



2023 Premier's reading challenge

German book list

This book list is a guide to help students, parents, guardians and teachers select reading material. Students may select any suitable books.

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Author	Title and book summary	JF/ F/ NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
Acht, Daniel	<p>Karl von der Wimmelburg</p> <p>Karl of Wimmel Castle</p> <p>Karl dreams of being a brave knight and one day as he is attempting to train his trusty steed, a donkey named Willi, he finds an egg. The egg hatches and something comes out of it... a very hungry something. (QDoE)</p>	JF	29	Adventure Friendship	9783473446438
Bauer, Jutta	<p>Schreimutter</p> <p>The shouting mother penguin</p> <p>Little penguin's mum got so terribly angry once that she screamed. But afterwards she was sorry. Then she apologised. A small picture book about the whole world. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	JF	34	Body parts Places	9783407761187
Behl, Anne-Kathrin	<p>Matze vor, tanz ein Tor!</p> <p>Matze forward, dance a goal!</p> <p>Matze loves to dance. The other boys like to play soccer, but Matze prefers doing ballet with the girls. On the day of the big game, Matze's talents prove useful. (QDoE)</p>	JF	23	Sport Difference Friendship	9783715206752
Bind, Julie; Derullieux, Michaël (illus)	<p>Der nette böse Wolf</p> <p>The nice, bad wolf</p> <p>The big, bad wolf heads out into the cold in search of food for his hungry children but each of the animals he meets asks for mercy. Does he live up to his reputation? (QDoE)</p>	JF	24	Animals Stereotypes	9783314102387



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Boehme, Julia; Ginsbach, Julia (illus)	Tafiti und der geheimnisvolle Kuschelkissendieb Tafiti and the mysterious comfort pillow thief It is time for Tafiti and Pinsel to go to bed, but where is Tafiti's special pillow? The two friends set out on an adventure to find the missing comforter. (QDoE)	JF	24	Animals Adventure	9783785582251
Bravo, Émile (German Translation: Ulrich Pröfrock)	Das tapfere Prinzlein und die sieben Zwergbären Goldilocks and the seven squat bears A fractured fairytale in comic strip form. The seven dwarf bears have a problem – someone's been eating their food and is sleeping across all seven of their beds! They seek the help of Prince Giant-killer, but he isn't all he seems. (QDoE)	JF	25	Fractured fairy tales	9783551728814
Bright, Rachel	Trau dich, Koalabär Dare, koala bear! Kimi koala is the hidden king of the jungle – King Motionless! Fearing change, he has never left his beloved gum tree. Then, his entire life is turned upside down – and Kimi finds that something new can be truly nice. (QDoE)	JF	32	Courage	9783734820281
Bright, Rachel	Der Löwe in dir The lion in you It's not always easy being small like the inconspicuous mouse! So, mouse decides to learn to roar from the king of animals, the lion himself, and finds that even the smallest creature can have the heart of a lion! (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Emotions Animals	9783734820212
Carle, Eric (German Translation: Viktor Christen)	Die kleine Raupe Nimmersatt The very hungry caterpillar The classic story of a caterpillar with an appetite. A caterpillar hatches out of its egg and goes in search of food, what will happen once it moves on	JF	17	Food Days of the week Change	9783836942591



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	from fruits to a smorgasboard of other foods? (QDoE)				
Cave, Kathryn; Riddell, Chris	Irgendwie Anders Somehow different He tried to be like others, but Somehow Different was ... somehow different. So, he lived friendless, alone on a mountain. Then, one day, a curious Something stood in front of his door, looking completely different, yet insisting on being exactly like him ... (Adapted from publisher)	JF	28	Social competencies	9783789163524
Davies, Benji (German Translation: Johanna Hohnhold)	Nick und das Meer The storm whale in winter Nick has been missing the whale he and his father saved during the storm last summer. When Nick's dad doesn't return one evening, Nick goes searching. The night is dark and dangerous but luckily an old friend is there to save him. (QDoE)	JF	26	Emotions Friendship	9783848901258
Davies, Benji	Nick und der Wal Nick and the whale Nick lives near the sea with his dad. One day, after a big storm, he finds a small whale on the beach and takes it home. Do you think the whale will like the bath tub? (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Family Emotions	9783848900763
Engler, Michael	Wir zwei gehören zusammen The two of us belong together On a warm spring morning bunny meets hedgehog. He has never seen anything so spiky. He likes hedgehog. And hedgehog likes bunny. They meet every day, play and decide to stay friends for life. Until one day hedgehog goes missing ... (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Friendship	9783833907005
Göhlich, Susanne	Bettzeit ist's It's bedtime It's time to go to bed, but Lena's animals are not there! As a result, Lena has to look for them one by	JF	22	Toys Bedtime	9783895652585



