



Years 6-7 Book List

Note: The suggested books cover a range of themes and provide opportunities for young people to explore their own values and understandings and to see themselves and their peers represented in literature. Some texts may be better suited to older students in the category. Parental and/or teacher guidance is recommended.

#	Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
1	Abela, Deborah	The book of wondrous possibilities (2022) Arlo lives with his uncle in a flat above their bookshop. His only friend is a mouse. But when Lisette bursts in and begs him to hide her from a murderer, Arlo's life changes forever, sweeping him into adventure. (Adapted from publisher)	F	288	Fantasy Adventure	9781761 044021
2	Amoore, Nat; Barry, Mike (illus)	We run tomorrow (2022) Sticks, Maki, Jed and Tommy are best friends who live on the same street. But the adults might tear them apart. When their favourite comic book series is being made into a movie, they know what to do to stay together. (Adapted from publisher)	F	366	Adventure Friendship	9781760 897697
3	Apel, Kathryn; Foot, Mandy (illus)	What Snail knows (2022) Lucy and her dad move a lot. Snail is her only companion. At her new school, Lucy's class is learning about helping others. Lucy loves to help and she's loving her new home. Can she convince her dad to stay? (QDoE)	F	224	Friendships Belonging The environment Verse novel	9780702 265464
4	Archbold, Charlie	The Sugarcane Kids and the red-bottomed boat (2022) Eli's cousin has been accused of a crime he didn't commit. To prove his innocence, Eli and his friends hunt for evidence to clear his name, but their discoveries lead them deeper and deeper into very dangerous waters. (QDoE)	F	208	Mystery Crime Friendship	9781922 458520



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5	Arena, Felice	The unstoppable Flying Flanagan (2022) Set during World War II, Maggie just wants to play football, but women aren't allowed to play. When her school decides to raise funds for the war effort, against convention, Maggie secretly plots to hold an all-girl AFL game. (QDoE)	F	192	Australian rules football Social equality Historical fiction	9781761044366
6	Armstrong, Sarah	Big Magic (2022) All the women in Tulsi's family have been magicians, but Tulsi is forbidden to practice any "Big Magic". When her mother disappears in a magic trick, Tulsi endeavours to bring her back, daunted by the task and racing against time. (QDoE)	F	320	Mystery and suspense Magic	9781760508432
7	Bancks, Tristan	Cop & robber (2022) Nash faces a dilemma when his dad wants Nash to help him commit a crime at Nash's school. Nash's dad is a criminal but his mum is a cop. Nash faces a dangerous choice. (Adapted from publisher)	F	256	Crime Suspense Ethical dilemmas	9781761045943
8	Boffin, Henry	Speck of the stars (2022) Speck is an orphan raised by robots on a spaceship orbiting the planet Varillis. Tasked with saving the universe from the powerful Starchild, Speck sets out with a gang of pirates on a seemingly impossible quest. (QDoE)	F	256	Science fiction Fantasy Robots' adventure	9781922696106
9	Carless, Victoria	Gus and the Starlight (2022) Gus's family flee north from a bad situation. Stopping in a small town, Gus's mother sees an advertisement for caretaker of the neglected and supposedly haunted Starlight drive-in theatre. Determined to revive its former popularity, are the obstacles too great? (QDoE)	F	320	Family Ghosts Friendship	9781460760642
10	Ciddor, Anna	The boy who stepped through time (2021) Holidaying with his family in France, Perry visits an ancient ruin and unexpectedly is transported back into Roman times as a slave. Intent on finding his way back, he must first save his friend from an early death. (QDoE)	F	336	Time travel Ancient Roman history	9781760526443

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11	Faber, Jules	Crack up [Max Crack series] (2022) Max Crack and his best friend Frankie have a new list of quests to solve. In this adventure, they set out to find a meteorite, make a movie, solve a feud between sisters, eat chocolate and set a world record. (Adapted from publisher)	F	220	Humour Adventure	9781760 783914
12	Ferris, Fleur	Seven days (2022) Ben dreads the week ahead with his cousin Josh's family. The last thing he expects is to uncover a century old family feud over a murder and missing jewels. Facing wildlife and danger, he is determined to solve the crime. (QDoE)	F	240	Mystery Adventure	9781761 043352
13	Fitzgerald, Carla	How to be Prime Minister and survive grade five (2022) Harper's dad rescues 2 children and a dog from a shark and is invited to become Prime Minister, but he hates the job. When he runs away from all the responsibility, Harper has to take over and run the country. Will she do a better job of it than the grown-ups? (Adapted from publisher)	F	256	Leadership Environmental issues Family	9780702 265587
14	Foster, Kate	The bravest word (2022) When 11-year-old Matt finds Cliff, a hurt, neglected dog abandoned in the bush, he knows the brave little pup needs saving. He wants to help, but can he? Lately, Matt has had more bad days than good days. (Adapted from publisher)	F	240	Mental health Dogs Friendship	9781760 654719
15	Gale, Emily	The good-bye year (2022) Harper's final year in primary school is not starting as she expected. Then pandemic lockdown hits. Strange events send Harper delving into local history while struggling with her friendship groups. Harper is unsure how to resolve any of this. (QDoE)	F	304	Friendships Pandemics Ghosts Historical fiction	9781922 458599
16	Gleitzman, Morris	Digging up dad (2022) A collection of short stories, each unique and thought provoking, with a sprinkling of humour. Some have mischievous characters, some quirky, others wise beyond their years. Perfect for short bursts of reading. (QDoE)	F	5256	Short stories Humour Loss and grief	9781760 890940

