



Early Childhood Book List

Note: The suggested books cover a range of themes and some will be more suited to older children in this category. Parental and/or teacher guidance is recommended.

#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
1	Acton, Sarah	Jack's jumper (2022) Jack's jumper is special, not only because it can be a hat, a hug and an elephant, but it once belonged to Jack's big brother. (QDoE)	JF	32	Siblings Family Imagination	9781760 654054
2	Atkins, Clare; Vial, Harrison	Egg (2022) When something strange washes up on the eggs' island, they are apprehensive - it looks the same as them, but somehow different. Can the newcomer's friendship prove that differences are nothing to fear? (QDoE)	JF	40	Friendship Refugees Courage	9780702 265594
3	Barkla, Charlotte; Lee, Jacqui (illus)	From my head to my toes, I say what goes (2022) The concept of consent is captured in a light hearted, rhyming story that is perfect for a young audience to grasp. (QDoE)	JF	32	Consent Children Rhyming	9781760 508142
4	Barton, Ashleigh; Heiduczek, Martina (illus)	How do you say I love you? (2022) This book explores the different ways we can say 'I love you' to show our loved ones how much we care. Includes an informative glossary explaining how to say 'I love you' in a variety of languages. (QDoE)	JF	32	Love Languages Culture	9780733 342172
5	Blabey, Aaron	Pig the rebel (2022) Pig the pug is up to his usual antics. Can obedience school tame his terrible behaviour? (QDoE)	JF	24	Obedience Behaviour Humour Rhyming	9781761 128400
6	Bland, Nick	The very clever bear (2022) The circus is here in the Jingle Jangle Jungle. Can bear come up with a very clever trick to perform? (QDoE)	JF	24	Humour Rhyming	9781761 290657



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7	Brentos	Australia: From dawn to dusk (2022) Discover Australia as you've never seen it before: a dreamy pastel ode to the significant Australian places and animals. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Australian landscape Australian animals	9781922806321
8	Brumm, Joe	Bluey: Camping (2021) While camping, Bluey learns lessons about similarities, differences and friendship. (QDoE)	JF	32	Camping Friendship	9781761045561
9	Day, Kerri; Racklyeft, Jess (illus)	Beside the sea (2022) Family, community and caring for the environment is highlighted through the welcoming of nesting turtles ashore. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Grandmothers Ocean Environment Community	9780645323580
10	Downing, Liv; Matthews, Mel (illus)	You are loved (2022) A beautiful rhyming celebration of unconditional love. (QDoE)	NF	36	Love Children Rhyming	9781760878146
11	French, Jackie; Whatley, Bruce (illus)	Diary of a rescued wombat: The untold story (2022) A story about Mothball, one of the world's most famous wombats. She is small, scared, and lost. Mothball is a baby wombat who needs a home. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Australian animals	9781460761823
12	Godwin, Jane; Morris, Sylvia (illus)	The best hiding place (2022) A story highlighting the joy of a children's game of hide and seek. Archie has found the best hiding place, will he be found or forgotten? (QDoE)	JF	32	Children Games	9781922848086
13	Gleeson, Libby; Sommervill, Hannah (illus)	Charlie's whale (2022) Charlie loves everything about the sea, but most of all he loves the whales. Will Charlie fulfil his wish to spot a whale on his family's beach trip? (QDoE)	JF	32	Marine animals Ocean	9780734420886
14	Goodes, Adam; Laing, Ellie; Hardy, David (illus)	Back on Country (2022) The book captures Lucy and David's first time back on Country. They meet their cousins and Elders, see important places, learn local language words, and listen to stories. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	24	Aboriginal peoples Family Australia Grandparents	9781761065088

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15	Greenwood, Melissa	Miimi Marraal, Mother Earth (2022) A moving and heartfelt book that shows the deep connection between mothers, babies and Miimi Marraal, Mother Earth. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	24	Aboriginal peoples Parent and child	9780733 341632
16	Greer, Catherine; Lau, Alexander; Bartel, Joanna (illus)	Violin and cello (2022) Next door to each other, one plays the violin, one plays the cello. Two children share in the joy of an unexpected friendship by playing music. (QDoE)	JF	32	Music Friendship	9781922 539274
17	Laguna, Sophie; Watson, Judy (illus)	When you're older (2022) A big brother's imagination runs wild with possibilities while dreaming up adventures he and his baby brother will share. A book that highlights the joyful bond between brothers. (QDoE)	JF	32	Brothers Siblings Family Imagination	9781760 291341
18	Lester, Alison	A tiny light (2022) Enjoy the wonder and magic of the Twinkles as they bless children with the sweetest of dreams. (QDoE)	JF	24	Rhyming Sleep Night	9780702 265655
19	Louise, Zanni; Hanley, Sinead (illus)	We are all people (2021) We are all people. A story that celebrates difference and the important things that unite the world. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	24	Individuality Self-esteem	9781922 514219
20	Louise, Zanni; Haddad, Sasha (illus)	This is love (2023) Love is everywhere and within everything – whether it be sharing a hug, cartwheeling down a hill, or dancing by a warm fireplace. This heart-warming book explores the many ways love can present itself. (QDoE)	NF	24	Love Rhyming	9781922 848567
21	McGeachin, Jess	The tree at number 43 (2022) The tree at number 43 inspires hope for the future of our environment. We can achieve amazing things when we work together. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Conservation Environment Grandfathers	9781760 898861
22	McKenzie, Heath	You don't have to like it, you just have to eat it! (2022) There are so many delicious foods. Why do we have to eat vegetables? Why can't we just have pizza instead? This book encourages the trying of new foods, because you never know – you might actually like it! (Adapted from publisher)	JF	24	Food Eating Children	9780655 223832