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	one. A story about delaying tactics that all kids know very well. (Adapted from publisher)				
Göhlich, Susanne	Lenas Laden Lena's shop When Lena opens her shop the toys rush in. Which toys will visit Lena? (Adapted from publisher)	JF	24	Toys Shopping	9783895653162
Görtler, Caroline; Schickel, Rebecca	Die Geschichte vom heiligen Nikolaus The story of St Nicolas Saint Nicolas was a bishop hundreds of years ago. This book contains the best-known stories about his life – the legend of the three sisters and the sacks full of gold, the grain miracle of Myra and the saving of the seamen. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	14	Traditions Celebrations	9783451713583
Grasso, Mario	Zirkus Drehwurm Dizzy Circus A dizzying book about a trip to the circus. Each page needs to be turned to reveal different parts of the story and to see the changes in the pictures. (QDoE)	JF	30	Circus	9783407803825
Grimm, Sandra	Bist du meine Mama? Are you my mummy? The little chick has just hatched and is looking for its mummy. It hears 'oink' and sees a pink curly tail. Is that mummy? Open the flaps and meet the animals that will help the little chick. Great for reading aloud. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	16	Animals Family	9783789166099
Handcocks, Helen (German Translation: Rolf Inhauser)	Pinguin in Gefahr Pengin in peril Three hungry cats hatch a cunning plan to make the greatest fishing catch of all time. All they need is a penguin. Will the penguin help them or make his great escape? (QDoE)	JF	31	Animals Adventure	9783411812820



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Heine, Helme	Der Hase mit der roten Nase Bunny with the red nose Once upon a time there was a bunny with a red nose and a blue ear. A rare bunny indeed! (Adapted from publisher)	JF	12	Easter	9783407770066
Heine, Helme	Freunde Friends Among the world's immortal picture book heroes are Franz von Hahn, Johnny Mauser and the fat Waldemar. These characters teach us how true friends are invincible, and show us how to master the ups and downs of life. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Animals Friendships	9783407770240
Heine, Helme	Tabaluga und das Geheimnis des Feuers Tabaluga and the secret of the fire The lord of the ice, Arktos, wants to freeze the whole world. Only Tabaluga, the last dragon on earth, can defeat him with his fire. But where is his fire? A modern fairytale. (QDoE)	JF	43	Fantasy Adventure	9783649667506
Hergane, Yvonne	Borst vom Forst Borst vom Forst Borst has never found anything so special. He listens. It roars. Borst sniffs. The snail smells like the Opposite. And so Borst starts a long journey towards the Opposite to see the sea for the first time in his life. (QDoE)	JF	32	Discovery	9783734820359
Höck, Maria	Alle müssen gähnen Everyone's got to yawn Yaaawn! Yawning is contagious. What starts with a cat, continues page by page with a great big yawn. And then? Everyone falls asleep peacefully. Who'll be yawning next? Will it be you? (QDoE)	JF	26	Animals Body parts	9783845812182



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John, Jory; Smith, Lane (illus) (German Translation: Andreas Steinhöfel)	Paule Pinguin allein am Pol Penguin Problems Paule Penguin just isn't very happy with the world today and he can find lots to complain about. A wise walrus helps him to question if he really has a good reason to be in such a bad mood. (QDoE)	JF	29	Emotions Animals	9783551518545
Kerr, Judith	Ein Tiger kommt zum Tee A tiger comes to tea As Sophie sits drinking tea in the kitchen with her mum, the doorbell rings. Who could that be? A big, furry, particularly hungry tiger is standing outside their door! So, they invite him for tea. What might happen next? (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Food	9783868734522
Knudsen, Michelle	Ein Löwe in der Bibliothek! A lion in the library! No one knows what to do when a lion comes to the library. They have rules about ranting and raging, and rules about running around. But where are the rules for lions in the library? (Adapted from publisher)	JF	42	Rules	9783280035429
Lindgren, Astrid; Engelking, Katrin (illus)	Hurra, Pippi Langstrumpf Hurrah, Pippi Longstocking Tommy and Annika are astonished! A little girl whom they have never seen before, has just walked out of Villa Villekulla. This is the very first story of Pippi Longstocking. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	16	Introductions Friendships	9783789175565
Lionni, Leo	Frederick Frederick Frederick, unlike other mice, did not collect grain and nuts for winter. Instead, he collected sun rays, colours and words. But will these get him through the winter? (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Art Habits	9783407760074
Llenas, Anna	Das Farbenmonster Colour monster	JF	24	Colours Feelings	9783841101952



