



## 2023 Premier's reading challenge

### Years 2-3 Book List

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

#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
1	Milroy, Helen	<b>The sweetest egg of all: Tales from the Bush Mob (2022)</b> When 3 bush friends find out that Willy-Wagtail's egg is the sweetest egg of all, they think it will make a great birthday present and decide to steal it. But Dingo and the Bush Mob go into action to save it! (QDoE)	F	72	Australian animals Friendship Courage Ethics	9781922 613080
2	Vass, Coral; Cooper Smith, Heidi (illus)	<b>Amanda Commander and the purple invitation (2022)</b> When every girl in Year 3 gets an invitation to Eve's birthday party except Amanda, Amanda tries to win an invitation. She plans to get close to Eve and be nice to her, but nothing seems to work. (Adapted from publisher)	F	71	Friendship Forgiveness Problem solving	9781761 110771
3	Vass, Coral; Cooper Smith, Heidi (illus)	<b>Amanda Commander – The pinky promise (2022)</b> It is time for the annual compulsory school cross country and the Dolphin Squad, Amanda, Mai and Lucia, make a pinky promise to all run and finish the race together. Suddenly things are not going according to plan. (Adapted from publisher)	F	76	Friendship Forgiveness Kindness	9781761 110788
4	Boyle, Josie Wowolla; Seden, Paul (illus)	<b>The shop train (2022)</b> Can a train be a food shop, clothes shop and hairdresser? This one can! But when Rosie and her mum take the long trip in their old ute to meet it to go shopping, not everything goes to plan. (QDoE)	JF	32	Trains Shops Olden times	9781922 613233



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5	Heiss, Anita	<b>Koori Princess (2022)</b> Teish is a sassy, soon-to-be 7-year-old. She believes more than anything, that she is a Disney princess. Her older siblings don't think so but Teish is determined to believe that she can be a feisty Koori princess. (Adapted form publisher)	F	70	Princesses Family Siblings Self-belief	9781922 613158
6	Spasevski, Lana; Stone, Joanie (illus)	<b>A spoonful of Sadie (2022)</b> Sadie is a superstar baker with a big heart! Sadie needs to keep a match day promise for her soccer team, create a science experiment that's also yummy and invent a surprise dessert for her family BBQ. (Adapted from publisher)	F	184	Baking Family relations Girls	9781922 711953
7	Pung, Alice; Han, Soweol (illus)	<b>When Granny came to stay (2022)</b> Pangzi just wants the latest craze at school – a Destroyer Disc. When his Granny arrives from China, Pangzi has to share his room with her and she has brought many different Chinese customs that Pangzi is not used to. (Adapted from publisher)	F	96	Families Grandmothers Asian perspectives	9781760 984991
8	Battese, Anna; Smith, Ruth- Mary (illus)	<b>The recorder racket [PD McPem's Agency for Mysterious Mysteries] (2022)</b> Penelope loves spending time with her grandparents. She is thrilled to show them her ability on her new recorder when she visits. But when her recorder disappears, PD and Grandpa must engage in some detective work to solve the mystery. (Adapted from publisher)	F	64	Crime Mystery Problem solving	9780645 218084
9	Hull, Eliza; Rippin, Sally; Gray-Barnett, Daniel (illus)	<b>Come over to my house (2022)</b> Visit different families as you see how they might write differently, eat differently, dance or play differently! A great conversation starter with children about how people with disabilities might do things differently. (QDoE)  Borrow from the <a href="#">Vision Australia Library</a>	F	32	Inclusion Family Disability	9781761 210082

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10	Battese, Anna; Smith, Ruth-Mary (illus)	<b>PD McPem's Agency for Mysterious Mysteries: The puzzling pet parade (2022)</b> The annual pet parade is here and detective PD McPem is keen to show off her clever canine assistant, Scooter. But the arrival of new classmates creates havoc and pets go missing! Will PD McPem be able to find the missing pets? (Adapted from publisher)	JF	64	Mystery Problem solving	9780645 218015
11	Battersby, Katherine	<b>Cranky chicken (2021) [Cranky chicken series]</b> Everything about Chicken is cranky. Cranky eyes, cranky eyebrows, super-sharp cranky beak, even cranky scratchy feet. But he is not lonely. Nope, definitely not. But then along comes a very cheerful worm named Speedy, who just wants to be friends. (Adapted from publisher)	F	112	Graphic novel Friendship Chickens Anger	9780734 420954
12	Treml, Renee	<b>It's owl good: The super adventures of Ollie and Bea (2021)</b> This full-colour graphic novel celebrates friendship and the differences that make us special. Even though Ollie is an owl, and we all know owls have wonderful eyesight, he needs glasses to see. (Adapted from publisher)	F	64	Friendship Graphic novel Heroes	9781760 526474
13	Timmis, Rebecca	<b>The best friend promise (2021) [MerTales series]</b> Pearl is very excited as it is her 9 <sup>th</sup> birthday. She planned to have the most sea-sational day and a party with all her friends, including best friends Coral and Shell. But on her way to school something magical happens. (Adapted from publisher)	F	128	Friendship Marine life Mermaids	9781760 526528
14	Merrison, Carl & Hustler, Hakea; Campbell, Samantha (illus)	<b>My deadly boots (2022)</b> A young boy just bought a new pair of footy boots that make him feel confident and deadly. He wears them all around town even when people question him on why he has such flashy boots. But what happens when he loses his boots? (Adapted from publisher)	JF	24	Indigenous Identity Belonging Confidence	9780734 421456
15	McKinlay, Meg; Ottley, Matt (illus)	<b>How to make a bird (2020)</b> A little girl contemplates the blueprint of an idea, collects the things that inspire from the natural world to shape a bird and breathes life into it before letting it fly free. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Birds Creativity Imagination Natural heritage	9781925 381894