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17	Gordon, Kate	Xavier in the meantime (2022) Xavier lives with depression, or as he refers to it, 'the black dog', and daily affirmations. Along with his friend Aster, he tries to convince his dad to turn their family sheep farm into a retreat for children like himself. (QDoE)	F	192	Mental health Animal rights	9780645 218091
18	Gould, Jordan; Pritchard, Richard	Guardians (2022) [Wylah, the Koorie warrior series] Wylah is the only survivor of her family taken by the dragon army. She begins a dangerous quest to save them and, with her loyal bunyip, she must find the 5 Guardians and become the warrior her grandmother had been. (QDoE) Borrow from the Vision Australia Library .	F	272	Aboriginal peoples Adventure Fantasy	9781761 180033
19	Greenber, Nicki	The detective's guide to New York City [The detective's guide series] (2022) It's the 1920s and Pepper Stark is back in New York City. She can't wait to reunite with old friends including her fellow detectives and Sol, a pastry chef. When a food critic becomes ill after eating at Sol's restaurant, Pepper finds herself at the heart of another mystery. (Adapted from publisher)	F	400	Mystery and suspense Historical fiction	9781922 711748
20	Hardy, Fiona	How to tackle your dreams (2022) Homer and his mum are talented football players. Homer also loves to redesign clothes. All he wants is to raise money to visit with his dad, so he starts a small business. When plans come undone, Homer is faced with decisions about his life. (QDoE)	F	332	Australian rules football Family Friendships	9781922 626684
21	Harrier, Ash	The deadly daylight [Alice England mystery series] (2022) Alice helps in her father's funeral home. Making friends isn't easy until she befriends Victoria whose family is allergic to sunlight. When Victoria's uncle mysteriously passes away, Alice is determined to find out the truth behind what really happened. (QDoE)	F	200	Crime Mystery Friendship	9780648 987673

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22	Harry, Pip	August and Jones (2022) Jones is about to start at her new school in the city. August is assigned to showing her around and an unlikely friendship begins. When Jones' cancer returns, the pair create a Bucket List and together endeavor to achieve it. (QDoE)	F	288	Friendships Family Illness	9780734 420350
23	La'Brooy, Melanie	The Wintrish girl: Talismans of fate [The Wintrish girl series] (2022) On Talisman Day every child receives an object that gives them special powers – except for the Wintrish girl, Penn. When mysterious and sinister events start to occur, what can an ordinary Wintrish girl do? (Adapted from publisher)	F	448	Fantasy	9780702 265631
24	Lai, Remy	Fly on the wall (2020) Twelve-year-old Henry Khoo wants to prove to his helicopter family that he isn't a baby, so he secretly plots to fly alone to visit his father in Singapore. It becomes a journey of self-discovery and the unexpected. (QDoE)	F	336	Family relationships Chinese family Friendship Illustrated novel	9781760 652654
25	Larkin, Mat	The chameleon thief (2022) Attica's best friend Jinni suddenly hates her, and she doesn't know why. Jinni has done something bad and, in the lead up to the prestigious LIZARD competition, Attica and her friends take great risks to save Jinni. (QDoE)	F	288	Adventure	9781760 502850
26	McMullin, Neridah; Hicks, Astred (illus)	Evie and Rhino (2022) Evie lives with her grandpa and hasn't spoken since her parents died. When she finds a shipwrecked rhinoceros washed ashore, they instantly connect and slowly begin to heal together. But plans to return the rhino threaten to shatter Evie's world. (QDoE)	F	272	Animals Historical fiction	9781760 654207
27	Marwood, Lorraine	Footprints on the moon (2021) Man on the moon, the Vietnam War, starting high school – it's 1969 and life is changing around Sharnie. She struggles to understand her family as well and can't seem to make friends. Can Sharnie create the change she wants to see? (QDoE)	F	256	Verse novel Family War Historical fiction	9780702 262838