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	The colour monster no longer understands the world. What's the matter with him? All his feelings are mixed up and he needs to sort them out. Will he manage to sort out the tangle of happiness, sadness, anger, fear and confidence? (Adapted from publisher)				
Lloyd Jones, Rob	Im weltraum In space Why do the stars shine? Where does the moon come from? How do we know about distant planets? Look under 70 flaps to discover fascinating facts and pictures – lots of fun for curious space explorers! (Adapted from publisher)	NF	14	Space	9781782321163
Matheson, Christie (German Translation: Mareike Schlensog)	Funkle, heller Stern! Touch the brightest star! A bedtime story that explores the magical changes that occur as day turns into night. A page at the end of the story explains some of the 'magic' of the evening. (QDoE)	JF	35	Night Astronomy	9783785582503
Müller, Isabel	Die Grüne Meeresschildkröte The green sea turtle This beautiful picture book follows the life cycle of the green sea turtle, with plenty of information about turtles and detailed illustrations of a variety of marine animals. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	31	Turtles Marine life	9783836957809
Pfeffer, Rüdiger	Marie ist heute ganz allein... Today Marie is all alone... Marie is all alone today so she invites some friends. Before she knows it's a party with all kinds of wonderful friends. She isn't alone any more. (QDoE)	JF	28	Poetry Animals	9783927497559
Pfister, Marcus	Der Regenbogenfisch Rainbowfish The rainbow fish with his iridescent scales is the most beautiful fish in the	JF	12	Friendships	9783314007330



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	ocean. Unfortunately, he is also the loneliest one – until he gives away his glittering scales and wins friends. (Adapted from publisher)				
Rauter, Renate; Kirchler, Daniela	Punkto & Punktino Punkto & Punktino Punkto and Punktino are two little dots looking for a letter to be their friend and to piggyback them through the world. A story with three happy endings for the two little dots known as the <i>Umlaut</i> . (QDoE)	JF	36	Spelling Friendship	9783196795974
Sif, Birgitta	Frieda tanzt Frieda's dancing Frieda loves dancing more than anything else. However, as soon as there are people around and she feels their eyes on her, she gets self-conscious and forgets about her passion for dancing ... until, one day, something very unusual happens ... (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Hobbies	9783848900848
Sobczyk, Gerd	Die Geschichte von Bleistift, Radiergummi und Spitzer The story of a pencil, an eraser and a sharpener Little Sebastian does not feel like learning at all. He has to practise reading and writing. On top of that, he has to sit still. A story that makes you smile and think – not only for Year 1s! (Adapted from publisher)	JF	35 +activities	School	9783938932032
Spanner, Helmut	Ich bin die kleine Katze I am a small kitten The little kitten is on a discovery journey through the garden. On the way, the kitten meets many animals – a hedgehog, a rabbit, another cat and a dog. One of the most popular children's classics for the past 30 years! (Adapted from publisher)	JF	24	Animals	9783473324408
Teckentrup, Britta	Der Baum der Erinnerung The memory tree	JF	23	Loss Memories Emotions	9783845801841



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	The fox has gone to sleep for the last time, his friends gather to remember him. A beautiful picture book about life and death and the memories that stay behind when a loved one is gone. (QDoE)				
Teckentrup, Britta (German Translation: Britta Franz)	Manche sind anders... The odd one out Which animal stands out from the crowd? On each beautifully illustrated page one animal is not like the others. Read the poems to help find out who is the odd one out. (QDoE)	JF	26	Animals Poetry	9783791371795
Usher, Sam (German Translation: Meike Blatnik)	Regen Rain A boy wakes up and it is raining. He would love to go out and play, but his grandfather makes him wait until the rain stops. He waits and waits. Will it ever stop raining? Will he ever get to have an adventure? (QDoE)	JF	32	Patience Imagination Adventure	9783219117271
Weller-Essers, Andrea	Kleiner Deutschland-Atlas Small atlas of Germany Take a journey through all the federal states of Germany from the North Sea down to the Alps. Learn exciting things about the big cities and famous sites. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	24	Facts about Germany	9783737371780
Wiehle, Katrin	Was macht die Katze in der Nacht What does the cat do at night? When it's Ludwig's bedtime, the cat truly wakes up and prepares to meet her friends and to lead an exciting cat's life. Discover what happens while we are dreaming. (QDoE)	JF	26	Animals	9783407761576
zur Brügge, Anne-Kristin	Wie kleine Tiere schlafen gehen How do baby animals fall asleep? "In soft moonlight you can see how small animals go to bed. They cuddle, they snuggle and close their eyes very quickly." Beautiful rhymes and falling asleep rituals stimulate	JF	16	Family Comfort	9783789178436



