grander scale. (QDoE)</p>  | F       | 310   | Family relationships<br>Refugees                    | 9780734419712 |



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| 4 | Burne, Cristy;<br>Silkina, Diana<br>(illus.) | <b>Fiona Wood: Inventor of spray-on skin [Aussie STEM stars] (2020)</b><br>Against odds, Fiona was encouraged to follow her dreams and work harder both academically and on the sporting fields. Breaking many barriers, it was her compassion for burns victims that led to one of her greatest achievements. (QDoE)    | NF      | 155   | Science<br>STEM<br>Biography                         | 9781925<br>893281 |
| 5 | Carnavas,<br>Peter                           | <b>My brother Ben (2021)</b><br>Luke and his brother Ben are great mates, sharing a love of their creek, birds and the desire to win a boat. When Ben starts high school, things change and he is acting suspiciously. Luke is determined to find out why. (QDoE)  | F       | 180   | Siblings<br>Birds                                    | 9780702<br>263330 |
| 6 | Conolan,<br>Emily                            | <b>Move the mountains [The freedom finders series] (2019)</b><br>Choose your own destiny and follow the exciting twists and turns of a girl leaving war-torn Italy to find a new home in Australia's Snowy Mountains in the 1950s. The choice is yours. How far will you go for freedom? (Publisher)                     | F       | 288   | Choose your own destiny<br>Historical fiction        | 9781760<br>294946 |
| 7 | Coote, Maree                                 | <b>Azaria: A true history (2020)</b><br>In August 1980, Azaria Chamberlain was taken by a dingo whilst asleep in her family's tent at Uluru. In determining what happened, Azaria's parents became the subject of public and media debate and a great miscarriage of justice. (QDoE)                                     | NF      | 44    | Australian history<br>Social Justice<br>Picture book | 9780648<br>568407 |
| 8 | Denton, Terry                                | <b>Terry Denton's really truly amazing guide to everything (2020)</b><br>Terry Denton explains everything you have wanted to know and more. The universe, Earth, all things weird and wonderful, how life evolved and how it works, and how people use the forces of nature around us to create amazing things. (QDoE) a | NF      | 258   | Science<br>Geography<br>History                      | 9781760<br>899822 |

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| 9  | Do, Anh                                     | <p><b>Fly free [Sky dragon series] (2021)</b></p> <p>Amber can communicate with insects, giving her powers that have helped her escape government agents, but are the insects enough to help her? Injured and pursued, Amber is determined to find out what happened to her brother Reggie. (QDoE)</p>  | F       | 194   | Good and evil<br>Fantasy<br>Adventure | 9781760<br>876425 |
| 10 | Flanagan, John                              | <p><b>Escape from Falaise [Ranger's apprentice: The royal ranger series] (2022)</b></p> <p>After their plan to rescue the prince of Gallica went horribly wrong, Will and Maddie are held captive. The dangerous baron Lassigny is intent on keeping them and the prince no matter what. But Will and Maddie are determined to escape. (Adapted from publisher)</p> | F       | 259   | Adventure                             | 9781760<br>890476 |
| 11 | Foster, Kate                                | <p><b>Paws (2021)</b></p> <p>Alex is autistic and making friends is tricky. He plans to have a friend to start high school with. Part of this plan is to win a trophy at the PAWS dog show with his cockapoo Kevin. (QDoE)</p>  | F       | 231   | Autism<br>Friendship                  | 9781760<br>652661 |
| 12 | Woods, Matilda;<br>Allepuz, Anuska (illus.) | <p><b>The girl, the cat and the navigator (2019)</b></p> <p>Curious Oona dreams of a life of excitement on the wild waves. But her time on the storm-tossed sea is fraught with danger – a mutinous crew, a sabotaging cat and a hungry creature of the deep awoken after along sleep. (Adapted from publisher)</p>   | F       | 255   | Fantasy<br>Adventure                  | 9781407<br>184906 |