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28	Marr, Shirley	All four quarters of the moon (2022) Peijing's family moved to Australia for a better life. With the change came adjustments and fitting into a new culture. Peijing struggles with school and friends and finds solace in her grandmother, but even she isn't coping. (QDoE)	F	336	Chinese in Australia Family	9781760 899554
29	Marshall, Dan	No Way!: The wildest mind-blowing facts in the universe (2021) You will say 'No Way!' as you read this fascinating non-fiction book to learn quirky and weird facts. It is filled with amazing information, challenges and questions about Earth and space, people, animals, science and mathematics. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	364	Science Maths	9780648 677024
30	Mellor, Amelia	The bookseller's apprentice [Prequel – Grandest bookshop in the world] (2022) In Melbourne's bustling Paddy's Market, it is 1871 and 12-year-old Billy is working at a busy book stall in the heart of the market. Someone is using magic and things are going wrong. Billy soon finds himself having to battle the menacing magician know as the Obscurosmith to protect himself and his friends. (Adapted from publisher)	F	304	Fantasy Adventure Historical fiction	9781922 400871
31	Nannestad, Katrina	Waiting for the storks (2022) It's World War II and Sophia is stolen from her loving Polish family to be groomed into a perfect German girl, living a comfortable life. However, when she befriends an enslaved Polish boy, her memories torment her and she struggles with her true identity. (QDoE)	F	352	Historical fiction World War II	9780733 342271
32	Phommavan h, Oliver	What about Thao? (2022) Thao was the new kid, moving from the city to a country town and was well accepted by the community. Then Kadir, a refugee, arrived. He didn't speak and struggled with his past. Can Thao help Kadir fit in? (QDoE)	F	224	Friendship Refugees	9781760 897161
33	Rushby, Pamela	Interned (2022) In 1914, 2 girls from German families are living very different lives. Gretta, has a privileged life in Singapore and Tilly's family has a bakery in Brisbane. At the outbreak of World War I both girls are taken from their homes and sent to	F	256	Racism World War I Historical fiction	9781760 653019

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		internment camps in remote NSW. This is only the beginning of their challenges. (QDoE)				
34	Silvey, Craig; Acton, Sara (illus)	Runt (2022) Drought and a devious landowner are threatening the Shearer family's farm. Annie Shearer's only friend is a very talented stray called Runt, and when the farm is in jeopardy, Annie dreams, against all odds, of a way to save it. (QDoE) Borrow from the Vision Australia Library	F	352	Family Dogs Friendship	9781761 067846
35	Wright, Edith; Ledden-Lewis, Charmaine (illus)	Charlie's swim (2022) Charlie worked on seaplanes off the coast of Broome when the Japanese attacked during World War II. Charlie notices a woman and child struggling in the water. Brave in the face of danger, he immediately went to their rescue. Based on fact. (QDoE)	F	32	Picture book Historical fiction Aboriginal peoples	9781922 613103
36	Gough, Dave mangenne; Campbell, Samantha (illus)	Luwa tara luwa waypa (three kangaroos, three Tasmanian Aboriginal men) (2022) This is the captivating story of Niyakara's journey from boy to man, a story of courage and transformation, told with rhythmic intensity. (Adapted from publisher)	F	32	Dreaming story Coming of age Culture Bravery Language	9781922 752062
37	Saunders, Kiri; Leffler, Dub (illus)	Our Dreaming (2022) The creators of this book explore a deep love and respect for Country, and all who live with it, through lyrical prose, some Gundungurra language words and beautiful illustrations. (QDoE)	NF	24	The Dreaming Language Land, culture, lore	9781742 995113
38	Spratt, R.A.	Friday Barnes 11: Last chance (2023) The painting of the <i>Mona Lisa</i> in the Louvre is a fake! Friday Barnes is determined to find the real painting and solve the mystery. (QDoE or Publisher??)	F	288	Action Adventure	9780143 779247
39	Hills, Adam	Rockstar detectives: Murder at the movies (2023) When Charley and George are in Sydney for Charley to film a movie, mysterious accidents take place when Charley is not on set. Can Charley and George work out who is committing the crimes and keep Charley safe? (Adapted from publisher)	F	320	Mystery Action Adventure	9780241 519691

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40	Tavares, Matt	<p>Hoops (2023)</p> <p>Set in 1975, this graphic novel is based in history. In Indiana, the Wilkins Regional High School girls' basketball team is not treated the same as the boys' team. They don't have buses to take them to games and they have no uniforms. With the help of a committed female coach, they manage to achieve an improbable victory. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	224	Graphic novel Sports Equality	9781536 201369