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23	McKinnon, Heidi	Floof (2022) Floof is a wonderfully floofy cat. Floof is the floofiest. Follow this adorable furball as he gets up to a day full of mischief. (QDoE)	JF	32	Humour	9781761 180088
24	Nava, Eva; Xin, Li (illus)	I love Chinese New Year (2022) Mai-Anne is so excited to celebrate Chinese New Year with her family. They decorate their house and plan their traditional meal. Mai-Anne especially can't wait until after dinner to hear the story of how Chinese New Year began. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	24	Chinese New Year Culture China Family	9781761 294358
25	Paine, Jarrod; Boland, Shannon (illus)	Snakes awake (2022) Pip and her mum enjoy walking in the Australian bush. Join them on their adventures as they spot snakes and demonstrate how to stay safe. Included are safety facts about how to explore the Australian bush and snake first aid. (QDoE)	JF	32	Australian landscape Safety	9781925 804935
26	Pung, Alice; Ng, Sher Rill (illus)	Be careful, Xiao Xin! (2022) A story about learning to overcome your fears in life. A bilingual book, told in both English and Mandarin. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	48	Family Self-esteem Confidence Chinese language	9781922 033932
27	Shurety, Wenda; Oakley, Juliana (illus)	Pocket treasure (2023) Allira's favourite dress has 2 pockets – perfect for storing treasures and trinkets. Watch as her good friends come to the rescue when she unexpectedly finds her pockets empty. (QDoE)	JF	32	Sharing Friendship Kindness	9781922 848574
28	Sieveking, Laura; McDonald, Danielle (illus)	Going to big school (2022) Emotions range from excited to nervous on the very first day of big school. Join Jack and Ava as they learn, play and make new friends. (QDoE)	JF	24	School Emotions Friendship	9781761 201585

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29	Stuart, Scott	My shadow is purple (2022) This is a story about being true to yourself. It considers the gender spectrum through a vibrant display of different colours. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Gender Gender stereotyping Identity Individuality Rhyming Inclusion Diversity Belonging	9781922503817
30	Stuart, Scott	Brain is not always right (2023) Brain is sensible and likes lists, safety rails and broccoli. Heart is emotional and likes chocolate, butterflies and rollercoasters. This book reminds us that we're all different and that it is important to be yourself. (QDoE)	JF	32	Individuality Personality Self-perception	9781761204685
31	Willems, Mo	The pigeon will ride the roller coaster (2023) Feel a range of emotions as the pigeon contemplates his most nerve-wracking adventure yet: riding a roller coaster. Will the pigeon be ready? (QDoE)	JF	40	Rollercoasters Humour Emotions	9781760657208
32	Walker, Anna	Snap! (2022) How will Frog escape the swoops, snips, and snaps of all sorts of animals in the forest and get to the party on time? (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Forests Sounds	9781922585387
33	Young, Rebecca; McKenzie, Heath (illus)	The speedy sloth (2022) Spike the sloth is determined to enter the Great Race. Everyone said it couldn't be done, but with a little determination and persistence Spike gives it her all. 2023 National Simultaneous Storytime book. (QDoE)	JF	24	Perseverance Rhyming	9781760974893
34	Bauer, Michael; Krebs, Chrissie (illus)	Rodney forgets it (2022) Rodney is a forgetful rabbit. Will Rodney remember that he's invited to the party of the year? (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Animals Memory Humour	9781761121388

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35	Heyworth, Melanie; Eckstrom, Nathaniel (illus)	Remarkable Remy (2023) A sweet story that celebrates the strengths of Autistic people, and the joys of having Autistic friends. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Friendship Autism Differences	9781761 210372
36	Stewart, Briony	Where are you, Magoo? (2021) Magoo the dog is up to mischief. This loveable pup can get away with anything, including ripping books, eating forbidden snacks and making questionable friends. (QDoE)	JF	32	Rhyming	9781760 896911
37	Dreise, Gregg	Where's my baby? (2022) A board book that helps young readers learn new adjectives in English and the names of Australian animals in the Gamilaraay language. A bright, engaging book for the very young reader. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	10	Baby animals Language	9781922 613721
38	Milroy, Helen	Bush Mob Counting (2022) Full of whimsical Australian animals, this delightful book is a fun and colourful way for very young children to learn how to count to 10. (QDoE)	JF	12	Counting Numbers Australian animals	9781922 613608
39	Ross, Michael; Fielding, Zaachariah a; Kennedy, Lisa (illus)	Tjitji Lullaby (2022) A gentle, sing-and-echo lullaby, that helps families transition to quiet time and bedtime. You can also see it and hear it on ABC Kids TV in the evenings or on iView. (QDoE)	JF	20	Australian animals Lullaby Bedtime Language	9780733 342783
40	Morgan, Sally; Malibirr, Johnny Warrkatja	Thank you rain (2022) A joyful read, as plants and animals welcome the rain – raindrops in the treetops, wetting the dry earth, and filling creek beds; birds, frogs and kangaroos all enjoying the rain and dancing with happiness under a rainbow! (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Rain Rainbow Water Plants Australian animals	9781922 613646