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	conversations and thinking, easing young children gently into sleep. (Adapted from publisher)				



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Author	Title and book summary	JF/ F/ NF	Pages	Theme	Link
Queensland Department of Education	<p>Auf der Suche nach dem perfekten Ort</p> <p>In search of the perfect place</p> <p>This eBook is a fictional story about finding a favourite personal space. Supports C2C German Years 5-6 Unit 3.</p>	JF	9	Spaces	https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/items/bc8b3872-803c-4376-8617-4db4bc0ff6bc/0/ViewIMS.jsp
Queensland Department of Education	<p>Der Fischer und seine Frau</p> <p>The fisherman and his wife</p> <p>This eBook introduces students to the characters in the traditional German folktale 'The fisherman and his wife'. Supports C2C German Years 3-4 Unit 8.</p>	JF	11	Traditional tales	https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/items/ed155d06-b206-40af-ba23-a84f01986f6b/0/ViewIMS.jsp
Queensland Department of Education	<p>Die Fahrt zum Picknick</p> <p>The Picnic Trip</p> <p>This eBook is a spoken text modelling the language used to describe whether foods for a picnic are sweet, salty or yummy. It is a story of foods going on a picnic. Supports C2C German Years P-2 Unit 6.</p>	JF	12	Food Picnic	https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/items/f72c0654-4e84-49f4-88b6-7c2e5e09a061/0/ViewIMS.jsp
Queensland Department of Education	<p>Die Steinsuppe</p> <p>The stone soup</p> <p>This eBook introduces students to the characters in the traditional tale 'The stone soup'. Supports C2C German Years 3-4 Unit 8.</p>	JF	12	Traditional tales	https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/items/4d3b5d63-26dd-4279-b369-f179c4a413b9/0/ViewIMS.jsp
Queensland Department of Education	<p>Finding Isi</p> <p>This eBook is a spoken text modelling the language used to describe a house and rooms. It is a story of a little hedgehog and his friend, playing hide and seek in a</p>	JF	18	Houses Games	https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/items/61140310-920f-443e-aa11-746ef0bf0982/0/ViewIMS.jsp



	German house. Supports C2C German Years 3-4 Unit 1.				
Queensland Department of Education	<p>Jonas und der Zwerg – Die Verwandlung</p> <p>Jonas and the Zwerg – the metamorphosis</p> <p>This eBook is the story of Jonas und der Zwerg – Die Verwandlung. Supports C2C German Years 5-6 Unit 8.</p>	JF	15	Change	https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/items/e3d69984-2441-4036-a9b2-de3f33ae6779/0/ViewIMS.jsp
Queensland Department of Education	<p>Lost and found</p> <p>This eBook is a spoken text modelling the language used to describe ownership. It is a story of a little hedgehog walking around in a classroom and finding school items and their owners. Supports C2C German Years P-2 Unit 9.</p>	JF	9	Classroom School	https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/items/27ce6b3f-dbcf-471b-bb89-a24b31d80c72/0/ViewIMS.jsp
Queensland Department of Education	<p>Nathalies Geschichte</p> <p>Nathalie's story</p> <p>This eBook is a fictional story about Nathalie's life. Supports C2C German Years 5-6 Unit 1.</p>	JF	12	Immigration	https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/items/cd15bd35-d2a1-4c4e-84a4-ec199d9d4860/0/ViewIMS.jsp
Queensland Department of Education	<p>Wann hat der Osterhase Geburtstag?</p> <p>When is Easter bunny's birthday?</p> <p>This eBook is a spoken text modelling the language used to learn the months of the year and ask about birthdays. It is a story of the Easter bunny finding out about his birthday. Supports C2C German Years P-2 Unit 7.</p>	JF	11	Easter Bunny Birthdays	https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/items/acd5520a-d5d4-417a-b185-899e51f40684/0/ViewIMS.jsp