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16	Binks, Alison	<b>Nine things to remember (and one to forget) (2021)</b> Each page reveals a small wonder, something to investigate, discover and remember. The way a pelican can swoop without its stomach touching the water, a polar bear can send messages with its footprints and trees can live longer than humans. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Animals Natural heritage Trees	9780648 785194
17	Martin, Marc	<b>Masters of Disguise: Camouflaging Creatures &amp; Magnificent Mimics (2021)</b> See 12 of the most elusive animals on Earth that use camouflage to disguise themselves. From chameleons and polar bears to Gaboon vipers and mimic octopuses, find the animals that have mastered the art of fading into the background. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	56	Animals Camouflage	9781536 214055
18	Wyatt, Meyne	<b>Maku (2022)</b> Maku doesn't live with his mum and dad, loves movies about superheros and hopes to make a movie himself one day. But what will the kids at his new school think of him? A gentle story about diversity and inclusion. (QDoE)	F	96	Grandparents Totems Friendship Diversity Inclusion	9781760 987756
19	Rippin, Sally; Kennett, Chris (illus)	<b>Mary has the best pet: School of Monsters (2021)</b> Mary knows she's not supposed to bring her pet to the School of Monsters but Mary LOVES her super cool little pet! Surely it will be okay to sneak him inside her hat for the morning. (Adapted from publisher)  Borrow from the <a href="#">Vision Australia Library</a>	JF	48	Rhyming stories Monsters Pets Friendship	9781760 507329
20	Henseleit, Jack; Kennett, Chris (illus)	<b>Cross Bones: A dog's breakfast [Cross Bones series] (2022)</b> Magnus, Daisy, Ed and Spot are on a mission for hidden treasure but some fearsome pirates are on their tails! Will they come out top dogs? (Adapted from publisher)	JF	224	Pirates Dogs Adventures Graphic novel	9781760 509255
21	Soweol Han, Sally	<b>Tiny wonders (2022)</b> Tiny wonders is the story of a small child trying to bring wonder back to her town through the language of flowers. April thinks that, if her town was a colour, it would be grey. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	40	Community Flowers Grandparents Hope	9780702 263477

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22	Harris, Richard; Howe, Simon (illus)	<b>Alfie the brave (2022)</b> Alfie was one fine-looking dog. His coat was sleek and shiny. He was the son of champions. But Alfie didn't feel like a champion. Alfie was scared of everything! He longs to be bold and brave like other dogs. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Courage Dogs	9781761 041358
23	Evans, Gabriel	<b>A job for Kingsley (2022)</b> Kingsley has decided to get a job. After all, a job is a BIG responsibility. But finding the perfect job is hard when you have paws that are tricky to understand. Will Kingsley ever find a job that is exactly right? (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Pets Friendship Belonging Self-confidence	9781761 210211
24	Freeman, Cathy; Vass, Coral; Harricks, Tannya (illus)	<b>The heartbeat of the land (2022)</b> Cathy ran barefoot every day across the great ancient land and could hear the land's heartbeat. Then one day, Cathy hears a cry. She answers and, with one small step at a time, the seeds of change are planted. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Aboriginal peoples Environment Cathy Freeman	9781922 503848
25	Vass, Coral; Johnston, Nicky (illus)	<b>Jørn's magnificent imagination (2022)</b> Was it a sailboat, a seashell, a swan or an orange peel that inspired Jørn to design Australia's Opera House? We follow Jørn through childhood as he discovers his love of building and creating, gathering ideas from everything around himself. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Architects Imagination Opera House	9781922 539144
26	Hutchings, Maggie; Barrow, Evie (illus)	<b>Today you changed the world (2022)</b> You might not have heard about it but, every single day, tiny acts of kindness make a huge difference all around us. What change for the better do you hope to make? (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Gentleness Kindness Social action	9781922 806826
27	Conley, Vikki; Johnston, Nicky (illus)	<b>Amira's suitcase (2021)</b> When moving house, Amira finds a tiny sprout growing in a suitcase. With Amira's care, the sprout continues to grow. Find out what happens when kindness flourishes. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Friendship Hope Kindness	9781922 326133