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| 13 | Wyld, Karen;<br>Biumaiwai,<br>Jaelyn (illus.) | <b>Heroes, rebels and innovators: Inspiring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from history (2021)</b><br><br>Seven stirring stories about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who helped shape Australia, including Patyegarang, the young Darug woman who taught a First Fleet officer her language; Bungaree, the Kuring-gai nautical adventurer and Ngarrindjeri inventor and visionary David Unaipon. (Adapted by DoE from SCIS) | NF      | 32    | Aboriginal peoples<br>Australian history | 9780734<br>419835 |
| 14 | Nicol, Lisa                                   | <b>The what on Earth institute of wonder (2021)</b><br><br>Sal has always had an affinity with animals – especially the lost kind. But when two rare and endangered creatures appear out of nowhere, life takes a detour into strange and uncharted territory. (Adapted from publisher)  | F       | 277   | Endangered animals<br>Adolescence        | 9781761<br>041556 |
| 15 | Greenberg,<br>Nicki                           | <b>The detectives guide to ocean travel (2021)</b><br><br>Pepper has always wanted to travel aboard her father's prestigious ship to New York. When she is finally allowed, she soaks up the glamour, but this quickly becomes a hunt to find the culprit who stole a passenger's precious jewel. (QDoE)   | F       | 309   | Mystery<br>Adventure                     | 9781922<br>400673 |
| 16 | Heath, Jack;<br>Rambaldi,<br>Max (illus.)     | <b>Stunt kid seriously stacks it! [Stunt Kid series] (2021)</b><br><br>Levi is pretty sick of starring in Dad's stupid TV show, Kid Kablam. Because Levi's the kid who gets kablammed. He's been knocked down, blown up and attacked by wild animals. Dad has planned the most dangerous stunt so far. (Adapted from publisher)  | F       | 324   | Humour                                   | 9781760<br>970698 |

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| 17 | Harvey, Jacqueline           | <p><b>Full speed [Kensy and Max series] (2020)</b></p> <p>After a school excursion suspiciously goes horribly wrong, Kensy and Max are whisked away to Switzerland. They are tasked with infiltrating the Van Leer family and their misdeeds. It seems there is more than one mystery to solve. (Adapted from publisher)</p>                                   | F       | 357   | Mystery                     | 9781760890025 |
| 18 | Herrick, Steven              | <p><b>Untangling spaghetti (2013)</b></p> <p>A collection of humorous, touching, and thought-provoking poems celebrating the everyday lives of children through topics as wide-ranging as food, animals, school, friends and sport – especially soccer! (Adapted from publisher)</p>   | NF      | 166   | Poetry                      | 9780702237300 |
| 19 | Knight, Denis; Burne, Cristy | <p><b>Wednesday Weeks and the tower of shadows [Wednesday Weeks series] (2021)</b></p> <p>Wednesday Weeks never wanted to be a sorcerer's apprentice. She'd rather study science. When her grandpa is captured by a goblin king, Wednesday must find a way to embrace her magic and rescue him from the dreaded Tower of Shadows. (Adapted from publisher)</p> | F       | 242   | Science<br>Fantasy          | 9780734450190 |
| 20 | Laguna, Ingrid               | <p><b>Bailey Finch takes a stand</b></p> <p>Bailey and her dog, Sheba, love the creek, but since her mum died, her father no longer wishes to go. When Sheba becomes very ill from rubbish in the creek, Bailey needs courage to make it safe again. (QDoE)</p>  | F       | 153   | Environment<br>Animal story | 9781922330994 |