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28	Godwin, Jane; Walker, Anna (illus)	<b>Tilly (2019)</b> Tilly has found the perfect hiding place at home to keep her special treasures. No one knows about it, not even her big brothers and sisters, who know everything. But one day, something happens to her special hiding place. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Moving house Treasures Memories	9781760 663728
29	Fenkel, Deborah	<b>Naturopolis (2022)</b> Explore the variety of life all around you no matter where you live. Celebrate and learn about the flora and fauna of the urban city as you connect with nature that is often hiding in plain sight. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	32	Nature Cities	9780645 191530
30	Robertson-Buchanan, Angela	<b>Nestling cockatoos: The story of Squeak and Squawk (2021)</b> Sulphur-crested cockatoos are as intelligent as a toddler and can live up to 90 years of age. Meet Squeak and Squawk, who were rescued when their tree-hollow home was cut down when they were just weeks old. (Adapted from publisher)  Borrow from the <a href="#">Vision Australia Library</a>	NF	32	Cockatoos Animal rescue	9781742 036076
31	Flynn, Hazel	<b>Ninja bandicoots and turbo-charged wombats: Stories from behind the scenes at the zoo (2020)</b> Go behind the scenes of a modern Australian zoo and animal hospital. Find out what it's really like to be a zookeeper and hear their funny and fascinating stories about the animals they look after. (Adapted from publisher)	F	256	Australian animals Zoos	9781760 641672
32	Lesley, John	<b>Australia's remarkable wildlife: Dingo (2022)</b> Although they look like domestic dogs, dingoes are wild animals. Find out more about why Australia's own native dog has not been domesticated and still inhabit many parts of Australia. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	32	Dingoes Australian animals	9781925 860962
33	Lightman, Alan; Pastuchiv & Olga; Chapman, Susanna (illus)	<b>Ada and the galaxies (2022)</b> Ada loves vacationing with her grandparents. She tracks osprey, paddles a kayak and hunts for shells. But most of all, she loves star-gazing and exploring the vast puzzle of the universe. (QDoE)	JF	40	Space Adventure Outdoors	9781536 228632

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34	Murrell, Belinda; Hardy, David (illus)	<b>Aussie kids: Meet Zoe and Zack at the zoo (2020)</b> Zoe and Zac live at the back of Dubbo Zoo. Born on the same day, they say they are almost twins. On their 7 <sup>th</sup> birthday, Zoe's mum, Head Zookeeper, says they are finally old enough to come and help her. (Adapted from publisher)	F	64	Australian animals Zoos	9781760 893651
35	Cheng, Christohpher; Anelli, Liz (illus)	<b>Old fellow (2022)</b> Join these 2 companions, an old man and old dog as they go on their daily walk in the park. They meet new and old friends and experience new things together. A touching book about community and connection. (QDoE)	JF	32	Community Pets Friendships	9781760 652395
36	Leong, Melissa; Arosio, Eleonora (illus)	<b>A taste adventure with Melissa Leong (2022)</b> Discover the 6 tastes in the foods we eat and explore food from all around the world in multicultural Australian cuisine. (QDoE)	NF	32	Food Australian cultures	9781922 677334
37	Adeney, Amy; Alexander, Katie (illus)	<b>Tilda teaches cartwheels (2020)</b> Tilda wants to show off splashy splashes and fishy flips but when she realises she can't swim properly, she's embarrassed and puzzled! Tilda decides she can teach her friends something fun, like cartwheeling! (Adapted from publisher)	F	112	Emotions Friendship Role-playing	9781925 970982
38	Wang, Gabrielle	<b>Zadie Ma and the dog who chased the moon (2022)</b> Zadie Ma writes musical stories that come true. Zadie really wants a dog, so she writes a story about Jupiter, a poor unwanted dog. Can Zadie find a way to make her story about owning a dog come true? (Adapted from publisher)	F	272	Multiculturalism Fantasy	9781761 046513
39	Walker, Anna	<b>Hello Jimmy! (2020)</b> Jimmy the parrot is amazing! He is loud. He is funny. He is full of surprises. The problem is, Jack does not like to be surprised. (Adapted from publisher)	F	40	Family	9781760 893422
40	Sugar, Andy	<b>Yesterday Crumb and the teapot of chaos: Book 2 (2023)</b> Yesterday Crumb is in London for a magical cooking competition when her teashop is stolen! Yesterday has to enter The Wild Feast cooking competition to get it back from the Faerie Queen. (Adapted from publisher)	F	384	Action Adventure	9781510 109520