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| 21 | Laguna, Sophie;<br>McBride, Marc (illus.)      | <b>The song of Lewis Carmichael (2021)</b><br>Matthew is a loner, loves reading about the Arctic and dreams of visiting the North Pole. When he is befriended by an injured crow, a great adventure begins and Matthew embarks on a journey of challenges and of self-discovery. (QDoE)                      | F       | 185   | Adventure<br>Friendship                  | 9781760<br>878573 |
| 22 | Rushby, Pamela;<br>Pierce, Nellie May (illus.) | <b>The mummy smugglers of Crumblin Castle (2020)</b><br>Orphaned Hattie is sent to her Egyptian-obsessed great aunt and uncle in their crumbling castle. Organised by the Raven siblings, they host mummy unwrapping parties. When the supply of mummies runs out, a trip to Egypt raises suspicions. (QDoE) | F       | 333   | Mystery<br>Historical fiction            | 9781760<br>651930 |
| 23 | Lai, Remy                                      | <b>Pawcasso (2021)</b><br>When Jo finds a dog running errands to the shops, she is mistaken for its owner. What begins as a little lie, soon grows, becoming more complex. Pawcasso's rising popularity threatens to expose Jo, but also risks her own safety. (QDoE)  | F       | 236   | Graphic novel<br>Animal story            | 9781760<br>526771 |
| 24 | McKenzie, Nean                                 | <b>Cryptosight (2019)</b><br>On a camping trip, Raff and his spirited younger sister, Zara, find themselves on an adventure after their dad, a fanatical mythical creature enthusiast, disappears. Pursued by crooks, and shrouded in mystery, strange things happen. (QDoE)                                 | F       | 218   | Mystery<br>Australian mythical creatures | 9781925<br>227536 |

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| 25 | Marr, Shirley     | <p><b>A glasshouse of stars (2021)</b></p> <p>Meixing's family have emigrated to the New Land. In second-hand shoes and speaking no English, a fearful Meixing is sent to school. She is exploited and rocked by tragedy as she struggles to belong. Her only escape is the glasshouse. (QDoE)</p>                                   | F       | 280   | Migration<br>Families<br>Loneliness | 9781760<br>899547 |
| 26 | Mellor, Amelia    | <p><b>The grandest bookshop in the world (2020)</b></p> <p>Cole's Book Arcade in Melbourne is run by the Cole family who also live above. Its future is threatened when Pa makes a deal with the Obscurosmith. Pearl and Vally race against time to save their father and the shop. (QDoE)</p>                                       | F       | 291   | Historical fiction<br>Magic         | 9781925<br>972955 |
| 27 | Miller, Jessica   | <p><b>The republic of birds (2020)</b></p> <p>Magic is forbidden in Stolitsa and birds are feared. Olga's family is banished to a remote outpost, her father intent on restoring his name. Olga discovers her hidden but dangerous magical talent as tragedy strikes the family. (QDoE)</p>  | F       | 311   | Magic<br>Fantasy                    | 9781922<br>268044 |
| 28 | Moriarty, Jacklyn | <p><b>The stolen Prince of Cloudburst (2020)</b></p> <p>Long ago, the Prince of Cloudburst was stolen by a water sprite, but has returned 10 years later. Across the kingdom, Esther returns to boarding school to a number of strange, unsettling things that escalate. Could the Prince be connected? (Adapted from publisher)</p> | F       | 544   | Mystery<br>school story             | 9781760<br>875060 |

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| 29 | Murphy, Sally;<br>Davis, Sarah<br>(illus.) | <b>Worse things (2020)</b><br>Blake's a football fanatic with a season-ending injury. Jolene feels her hockey is only fulfilling her mother's dream. Amed, a new refugee, wants to play soccer but can't speak English. Their lives connect and they discover there are worse things. (QDoE)    | F       | 201   | Verse novel<br>Sports<br>Belonging    | 9781760<br>651657 |
| 30 | Nannestad, Katrina                         | <b>We are wolves (2020)</b><br>When the Wolf family flees the invading Russians at the end of World War II, Liesl, Otto and Mia become separated from their parents in dramatic circumstances. To survive, they live wild, fighting to stay together. (QDoE)                                    | F       | 302   | Historical fiction<br>Family          | 9780733<br>340888 |
| 31 | Orr, Wendy                                 | <b>Cuckoo's flight (2021)</b><br>When raiders appear off the coast, the goddess demands the unthinkable. Clio is torn between guarding a sacred statue and caring for her beloved horses. Disabled in an accident she must save a friend's life and stop a war. (Adapted from publisher)        | F       | 266   | Ancient history<br>Historical fiction | 9781760<br>524913 |
| 32 | Pamment, Jason                             | <b>Treasure in the lake (2021)</b><br>Iris and Sam love adventure. When the local river dries up, Iris discovers old artefacts in the riverbed. Further exploration leads them to a mysterious hidden city. Sam is reluctant to explore, but Iris is determined to discover its secrets. (QDoE) | F       | 197   | Adventure<br>Graphic novel            | 9781760<br>526238 |

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| 33 | Penguin<br>Random<br>House<br>Australia                                  | <b>Stand up for the future: a celebration of inspirational young Australians (2019)</b><br><br>This is a collection of the achievements of young Australians who are making a difference in other's lives. From as young as 8, diverse backgrounds, overcoming odds improving the lives of others, they're thinking about our future world. (QDoE) | NF      | 177   | Biography<br>Leadership               | 9780143<br>794394 |
| 34 | Phommavan,<br>Oliver   | <b>Brain freeze: 12 deliciously wacky stories (2020)</b><br><br>A collection of fun, short stories that includes a brain freeze bet, a boy whose parents change his name almost daily, a hopeless chess player, an accidental first dog on Mars and a pandemic 'quaranteen'. Witty and quirky. (QDoE)  | F       | 215   | Short stories<br>Humour               | 9781760<br>897147 |
| 35 | Rushby,<br>Pamela  | <b>The secret battle (2021)</b><br><br>When Roddy lands a job as a paper boy in Brisbane during World War II an unexpected journey begins. A series of local events, most significantly his actions in the Battle of Brisbane, will change his and his mother's life forever. (QDoE)   | F       | 124   | Historical<br>fiction<br>World War II | 9780648<br>815426 |
| 36 | Smiler, Rosie;<br>Mayor,<br>Thomas;<br>Campbell,<br>Samantha<br>(illus.) | <b>Freedom Day (2021)</b><br><br>Gurindji people lived harmoniously with their land until in 1879, when white men invaded and established Wave Hill Station. Decades of abuse followed until 1966 when 200 Aboriginal people walked off the station in a lengthy bid to restore their rights. (QDoE)   | NF      | 48    | Aboriginal<br>people<br>Picture book  | 9781760<br>508562 |

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| 37 | Spratt, R. A.                             | <p><b>Shockingly good stories (2021)</b></p> <p>Piranhas on the run, stolen sandwiches, chocolate waterfalls and so much more! Featuring fractured fairy tales told by none other than Nanny Piggins, previously unpublished Friday Barnes mysteries and a bunch of other hilarious and highly original tall tales. (Adapted from publisher)</p> | F       | 240   | Short stories<br>Humour          | 9781761<br>043376 |
| 38 | Tutt, Corey;<br>Douglas, Blak<br>(illus.) | <p><b>The first scientists (2021)</b></p> <p>Boomerangs, bush medicine, star gazing, land management, predicting the weather. These are just a few practices of the Australia's First Nations people. This a collection of the many skills these first scientists developed and passed down to future generations. (QDoE)</p>                    | NF      | 81    | Science<br>Aboriginal<br>people  | 9781741<br>177527 |
| 39 | Whiting, Sue                              | <p><b>The book of Chance (2020)</b></p> <p>Chance has lived an ideal life but it all begins to unravel when she is shown a photo of her mum. The more Chance discovers, the more her life comes undone. Secrets and lies, but what is the real truth? (QDoE)</p>   | F       | 275   | Mystery                          | 9781760<br>651367 |
| 40 | Williams,<br>Shannon                      | <p><b>Ottolie Colter and the Narrowway hunt [The Narrowway trilogy] (2018)</b></p> <p>Intent on finding her missing brother, Ottolie lands herself in the mysterious and dangerous Narrowway where stolen boys are trained to hunt. Ottolie hides her identity to train as a huntsman with the boys and bring her brother home. (QDoE)</p>       | F       | 352   | Adventure<br>Siblings<br>Secrets | 9781760<br>500849 |

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| 41 | McInerney,<br>Kunyi June<br>Anne | <p><b>Kunyi (2021)</b></p> <p>Kunyi June Anne McInerney was 4-years-old when she was taken from her mother to the Oodnadatta Children's Home in South Australia in the 1960s. This book chronicles, through story and art, what life was like for her and the other children of the home. (QDoE)</p> | NF          | 60    | <p>Memoir</p> <p>Stolen generation</p> <p>Children's home</p> <p>Growing up</p> | 9781925<br>936575 |